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Division IV

Tuesday January 24th

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Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

This supplement is written to bring up to date some of the information printed in the original programme published for the match on the day it was postponed. Unfortunately, because of the expense involved, we could not write this item off but I am sure you will find this publication no less interesting.

On Saturday next we stage the Fourth Round F.A. Cup Tie against Blackburn Rovers on this ground and we hope for a large attendance. When we played Carlisle United in the last round, some eight thousand supporters turned up and, a number of people were upset because they were delayed in getting into the ground. Now I can understand people not wishing to arrive at the County Ground early and then have to hang around to wait for the game to commence. Unfortunately, some five thousand folk had this thought and all turned up together fifteen minutes before kick off and it was just impossible to admit them in time. In addition the majority of that five thousand required change from the turnstile operators (we disposed of twelve hundred pounds worth of coins and hundreds of pound notes) and of course, each person requiring change holds up those waiting behind them. I appeal therefore to everyone who comes along next Saturday afternoon to see another exciting Cup Tie please come early and please, please, bring the correct money.

A number of supporters still queue at the Match Day Ticket Office for North Stand Tickets on match days. This is quite unnecessary unless Family Tickets are required. These good folk could save themselves trouble by proceeding directly to the North Stand turnstiles where tickets are distributed on payment for entry. The match Day Ticket Office is intended for the purchase of South Stand Tickets, Family and Reserved Tickets, although we do keep a few for the North Stand for those who, for their own reasons, wish to obtain their tickets from that source.

Thank you very much for coming to the ground this evening, your support is sincerely appreciated. I hope that the result pleases you more than did those of the last three League games.

Town Facts & Figures

Season 1983/84

Date	Opponents	Home Score	Att.	F. A.	Allan	Henry	Baillie	Emmanuel	Gray	Graham	Hockaday	Richardson	Rowland	Mayes	Nelson	Quinn	Batty	Baddeley	Barnard	Endersby	Gibson
1983																					
Aug 27	Chatterfield	3-4	3343	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
Sep 30	Plymouth Argyle M.C.I (1)	1-0	2391	1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
Sep 3	Chatter	4-0	3635	2-3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
10	Halifax Town	0-1	3635	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
13	Plymouth Argyle M.C.I (2)	1-4	2887	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
17	Blackpool	0-0	2887	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
23	Stockport County	3-1	2887	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
27	Aldershot	1-2	2887	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
Oct 1	Rochdale	2-1	2626	0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
8	Crewe Alexandra	0-2	2517	0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
15	York City	3-2	2517	0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
17	Tranmere Rovers	1-2	3079	2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
22	Colchester United	2-1	3079	2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
29	Reading	2-2	3645	2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
Nov 1	Heartford United	2-2	3645	2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
6	Northampton Town	0-2	3074	0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
12	Heartpool United	3-2	3074	3-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
19	F.A. Cup 1 Kettering Town	2-0	3545	2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
26	Manfield Town	2-2	3545	2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
Dec 3	Doncaster Rovers	3-1	3553	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
10	F.A. Cup 2 Millwall	3-2	3553	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
17	Bury	0-1	4298	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
26	Torquay United	0-1	4298	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
27	Wykeham	0-1	4298	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
31	Peterborough United	1-1	4298	1-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1
1984																					
Jan 7	Carlisle Utd. (F.A. Cup 3)	1-1	8097	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
10	Carlisle Utd. (F.A. Cup 3 R)	3-1	8097	3-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
14	Chatterfield	1-2	3936	1-2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
21	Blackpool	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
24	Bristol City	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
Feb 4	Blackburn Rovers (F.A. Cup 4)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
8	Rochdale	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
14	Chatter (M.C. SF 1L)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
15	Milk Cup SF (2L)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
18	Heartford United	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
25	Reading (F.A. Cup 5)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
Mar 2	Colchester United	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
6	Tranmere Rovers	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
10	Northampton Town	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
18	Heartpool United (F.A. Cup 6)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
24	Crewe Alexandra	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
30	York City (Milk Cup Final)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
Apr 7	Halifax Town	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
14	Aldershot	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
20	Doncaster Rovers (F.A. Cup SF)	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
May 5	Wykeham	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
7	Torquay United	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
12	Manfield Town	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
12	Bristol City	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	
12	Peterborough United	1-1	3936	1-1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	3	3	3	1	

Appearances	Substitute	Goals
Lge. Cup	Lge. Cup	Lge. Cup
8	2	1
18	6	
21	4	
23	4	
9	1	3
21	4	
19	6	2
7	1	1
22	1	
19	2	5
15	4	9
11	1	1
18	5	5
8	3	3
4	1	
4	4	3
16	4	1
11	4	1

League	Cup	Total
5	5	10
9	-	9
5	3	8
3	3	6
2	2	4
2	1	3
3	-	3
1	1	2
1	1	2
-	1	1
1	-	1

J. Quinn	A. Mayes	A. Rowland	P. Batty	L. Barnard	D. Hockaday	G. Emmanuel	S. Gibson	G. Nelson	C. Henry	C. Baillie
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GOALSCORER SUMMARY

Player	League	Cup	Total
J. Quinn	5	5	10
A. Mayes	9	3	12
A. Rowland	5	3	8
P. Batty	3	3	6
L. Barnard	2	2	4
D. Hockaday	2	1	3
G. Emmanuel	3	1	4
S. Gibson	1	1	2
G. Nelson	1	1	2
C. Henry	1	1	2
C. Bailie	1	1	2

Player	Appearances	Substitute	Goals
Allan	8	2	1
Henry	18	6	3
Baillie	21	4	1
Emmanuel	23	6	3
Gray	9	1	2
Graham	21	4	1
Hockaday	19	1	1
Richardson	7	1	1
Rowland	22	1	3
Mayes	19	4	1
Nelson	15	1	1
Quinn	11	3	5
Batty	18	5	3
Baddeley	8	3	1
Barnard	18	4	1
Endersby	16	4	1
Gibson	11	4	1

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H - I O - H G M
Z M F G O E
W I I M
Q Z - H G O V
C M F M X D F W
W O F O Z - C M X
W M I Q C I
X M Z - O X D O
M M F
M Z O - I S
C M F S M I I D I I
O X D V W M I S
M Z - D V
O X D E I O X C I O
C M F - H W
M S E O X V
M M I O O O
I - I - I S
O F C O Q
M Z X O W S O
X O O X D F C T

Year	Date	Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score	Goalkeepers	Referee
1983	27 Aug	Reading	3-0	1	2	3	4(1)5(1)6
	3 Sep	Southend United	H	9-0	1	2	3
	17 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1*	1	2	3
	1 Oct	Luton Town (Cup)	A	5-1	1	2	3
	8 Oct	Wimbledon	H	2-5	1	2	3
	15 Oct	Brentford	H	2-1	1	2	3
	22 Oct	Brighton & Hove A	H	2-2	1	2	3
	29 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2	1	2	3
	5 Nov	Luton Town	H	5-0	1	2	3
	19 Nov	Oxford United (Cup)	A	5-2	1	2	3
	26 Nov	Southend United	A	3-1	1	2	3
	10 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	A	3-3	1	2	3
	17 Dec	West Ham United	H	2-2	1	2	3
1984	7 Jan	Wimbledon	A	3-0	1	2	3
	28 Jan	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0	1	2	3
	25 Feb	West Ham United	A	4-1	1	2	3
	3 Mar	Oxford United	H	5-0	1	2	3
	10 Mar	Reading	H	4-1	1	2	3
	17 Mar	Brighton & Hove A	A	4-1	1	2	3
	24 Mar	Luton Town	A	4-4	1	2	3
	7 Apr	Brentford	A	4-4	1	2	3

F.A. YOUTH CUP

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Appearances (Goals)

S.E.C.	F.A.	TOTAL
S.E.C CUP	YOUTH CUP	GOALS

Appearances (Goals)

	S.E.C	F.A.	Total
S.E.C	CUP	YOUTH CUP	Goals

Goals shown in brackets

ROBINSON	9	2	6		HYMERLEY	6	-	-	
BYRNE	14	2	-		SHEPARD	4	-	-	
ELLIOTT	10	2	6		PAYNE	6(1)	2(2)	5	15
MOLLEN	10(3)	2	6(3)		CHURCHARD	3	-	-	
EPHS	10(3)	2	6		PROMISE	2(1)	-	-	1
POLLING	11	2	1		COORBE	1	-	-	
BLAKELEY	9	-	-		SMITH	-	-	6	
REYNOLDS	11(2)	1	2		GOULD	-	-	6	
HUGHES	9(2)	2(2)	6(6)		OSBORNE	-	-	6(6)	6
GARDINER	11(14)	2(4)	6(8)		FULBROOK	-	-	4	
LEE	11(2)	2(2)	-		BALLEY	1	-	-	
STONE	3(1)	2	-		DAN GOAL	(1)	-	(1)	2

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE TABLE (Up to and including Saturday January 21st)

82.83 Final Position	Aggregate Home Attendance This Season	Average Home Gate This Season	Average Home Gate This Season	Highest Home Gate This Season	to Date	pld	W	D	L	F	A	CLUB	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	This Season	Aggregate Away Attendance	This Season Average Away Attendance	Leading Goal Scorer	Total Goals (inc cups)	Where Score M / A	Career Goals Including Cups
7	55,630	4,510	3,243	6,337	24	10	2	1	34	11	YORK CITY	4	5	2	3	20	13	52	40,821	3,711	Byrne/Malvern	16	each	37	
Div 3	40,667	3,388	3,540	4,996	25	9	3	0	28	12	DONCASTER	4	5	4	18	20	47	42,471	3,267	Douglas/Moss	12	each	37		
Div 3	47,662	3,664	3,458	5,918	26	10	3	0	39	12	READING	4	5	4	17	29	43	42,940	3,303	Senior	29	8	98		
21	49,446	3,863	3,002	4,552	25	9	1	3	22	9	BLACKPOOL	4	2	6	11	16	43	36,815	3,067	Mercer	9	3	4	98	
18	31,478	2,248	1,928	4,270	27	8	4	2	21	16	ALDERSHOT	4	2	7	12	15	42	27,521	2,117	Brampton	14	7	7	42	
14	82,052	6,837	4,799	10,827	23	10	0	2	30	8	BRISTOL CITY	3	2	6	8	12	41	31,462	2,860	Crawford	11	1	2	104	
6	30,313	2,331	2,532	3,402	23	10	0	2	30	8	COLCHESTER	1	4	5	9	15	40	33,171	3,317	Adcock	23	17	6	46	
15	38,613	2,970	2,593	4,464	25	8	4	1	18	9	NORTHAMPTON	3	3	7	18	26	39	41,142	2,046	Austin	10	4	101		
16	25,749	1,840	2,309	2,652	27	8	3	3	21	12	STOCKPORT	3	3	7	18	26	39	41,142	3,031	Harkin	17	6	4	140	
9	48,944	3,764	3,097	6,557	25	8	4	2	26	8	PETERBOROUGH	5	3	5	17	15	37	29,170	2,243	Madden	14	4	8	99	
5	30,881	2,807	2,503	4,056	24	6	3	4	2	16	13	CREWE	4	3	5	12	20	35	33,035	2,754	Waller	7	4	3	24
23	30,037	2,503	2,244	3,457	24	6	3	3	16	13	TRAFALGAR	3	4	4	10	13	33	29,920	2,493	Aspinall	11	10	1	18	
Div 3	51,503	3,678	3,226	4,488	24	6	3	3	22	16	CHESTERFIELD	3	4	4	10	13	33	29,920	3,280	Newton	9	4	5	103	
12	22,398	1,864	2,135	2,837	25	5	5	5	17	10	TORQUAY	2	3	8	18	23	32	28,279	2,741	Dunn/Sims	10	3	7	11	
Div 3	39,442	3,205	4,194	4,258	24	6	4	3	22	13	BLINDLEY TOWN	1	4	7	16	18	30	36,844	3,030	Cook/Stallforth	7	2	5	100	
11	17,984	1,498	2,032	2,457	24	6	4	4	19	14	HALIFAX	2	5	6	12	21	27	20,327	2,102	Gregory	7	4	3	78	
Div 3	30,554	2,539	2,710	3,734	24	6	4	4	19	14	WALSLEY	2	5	6	12	21	27	20,327	2,102	Malvern	16	9	7	78	
24	34,747	1,558	2,217	1,978	24	6	4	3	22	18	HEREFORD	2	6	6	12	22	27	25,178	2,355	Phillips	9	5	4	41	
26	19,147	1,578	1,688	1,734	24	6	4	3	22	18	ROCHFORD	2	6	6	12	22	27	25,178	2,355	Johnson	10	2	8	71	
10	31,084	2,824	2,317	4,734	24	6	4	3	22	18	WARRINGTON	2	6	6	12	22	27	25,178	2,355	Calder	14	11	3	45	
13	17,075	1,591	2,071	1,734	24	6	4	3	22	18	CHESTER	0	1	12	7	35	14	33,101	2,546	Parker	5	3	2	3	
22	17,129	1,572	1,367	2,168	24	6	4	3	22	18	HARTLEPOOL	0	1	12	7	35	14	33,101	2,546	Dixon	3	3	3	3	

GOALS - THREE OR MORE:

Trevor Senior (Reading)	3 v Stockport	- Div 4 - Sep 3rd 4-2, 2, 4-69
John Byrne (York City)	3 v Colchester	- Div 4 - Sep 14th 4-3, 3, 4-60
Alan Crawford (Bristol C)	3 v Torquay	- Div 4 - Sep 24th 4-1, 3, 0-37
Mike Quinn (Stockport)	3 v Crewe	- Div 4 - Sep 24th 5-0, 2, 9-54
Dave Calcutt (Hastings)	4 v Aldershot	- Div 4 - Oct 1st 3-2, 1, 8-36
Dave Waller (Crewe)	3 v Mossley	- Div 4 - Oct 22nd 5-0, 1, 9-05
Alan Walsh (Darlington)	3 v Mossley	- Div 4 - Oct 22nd 3-0, 3, 4-62
Howard Prichard (Bristol C)	3 v Corinthian Casuals	- F.A. Cup - Nov 23rd 4-0, 5, 3-39
Keith Bowen (Colchester)	3 v Walsington	- F.A. Cup - Dec 10th 4-0, 2, 4-93

ALL ABOUT TONIGHT'S VISITORS:

NAME OF GROUND: Ashton Gate	RECORD ATTENDANCE: 43,335 v Preston - F.A. Cup, Rnd 5, Feb 16, 1935
GROUND CAPACITY: 30,868	RECORD VICTORY: 11-0 v Colchester - F.A. Cup, Rnd 1, Nov 5, 1960
MANAGER: Terry Cooper	RECORD DEFEAT: 0-9 v Coventry - Div 3 (S), Apr 28, 1934
MOST GOALS IN A SEASON: 11	MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN CAREER: John Atwood - 315, Apr 28, 1934
DOO CLARK 36	PLAYER MOST CAPED AT CLUB: Billy Wedlock - 26 England
DIVISION 3(S) in 1925-26	

GOALSCORERS THIS SEASON (INC. F.A. CUP AND MILK CUP)
Crawford 11 (9H, 2H), Riley 9 (8H, 1A), Ritchie 9 (5H, 4A), Prichard 9 (5H, 4A),
Kerr 4 (1H, 3H), Stevens 2 (2H), Stroud 2 (2H), Hirst 1 (A).

PENALTY SCORERS TO DATE:

7 - Adcock (Colchester)	4 - Birch (Chesterfield), Ritchie (Bristol City)
3 Each:	Mays (Barnsley), McDonald (Aldershot), Hertz (Blackpool),
	Ritchie (Bristol City), I Snodin (Doncaster), Cook (Halifax),
	Farrell (Rochdale)
2 Each:	Deary (Blackpool), Jakub (Burton), Walsh (Darlington), King (Crewe),
	Chard (Peterborough), Quinn (Stockport), Barrowclough (Hastings),
	Pollard (York), Curle (Torquay)
1 Each:	Bramhall (Burton), Bell (Chesterfield), Waller (Crewe), Little
	(Halifax), Hogan (Hartlepool), Harvey (Hereford), Dunghorn
	(Hastings), O'Neill (Northampton), Morris (Reading),
	Beevan (Reading), Holmes (Torquay), Aspinall (Tramcar),
	Gregory (Wrexham), Sward (Stockport), Hood (York)

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS SEASON
10,827 Bristol City v York City Oct 18th, 1983

LOWEST ATTENDANCE THIS SEASON
937 Chester v Aldershot Nov 12th, 1983

CHANGERS OF THE HOUR:

August/Sep	Jim Hiley (Burton)	October	Drill Lee (Colchester)
November	Dennis Smith (York)	December	Terry Cooper (Bristol City)

RECORD GOALSCORERS AWARDS:

Aug/Sep	Bristol City 16	October	Reading 16
November	York and Peterborough 11	December	Colchester 14

MOST CLEVER SHEETS TO DATE:

Blackpool 12

MOST GOALS TO DATE IN LEAGUE

Reading 36

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From the desk of Ken Beamish



Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Bristol City Football Club to the County Ground, with a special mention to Howard Pritchard.

Hopefully today's game is all about enjoyable football from twenty two players and not about how much havoc a small minority of supporters can create on the terraces. One of my regrets is that this kind of supporter, if you can call them such, receives more publicity from the media as the game itself and this does our cause no good at all.

There is a rhyme we are using in the Dressing room which goes: 'Promotion from Division Four, in the year of Nineteen Eighty Four' and although there is still a very long way to go hopefully our form in the New Year will be good enough to achieve this aim.

Going back to the 1983 part of the season, our form has been a little unpredictable, especially during August, September and October. Some obvious reasons for this was due to the fact that pre-season injuries caused us to halt the pre-season build up for a full week. To get off to a good start to a season this period of preparation is vital, especially bearing in mind that we had a big influx of new players. Getting accustomed to each others style of play cannot be done overnight. However, our form and consistency from November onwards has been excellent and if this form continues, although we were not fancied by the pundits at the beginning of the season I am sure we will become more and more popular as the year progresses.

Thank you most sincerely for your support throughout 1983 and may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the players and myself, to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Front cover inset **David
Hockaday**

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Due to the extended Christmas holidays of our printers it has been necessary to write these notes during the week before the festivities, together with those for the game against Wrexham, making it difficult to give you any up-to-date news so I thought it a good opportunity to give a brief summary on what is happening on the youth scene and with the reserve team.

So far as the Reserves are concerned, the season so far has been a frustrating one for, although we gained some encouraging results at the start of the season we now find ourselves near the bottom of the table. The problem with this side is one of team planning for, due to the necessity of playing a number of non-contract players - to whom we are very grateful - it is not possible to get the squad together as frequently as we would like to train together. If good results are to be achieved it is necessary to keep a settled side and this we find difficult in this area. However, the League provides good grounding and experience for our Apprentice players, so important for the furtherance of our youth policy.

On the youth front we have done extremely well for, in the South East Counties Junior League, under seventeens, we have lost only one game and at present occupy second

place, with sixteen points, Wimbledon being League leaders on goal difference only. We have reached the semi final of the S.E.C. League Cup Competition, having matched most for ability and endeavour, and we eagerly await the draw for the next round.

In the F.A. Youth Cup we were unfortunate to lose to Southampton in extra time after fighting our way through the preliminary and qualifying rounds, beating Bournemouth, Abingdon, Swansea and Trowbridge on the way.

With the experience being gained by the young players and the manner in which they are adapting to their task we look forward in this new year to an improvement in the fortunes of the reserve side and success for the Youth team.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without offering hearty congratulations to our neighbours, Oxford United, for their excellent performances in the Milk Cup Competition. We know only too well what they are experiencing and wish them well for their future progress.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy New Year and let us hope that the year of 1984 will be a successful one for the Swindon Town Football Club.



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John Ward talks to PAUL BATTY

Paul Batty was born in Doncaster. While he was still at school he had been to all the Yorkshire Clubs for trials but nobody made a serious move for him until Danny Williams spotted him playing in a Sunday League Cup Final. Never one to waste time when he saw something exceptional, Danny was on Mr and Mrs Batty's doorstep within minutes of the final whistle. Impressed by a club whose representative was prepared to come round to their home, they let Paul spend a week during the next school holidays at Swindon, staying at the club hostel. As a result, Paul signed schoolboy forms.

Why, I asked, had Paul decided to join a club as far from home when there were so many close at hand? "It was the year Swindon reached the League Cup Semi Final", he recalled, "So there was a lot of excitement. Besides, I wanted to get away: Doncaster is not the liveliest place!"

All the same Paul still goes home regularly and is grateful for the encouragement his mother and father gave him in becoming a professional footballer. They came down to watch his debut, see the occasional games at Swindon and all their local matches; so with the preponderance of the northern clubs in the Fourth Division Paul's parents are two Swindon supporters who must have had mixed feelings about relegation.

Another of Paul's loyal fans is his girlfriend for eighteen months, Bev, who watches him play regularly. She works at David Charles, the hairdressers, and is personally responsible for Paul's immaculately groomed appearance on the football field.

Tall as a Schoolboy

Hard to believe though it may be for spectators used to seeing Paul's diminutive figure scurrying everywhere in midfield, he used to be a centre half. "I can remember playing football ever since I was eight or nine," he told me, "Even at that age I was in an under 16 League. I started at right back but I was tall for a schoolboy, so I moved to centre half. But then I stopped growing so I went into midfield."

It was as a midfield player that he arrived as an apprentice at Swindon, at the age of 16, to spend two months in the youth team before graduating to the reserves. By the end of his first season he had played thirteen reserve games. "It was a marvellous footballing education," Paul said, "Imagine playing at places like Highbury, White Hart Lane and Portman Road."

Two seasons later he was ready for the first team: after playing in two warm-up games against Luton and Wolves he had to wait for eight weeks before making his league debut. He played thirty nine games in the league that year and has rarely been out of the first team since.

On the field he applies a simple, Yorkshire philosophy. "When you are on the pitch, nobody else can help you. You always try your hardest," he said, "When things are going badly you try even harder. If you hide you are letting your team mates down. If you are having a bad game on the ball you make sure your opponent does nothing."

Different Atmosphere

When he arrived at Swindon Paul spent a year and a half in the club hostel. He now lives two doors down the road in digs. He enjoys playing snooker and badminton in his spare time and has just taken up golf. He has a lot of friends in Swindon from outside football, most of whom he has met through his girlfriend.

Like most of the players whom I have spoken to who have been with the club for any length of time, he is keenly aware of the change which has taken place compared with three or four years ago. "When I arrived there were thirteen apprentices and twenty four professionals," Paul said. Like the others he is desperate for promotion. "Going to places like Northampton or Crewe there is no incentive to play well. It makes you want to get out all the more but somehow you can't always raise your game on grounds like that. It's something we must keep working away at. But when you turn out on to the pitch at Swindon it's a completely different atmosphere."

Soccer Ninety-Niner Answers 13

ACROSS

1. & 4 dwn. Keith Edwards
(Sheffield United)
5. Grey
6. Marked
8. Walker
9. Winger
10. Durban
12. Dean
13. Point

DOWN

1. Kim
2. Taking on
3. Serella
4. See 1 across
5. Gilberto
7. Ardiles
11. Net.

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Town Facts & Figures

Season 1983/84

Date	Opponents	Home Score	Att.	F.A.	Allan	Henry	Baillie	Emmanuel	Gray	Graham	Hockaday	Richardson	Rowland	Mayes	Nelson	Quinn	Batty	Baddeley	Barnard	Endersby	Gibson
Aug 27	Chatterfield	A	3343	0-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Sep 3	Plymouth Argyle M.C.(1)	H	2891	1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Sep 6	Chatter	H	3535	2-3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
10	Halifax Town	A		0-1	1	5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
13	Darlington	A		1-4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
17	Plymouth Argyle M.C.(2)	A	2867	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
23	Blackpool	A		3-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
27	Stockport County	A		1-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Oct 1	Aldershot	H	2626	2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
8	Rochdale	A		0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
15	Crewe Alexandra	H	2517	3-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
17	York City	A		1-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
22	Tranmere Rovers	A	3079	2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
29	Colchester United	H		2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Nov 1	Reading	A	3645	3-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
6	Hereford United	H		0-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
12	Northampton Town	A		3-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
19	Hartlepool United	H	3074	3-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
26	F.A. Cup 1 Kettering Town	A		2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Dec 3	Manfield Town	A		2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
10	Doncaster Rovers	H	3545	3-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
17	F.A. Cup 2 Millwall	A		2-2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
26	Bury	A		0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
27	Torquay United	A	3553	0-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
31	Wrexham	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
1984	Peterborough United	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Jan 2	Bristol City	H			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Chatter (F.A. Cup 3)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Chatterfield	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
21	Blackpool	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
28	Darlington (F.A. Cup 4)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Feb 4	Rochdale	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Milk Cup SF (1L)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
11	Stockport County	H			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Milk Cup SF (2L)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
15	Hereford United	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
18	Reading (F.A. Cup 5)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
25	Colchester United	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Mar 2	Tranmere Rovers	H			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
6	Northampton Town	H			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
10	Hartlepool United (F.A. Cup 6)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
18	Crewe Alexandra	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
24	York City (Milk Cup Final)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
30	Halifax Town	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
Apr 7	Aldershot	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
14	Doncaster Rovers (F.A. Cup SF)	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
20	Wrexham	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
21	Torquay United	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
29	Manfield Town	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
May 5	Bristol City	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
7	Peterborough United	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
12	Bury	A			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						

GOALSCORER SUMMARY

League	Cup	Total
A. Mayes	9	9
J. Quinn	4	8
A. Rowland	5	6
P. Batty	2	4
L. Barnard	2	4
D. Hockaday	2	4
G. Emmanuel	2	3
S. Gibson	1	2
G. Nelson	1	2
C. Henry	1	2
C. Batty	1	1

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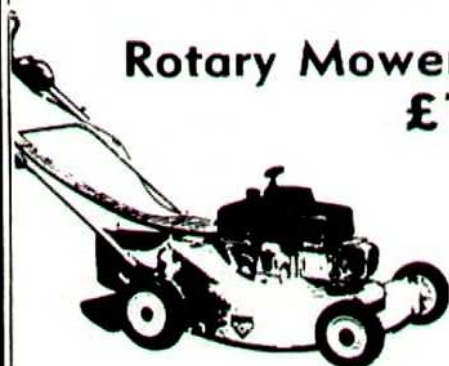
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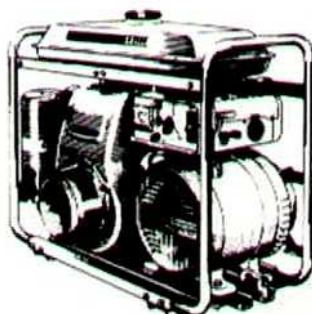
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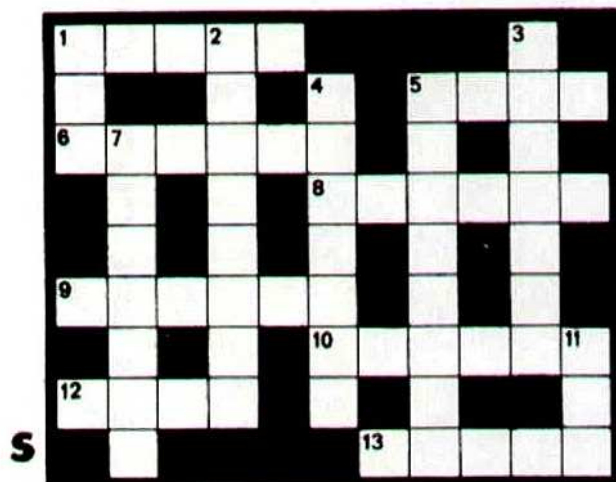
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										19 Sep Abingdon United									
										20 Oct Truro Bridge Town									
										10 Nov Swansea City									
										29 Nov Southampton									
										8 Dec Southampton (Replay)									
										* = OWN GOAL									

Appearances (Goals) S.E.C. F.A. TOTAL
S.E.C. CUP YOUTH CUP GOALS

ROBINSON	8	2	6		16
BYRNE	10	2	6		18
ELLIOTT	9	2	6		17
WOLLEN	9(4)	2	6(3)		17
BETHS	9(3)	2	6		17
POLLING	10	2	6		18
BLAKELEY	3	1	4		8
REYNOLDS	10(2)	1	3		14
HUGHES	8(9)	2(2)	6(6)		16
GARDINER	10(1)	2(4)	6(8)		18
LEE	10(2)	2(2)	4		16
STONE	3(1)	2	1		6

Goals shown in brackets

Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



S

ACROSS

1. & 4dn. He started this season in style with a first-day four-goal game against Gillingham. (5, 7)
5. Double-duty referee of the 1983 FA Cup final. (4)
6. As a particular attacker may be (in more senses than one!) by a particular defender. (6)
8. Defender whose career with Derby, Brighton, Peterborough and, chiefly, Chester linked the 1960s and 1980s. (6)

9. Position which requires a man with a turn of speed and a speed of turn. (6)
10. Manager who began with a hot-seat hat-trick of S-clubs: Shrewsbury, Stoke and Sunderland. (6)
12. Horriz, perhaps. (4)
13. One 'vanishes' in a drawn game. (5)

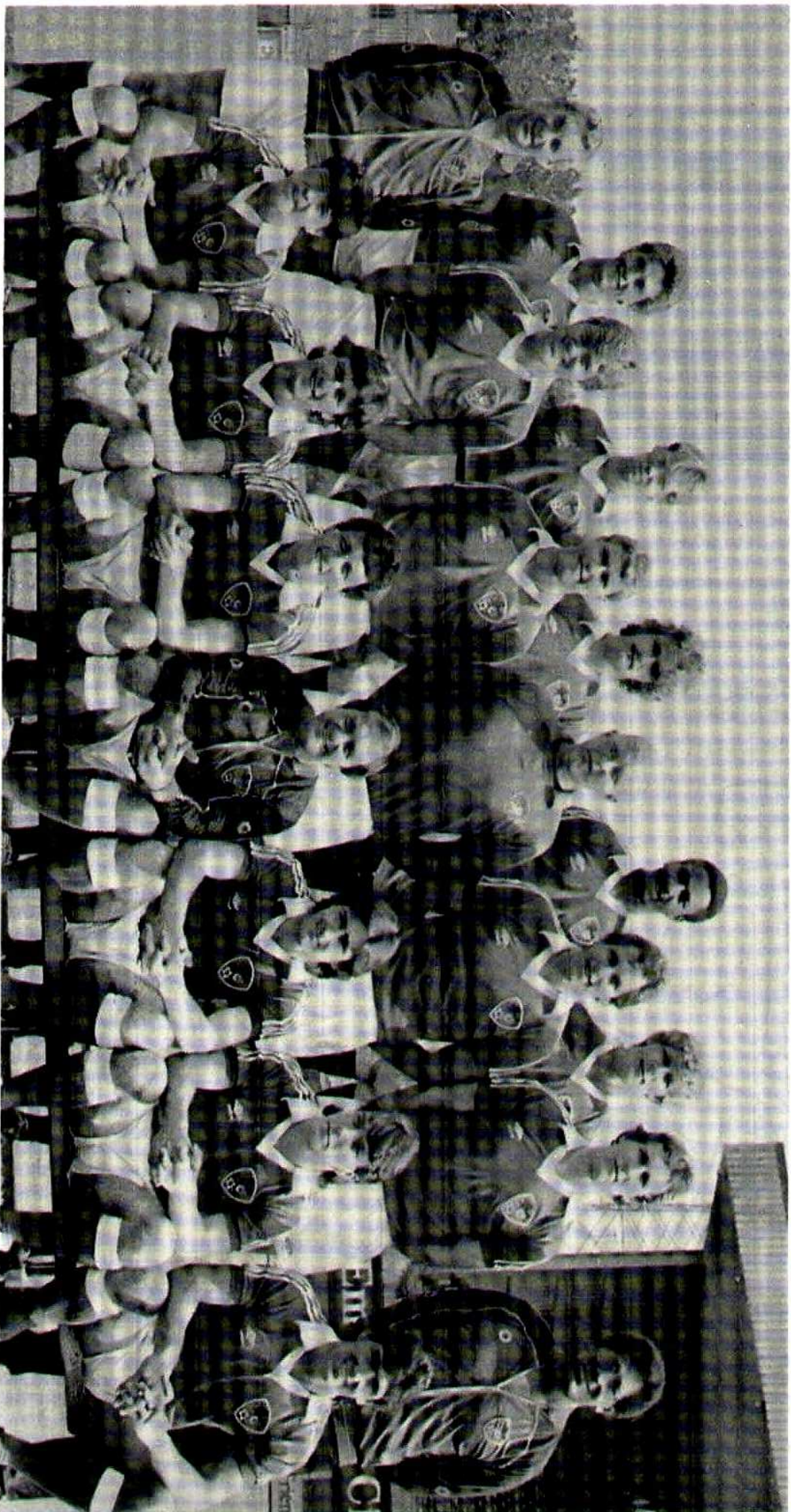
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1. Tony Book's brother, his keeping career began with Bournemouth and ended with Doncaster. (3)
2. Competing against. (6, 2)
3. Around three-quarters of this defender's 400 or so first class turn-outs were for Walsall, from where he went to Blackpool in 1982. (7)
4. See 1 across.
5. Not Sullivan the singer but one of the Spain-based Honduras heroes in the World Cup finals. (8)
7. One of Keith Burkinshaw's famous 1978 bold - and successful - signings for Spurs. (7)
11. There may not be one to hit on the local park pitch! (3)



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BACK ROW:

Paul Stevens, Kevin Meacock, Russell Musker, Paul Williams, Gary Williams

MIDDLE ROW:

Clive Middlemas (Assistant Manager), Rob Newman, Alan Nichollas, John Shaw, Forbes Philipson-Masters, John Palmer (now with Yeovil), Alex Lockhard (Physiotherapist)

FRONT ROW:

Jon Economou, Alan Crawford, Tom Ritchie, Terry Cooper (Manager), Howard Pritchard, Wayne Bray, Glynn Riley

PEN PICTURES

ALAN CRAWFORD (Wing Forward): Joined Rotherham from School and played 250 games. Joined Chesterfield for £50,000 and made 100 appearances for them. Has scored more than 90 goals. Joined City on a free transfer during the close season.

JON ECONOMOU (Midfield): Age 21. Born in Kingston. 5' 7", 9st. 11 lb. Joined City as an apprentice in May, 1978. Single. Made his debut against Fulham on 6th February, 1982. A skilful player. Bought a house in Clevedon and looking forward to a good season.

RUSSELL MUSKER (Utility): Age 20. 5' 8", 10st. 10½lb. Born in Liverpool. Signed as an apprentice in May, 1978 under great competition from a number of First Division Clubs. Made his debut in 1980/81 and has played regularly since. Single. Broke an ankle early in 1982/83. Trained hard during the summer and is now fully fit.

ROBERT NEWMAN (Utility): Age 19. Signed as a professional last season. Versatile player having represented the Youth and Reserve teams at centre-back, mid-field, and as a striker. Made his debut against Fulham on 6th February, 1982. Played a full season at full back last season being one of the most consistent players. Captain of the Youth Cup winning team in France in the summer.

ALAN NICHOLLS (Central Defender): Age 20. 6' 1¼", 11st. 9½ lbs. Plymouth born. Signed apprentice in June, 1979 and made his debut during the 1980/81 season. Single. Regular 1st team player, looking forward to moving into a new house at Clevedon.

GLYN RILEY (Midfield): Joined Barnsley straight from school. Made debut against Swansea at the age of 16 and scored. Was in the Fourth Division and Third Division promotion teams. 150 League appearances. Leading goal scorer last season with 16 goals and was voted "AWAY" player of the Year by the City Away Travel supporters.

TOM RITCHIE (Striker): Edinburgh born. Joined City as a young Striker and played in City's First Division team. Was transferred to Sunderland in 1981 due to City's financial difficulties but made a welcome return to Ashton Gate on a free transfer during the 1982 close season. A model professional, and Club Captain.

JOHN SHAW (Goalkeeper): Stirling born. Signed for City in 1974 on a free transfer from Leeds United. He was a regular member of the first team whilst the Club were in the First Division. Married with two children. A good keeper for any young lad to model himself on - on and off the field.

PAUL STEVENS (Defender): Age 23, Bristol born. 5' 6½", 10st. 3lbs. Upgraded from apprentice in March, 1978. Bristol Boys and England Schoolboy trialist. Made one league appearance whilst still an

apprentice and has gained a regular first team position since the 1980/81 season. Had a pelvic operation during last season and has since worked hard to be ready to start pre-season with the rest.

GARY WILLIAMS (Defender): Age 19. 5' 8", 10st. 1½lbs. Joined City as an apprentice in 1979 and has been a valuable member of the Youth and Reserve teams. Made his first team debut against Oldham in the last match of 1980/81 season and was a regular member of the first team last season.

FORBES PHILIPSON MASTER (Central Defender): 6', 12st. Strong defender, signed half way through last season from Plymouth. Added stability to the back four. Started as a goalkeeper with Southampton, but later was transferred to Plymouth for £50,000.

PAUL WILLIAMS (Striker): Joined City as a full professional at the end of Season 1982/83 playing 11 first team games. Signed from Ottery St. Mary in the Western League. Signed as a schoolboy with Exeter City. A member of the winning Youth Squad in France in the summer.

HOWARD PRITCHARD (Right hand side, Mid-field): Age 24. Born Cardiff. Joined City at 16 as apprentice where he played about 40 games in the 1st and 2nd Division. Welsh Youth International. Joined Swindon in 1980/81 and played about 70 games. Returned to City during the close season on a free transfer.

PAUL THORPE (Centre Half): 18 years old. Joined City at the start of last season from Newport. Non contract player at the moment.

GARY MARSHALL (Striker): Age 18, part time professional previously with Shepton Mallet. Member of the winning Youth Squad in France.

KEVIN MEACOCK (Striker): Age 19, part time professional previously with Paulton Rovers. A member of the winning Youth Squad in France.

KEVIN MILES (Utility): Part time player. 19 years old from Bristol. Played in most positions last season. Never lets the team down wherever he plays.

JOHN KERR (Striker): Joined Tranmere Rovers from School and played over 100 games for them, scoring 30 goals. Joined City on a free transfer at the start of this season. Aged 23.

BRUCE HALLIDAY (Defender): Joined Newcastle straight from school. Played for Bury on loan for most of last season. Signed for City on a free transfer at the start of this season.

SURVEY ON DIVISION IV by DAVE KING

With the Christmas and New Year holiday period encompassing four matches for clubs, weather permitting, we will have come to virtually the half way period in the fixture list. One of the intriguing aspects of football is to speculate or try to define which clubs are the more likely or probable to gain promotion.

In any season this is a most difficult assessment unless there are no run away front runners in a Division. Taking a look at this seasons Division Four League table prior to the holiday fixtures shows that there are fewer points between the clubs in fourth place, this being four from the top, and four from the bottom of the League, in no other Division is the gap so narrow at this stage of the season. Obviously there are no outstanding teams and the standard seems very even, at present York City have been the only club to appear that they may eventually dominate the rest, but even they have failed to establish an overall commanding lead, being only seven points in front of Doncaster who occupy fifth place.

Can we derive from past experience any guideline to give any lead to which clubs will at the seasons end occupy those four most sought after positions which guarantee Third Division football next season, since the concept of the Fourth Division the highest number of matches a club has been able to lose and still gain promotion is fourteen which Carlisle United did in 1961-62, but generally it is less, and a look at what has occurred since the formation of this Division in 1958-59 shows the maximum losses clubs gaining promotion sustained:

1958-59 Shrewsbury 12, 1959-60 Watford 13, 1960-61 Bradford P.A. 12, 1961-62 Wrexham 13, 1962-63 Mansfield 13, 1963-64 Carlisle and Workington 11 each, 1964-65 York City 12, 1965-66 Colchester 13, 1966-67 Barrow 11, 1967-68 Hartlepool 11, 1968-69 Halifax 9, 1969-70 Wrexham 11, 1970-71 York 13, 1971-72 Scunthorpe, Brentford, and Grimsby 11 each, 1972-73 Aldershot 12, 1973-74 Bury 11, 1974-75 Chester 12, 1975-76 Tranmere 12, 1976-77 Colchester 12, 1977-78 Brentford and Southend 11, 1978-79 Grimsby 11, 1979-80 Newport 12, 1980-81 Doncaster 12, 1981-82 (The season when 3 points for a win was introduced) Bradford City and Wigan 7 each, 1982-83 Port Vale 10.

At the end of this season we will probably find that the four clubs gaining promotion will have lost not more games than their predecessors, and such is the compact nature of the League table that Northampton have lost the least to date with three and they are in tenth position! The four clubs in the leading four positions are York with four matches lost and Blackpool 6, Reading 5, and Colchester 4. The even nature of this seasons Division Four cannot be emphasised more by the fact that Chesterfield, seven places from the foot of the table, have lost only four matches! But they like Northampton have made more of a habit of drawing, with ten and nine respectively to their credit.

Another guideline to promotion is to take a look at the amount of points usually accumulated by the

promoted clubs, of course with the system of three points for a win adopted only recently we cannot look back at past history and draw a firm conclusion unless we adopt the present points system to seasons before. Having done this the ten seasons prior to 1981-82 showed the following that in 1972-73 Aldershot would have occupied 4th place with 78 points and ensuing seasons would have ended thus: 1973-74 Bury 83, 1974-75 Chester 80, 1975-76 Tranmere 82, 1976-77 Bradford City 82, 1977-78 Brentford 77, 1978-79 Barnsley 85, 1979-80 Portsmouth 84, 1980-81 Wimbledon 78. An average of 81.7 points achieving promotion. Since 1981-82 when three points for a win was applicable we have seen Bournemouth in 1981-82 finishing fourth on 88 points and last season Scunthorpe with 83 points.

So with these two guidelines can we form a clearer picture of the seasons finale, only that in my opinion the promoted clubs will come from a group consisting of York, Blackpool, Peterborough, Colchester, Doncaster, Reading, Bristol City, Swindon, Bury and maybe Northampton if they can turn their drawing habit into wins, one sure prediction is that if the season continues in its present vein we are all in for an exciting finish, when such abnormalities as Aldershot having conceded more goals than they have scored can reach sixth place and be level on points with Reading in Fourth position! Anything is possible this season.

The question all Town followers would like answered is 'Do we have a realistic chance?' Of course we do, when such teams as York, Colchester and Doncaster have all been defeated here at the County Ground, you know that the team must be on par with them, the crucial aspect of whether we can mount a sustained promotion challenge will depend on our excellent home form being maintained and an improvement in our away form, with five points out of twenty seven on opponents grounds a marked improvement akin to our creditable away form in the F.A. Cup with wins at Kettering and Millwall scoring ten goals in the process would hold us in good stead when considering we still have to visit York, Blackpool, Peterborough, Colchester, Doncaster and Bristol City, there probably lies the key to our immediate future.

Highlights of the season so far have been the continuation of York City maintaining their end of season form from last year, the rise of Blackpool who you will remember finished three from the bottom last season suffering the ignomy of re-election, John Wiles astute management of Peterborough, likewise Terry Cooper with Bristol City. The acute problems besetting Tranmere not so long ago have been placated by Brian Hamilton improving their playing fortunes, and Maurice Evans the Reading manager having the foresight in obtaining Trevor Senior to replace Kerry Dixon even he could not have envisaged such a signing repaying him so prolifically in such a short time.

DIVISION FOUR CUPS, GOAL-SCORERS (Up and Including Sunday December 18th)

(League, Milk Cup and F.A. Cup)
H Donates Home Goals and A Away Goals)

ALDERBURY

LEAGUE: Barton 8 (2H, 2A), Lawrence 5 (2H, 2A), Lucas 4 (2H, 2A), McDonald 4 (4 inc 1 Pen), Burvill 1 (H), Day 1 (H), Mazon 1 (H), Dan Goal 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Barton 2 (H), Lawrence 2 (A), Burvill 1 (H), Lucas 1 (A), McDonald 1 (Pen A), F.A. CUP: Barton 1 (A), Burvill 1 (H).

BLACKBURN

LEAGUE: Mercer 4 (2H, 2A), Dwyer 3 (2H inc Pen, inc Pen), Greenall 3 (2H, 1A), Hattie 3 (2H, 1A), McInven 3 (2H, 1A), Woodroffe 3 (2H, 1A), Serrill 2 (1H, 1A), Stewart 1 (A), F.A. CUP: Mercer 1 (H), McInven 1 (H) Stewart 1 (A).

MILK CUP: Mercer 2 (A), McInven 1 (A) Dwyer 1 (H), Stewart 1 (H)

BLISTON CLIFF

LEAGUE: Crawford 7 (4H, 1A), Pritchard 5 (4H, 1A), Riter 3 (H), Kerr 4 (1H, 2A), Ritchie 4 (2H inc 2 pens, 1 A) Strydom 1 (H), Stevens 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Riter 1 (A)
F.A. CUP: Pritchard 3 (H), Miter 1 (A), Riter 1 (H), Ritchie 1 (A)

BURY

LEAGUE: Madden 8 (2H, 2A), Hutton 5 (H), Greenall 4 (1H, 2A inc pen), Jacob 3 (1H, pen, 2A), Hattie 1 (H), Potts 1 (H), Spence 1 (H), Dan Goals 2 (H)

MILK CUP: Madden 2 (H), Greenall 1 (A), Jacob 1 (A), Estivate 1 (H), F.A. CUP: Estivate 2 (A), Madden 1 (A)

CHESLEY

LEAGUE: Parker 5 (2H, 2A), Allen 2 (1H, 1A), Holden 2 (1H, 1A), Williams 2 (H), Bicknell 1 (H), C. Smith 1 (H), Storton 1 (H) Dan Goals 2 (1H, 1A)

MILK CUP: Ziem 2 (H inc 1 pen), Phillips 1 (H), Elliott 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Holden 1 (H)

CHESLEFIELD

LEAGUE: Birch 4 (2H inc pen, 1A), Clayton 4 (H), Bull 3 (2H, 1 pen A), Kendall 3 (1H, 2A), Spencer 3 (1H, 2A), Bailey 1 (A) King 1 (A), Brown 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Birch 1 (Pen A), Barnes 1 (A) Screngour 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Newton 3 (1H, 2A), Birch 1 (Pen H)

COLLETON

LEAGUE: Adcock 13 (2H, inc 2 pens, 4 A inc 3 pens), Brown 4 (2H, 1A), Houston 4 (2H, 1A), Wignall 4 (2H, 1A), Cook 2 (1H, 1A), Phillips 2 (H), Brown 1 (A), Groves 1 (H), Lestie 1 (H), Nichols 1 (H), Dan Goals 2 (1H, 1A)

MILK CUP: Adcock 5 (2H, 2A), Brown 2 (A), Wignall 2 (1H, 1A), Brown 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Brown 5 (2H, 2A), Houston 1 (H)

CREWE

LEAGUE: Scott 3 (H), Leonard 3 (1H, 2A), Blissett 1 (A), Waller 1 (H), King 2 (1H, 1A), Hart 2 (H), Brad 1 (H), Spittle 1 (H), Potter 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Waller 4 (2H, 1 pen A), Blissett 1 (A), Bowrie 1 (H), Crabbe 1 (A), Leonard 1 (A)

DEALHAMTON

LEAGUE: Wath 7 (2H inc pen, 5 A), Gilbert 2 (H), Todd 2 (1H, 1A), Barton 1 (H), Johnson 1 (H), Smith 1 (H), Dan Goals 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Wath 3 (H), Pugh 1 (H), Cartwright 1 (H), F.A. CUP: Wath 4 (2H, 1A), Barton 1 (H), Johnson 1 (A), McLeod 1 (H)

DONCASTER

LEAGUE: Douglas 8 (H), Moss 7 (4H, 4A), 1 Snodin 4 (2H, 1A inc pen), 5 A), Gilbert 2 (H), Green 1 (A), McInven 2 (H), Miller 2 (1H, 1A), Russell 2 (H), Hart 2 (1H, 1A), Lister 1 (H), Green 1 (A), Kewell 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Douglas 2 (H), McInven 1 (H), 1 Snodin 1 (pen, H)

HALLEDALE

LEAGUE: Cook 4 (1H, 2A inc 2 pens), Hall 4 (H), 5 A), Leonard 2 (H), McInven 2 (H), Gallagher 1 (H), Widdell 1 (H), Ward 1 (H), Greenew 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Kendall 1 (A), Stanforth 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Evans 1 (H), Ward 1 (H)

HEALFORD

LEAGUE: Dixon 3 (H), Wadde 2 (1H, 1A), Bird 2 (H), Kennedy 1 (A), Robinson 1 (A), Livingston 1 (H), Lame 1 (A), Ray 1 (A), Stave 1 (H), Dan Goals 1 (A)

MARLEIGH

LEAGUE: Phillips 7 (2H, 4A), Harvey 2 (1 pen H, 1A), Beacock 2 (A), Kewell 2 (H), Daltier 1 (A), Pyrie 1 (H), Price 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Phillips 2 (H), Beacock 1 (A)

MARLEIGH

LEAGUE: Caldwell 10 (2H, 1A), Nicholson 4 (2H, 2A), Lumsley 4 (1H, 2A), Barrowclough 2 (1H, 1 pen A), Dan Goals 2 (H)

MILK CUP: Caldwell 1 (A), Barrowclough, 1 (pen, H)

F.A. CUP: Barrowclough 1 (H), Calderwood 1 (H), Caldwell 1 (H)

MARLEIGH

LEAGUE: Austin 8 (2H, 2A), Barton 5 (2H, 2A), O'Neill 3 (1H, 2A), Gage 2 (1H, 2A), Jeffrey 2 (A), Brett 1 (A), Hayes 1 (H), Tucker 1 (H), Lewis 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Gage 1 (H), F.A. CUP: Austin 2 (1H, 1A), Barton 1 (A), O'Neill 1 (pen A), Gage 1 (H), Jeffrey 1 (H) Hughes 1 (H)

DEBBINGDON

LEAGUE: Martin 4 (2H, 1A), Buchanan 5 (2H, 2A), Chard 5 (2H inc pen, 2A), Clarke 5 (2H, 2A), Benjamin 3 (2H, 1A), Gwyn 3 (1H, 2A), Wadde 3 (2H, 1A), Pike 2 (H), Slack 1 (H), Trench 1 (H), Dan Goals 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Clarke 1 (H), Martin 1 (H), Chard 1 (H), Gwyn 1 (A)

DEBBINGDON

LEAGUE: Senior 19 (1H, 4A), Morris 5 (2H inc pen, 2A), Beaton 4 (2H inc pen, 1A), Gwyn 4 (2H, 2A), Tutty 2 (H), Wood 3 (H), Lancher 3 (2H, 1A), F.A. CUP: Senior 1 (H), Morris 1 (H), Price 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Senior 4 (2H, 1A), Beaton 1 (H), Barnes 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Senior 1 (H), Morris 1 (H), Price 1 (H)

ROCKWELL

LEAGUE: Farrell 8 (4H inc 2 pens), Johnson 4 (2H, 4A), Elliott 3 (H), Higgins 2 (H), Screngour 1 (H), Gault 1 (H), Hamilton 1 (H), Galt 1 (H), O'Connor 1 (H), S Thompson 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Johnson 1 (A), Griffiths 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Johnson 2 (A), Farrell 1 (H)

STOCKPORT

LEAGUE: Quinn 13 (2H, 2A), Williams 4 (2H, 1A), Sord 4 (2H, 1A), Doyle 1 (A), Evans 1 (H), Jones 1 (A), Butler 1 (A), Thorpe 1 (H), Emerson 1 (H), White 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Quinn 2 (A inc 1 pen), Williams 2 (H), Emerson 2 (A), Sord 1 (A)

SALFORD TOWN

LEAGUE: Hayes 9 (4 H inc 2 pens, 3 A inc 1 pen), Rowland 5 (4H, 1A), Barrow 3 (H), Quinn 4 (2H, 2A), Woodroffe 2 (H), Evans 2 (H), Batty 2 (H), Newton 1 (H), Batty 1 (H), Gibson 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Woodroffe 1 (H), Nelson 1 (A)

F.A. CUP: Quinn 4 (A), Batty 2 (A), Rowland 1 (A), Barrow 1 (A), Gibson 1 (A), Henry 1 (A)

TESSDALE

LEAGUE: Cooper 4 (1H, 2A), Sims 4 (2H, 2A), Currie 3 (1H inc 2 pens), Barnes 3 (1H, 2A), Milne 3 (H inc 2 pens), Hughes 1 (H), Sheridan 2 (H), Pugh 1 (A), Young 1 (A), Bishop 1 (A), Little 1 (A)

MILK CUP: Currie 2 (1H, 1A), Little 1 (A), Sims 1 (A) F.A. CUP: Currie 1 (H)

TESSDALE

LEAGUE: Martin 4 (2H, 1A), Buchanan 5 (2H, 2A), Chard 5 (2H inc 1 pen), Clarke 5 (2H, 2A), Benjamin 3 (2H, 1A), Gwyn 3 (1H, 2A), Wadde 3 (2H, 1A), Pike 2 (H), Slack 1 (H), Trench 1 (H), Dan Goals 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Clarke 1 (H), Martin 1 (H), Chard 1 (H), Gwyn 1 (H)

WELLS

LEAGUE: Hunt 3 (4H, 1A), Edwards 3 (2H, 1A), Gwyn 1 (1H, 1A), Gwyn 2 (A), King 2 (H), Hume 1 (H), Martin 1 (H), Evans 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Evans 1 (A), King 1 (H)

F.A. CUP: Coleman 1 (H)

WELLS

LEAGUE: Birne 13 (2H, 2A), Watson 12 (4H, 2A), Bullard 5 (H inc 2 pens), Furd 4 (H), McPhail 3 (2H, 1A), Burgess 3 (2H, 1A), Pearce 2 (H), Hood 1 (H)

MILK CUP: Furd 1 (H), Pollard 1 (H)

F.A. CUP: Birne (H), Burgess

THE UNUSUAL FOURTH DIVISION TABLES ! (Up to December 18th)

GOALSCORING
AVERAGE
PER MATCH

1.	Reading	2.36
2.	York	2.05
3.	Peterborough	1.84
4.	Doncaster	1.73
5.	Swindon	1.57
6.	Stockport	1.50
7.	Bury	1.44
8.	Bristol City	1.42
9.	Torquay	1.31
10.	Northampton	1.31
11.	Rochdale	1.31
12.	Mansfield	1.31
13.	Blackpool	1.26
14.	Aldershot	1.26
15.	Tranmere	1.21
16.	Wrexham	1.21
17.	Chesterfield	1.15
18.	Colchester	1.07
19.	Halifax	1.00
20.	Crewe	0.94
21.	Chester	0.89
22.	Hereford	0.83
23.	Hartlepool	0.73
24.	Darlington	0.70

GOAL DEFECIT
AVERAGE
PER MATCH

1.	Bristol City	0.73
2.	Colchester	0.89
3.	Blackpool	0.94
4.	Darlington	1.00
5.	Northampton	1.00
6.	York	1.00
7.	Chesterfield	1.15
8.	Peterborough	1.15
9.	Hereford	1.16
10.	Tranmere	1.21
11.	Bury	1.22
12.	Wrexham	1.27
13.	Doncaster	1.31
14.	Swindon	1.31
15.	Aldershot	1.35
16.	Stockport	1.50
17.	Crewe	1.50
18.	Torquay	1.57
19.	Reading	1.63
20.	Chester	1.63
21.	Mansfield	1.68
22.	Halifax	1.73
23.	Rochdale	1.84
24.	Hartlepool	2.26

'CLEAN SHEETS'
NO GOALS CONCEDED
IN A MATCH

1.	Blackpool	10
2.	Bristol City	10
3.	Colchester	8
4.	Hereford	8
5.	York	8
6.	Peterborough	7
7.	Aldershot	6
8.	Darlington	6
9.	Mansfield	6
10.	Northampton	6
11.	Stockport	5
12.	Bury	4
13.	Crewe	4
14.	Chesterfield	4
15.	Doncaster	4
16.	Halifax	4
17.	Reading	4
18.	Swindon	4
19.	Hartlepool	3
20.	Rochdale	3
21.	Tranmere	3
22.	Torquay	2
23.	Wrexham	2
24.	Chester	1

HIGHEST GATES OF EACH CLUB

1	10827	Bristol City v York Oct 18
2	6488	Chesterfield v Doncaster Oct 18
3	6207	York v Colchester Oct 7
4	5918	Reading v Swindon Oct 29
5	5875	Hereford v Bristol City Oct 1
6	5472	Wrexham v Halifax Oct 1
7	4996	Doncaster v York Sep 27
8	4439	Blackpool v Peterborough Dec 3
9	4400	Peterborough v Doncaster Oct 8
10	3835	Northampton v Reading Oct 9
11	3645	Swindon v Hereford Nov 1
12	3402	Colchester v Crewe Oct 29
13	3327	Mansfield v Swindon Nov 26
14	3258	Bury v Halifax Sep 18
15	3195	Aldershot v Bristol City Oct 22
16	2965	Crewe v Stockport Sep 30
17	2789	Tranmere v Doncaster Oct 29
18	2602	Stockport v Blackpool Oct 29
19	2317	Torquay v Tranmere Sep 3
20	2286	Chester v Blackpool Nov 9
21	2181	Darlington v York Sep 24
22	2012	Hartlepool v York Nov 26
23	1926	Rochdale v Peterborough Oct 18
24	1735	Halifax v Tranmere Nov 5

LONGEST SEQUENCE OF BEING
UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE MATCHES

1	Northampton	11
2	Chesterfield	8
3	Doncaster	8
4	Reading	7
5	Blackpool	6
6	Colchester	6
7	Mansfield	6
8	Torquay	6
9	Wrexham	6
10	Bury	5
11	Peterborough	5
12	Tranmere	5
13	York	5
14	Aldershot	4
15	Bristol City	4
16	Crewe	4
17	Halifax	4
18	Hereford	4
19	Swindon	4
20	Chester	3
21	Darlington	3
22	Hartlepool	3
23	Stockport	3
24	Rochdale	2

The Transition

by DAVE KING

The failure rate amongst apprentices with football clubs is very high, and the success rate is low, such is the demanding standards that are required, but enough of failure here is a success story in part to date.

With the kind permission granted to me by breakfast TV sports presenter David Icke I would like to relate to you an extract from his excellent paperback edition of 'It's a Tough Game, Son!' an insight into the real world of professional football. Having dealt with previous instances of failure, he then devotes a part of his book to the situation of Paul Rideout, a former England Schoolboy team mate of Paul's, Kevin Ash, who had failed to make the grade at Everton and Leicester, was the prior subject.

'How different it was for one of Kevin's teammates in that England schoolboys team, striker Paul Rideout. If any schoolboy looked destined for super stardom in professional football it was Paul and, three years on, it might still happen.

He played for Southampton Schools and was picked for England two years running - the vast majority are lucky to play once. Three of his eleven appearances were at Wembley and he scored on every occasion, including a brilliant hat trick in a game against Scotland. I watched that match on television and he virtually played the Scots on his own. England lost five - four, but Paul was the real winner that afternoon.

The Clubs were tripping over themselves to get his name on a schoolboy form - at a price, of course. "There were a few phone calls offering money", he said "and people used to hang around after matches trying to tap me up and sign for them. I was surprised at first, I knew it wasn't allowed."

As it turned out, they were wasting their time. Paul had decided where he was going years earlier.

He had relatives in Swindon and during one visit his Uncle took him along to watch Swindon Town in the Third Division. He was introduced to the Clubs then manager, Danny Williams and, at the age of eleven, he was invited to train with the other schoolboys during the holidays. At fourteen, he signed schoolboy forms and became an apprentice when he left school.

"I joined Swindon because I knew they were a secure club and they were small enough to give me the chance to get in the first team quickly, a lad who played for the Southampton schoolboys team with me went to a big First Division club. He was brilliant, really outstanding, but within eight months they released him. There are so many players at the big clubs you can get lost."

Paul Rideout hardly did that at Swindon.

His parents moved there with him to run the clubs apprentices hostel, similar to the one at Leicester City. In his first season as an apprentice he made an immediate impact with the Youth and Reserve teams, and that same year, aged just sixteen, he made his debut for the First Team in the home match against Hull. Swindon won Three - One. Paul scored with a header, and had a thirty yarder

disallowed for offside. How those other club scouts must have been cursing.

Although he was in the First Team, Paul was still an apprentice and had to do the odd jobs like all the rest. At one point he was cleaning the boots worn by his fellow striker, Andy Rowland, and then running out to play alongside him every Saturday! Did he resent that?

"No, I didn't resent those jobs, that would have been unfair to the other apprentices and, anyway that's what I was paid to do, but I didn't like doing them - does anybody?"

Paul soon left all that behind him, there was no lost sleep for him worrying if he'd be signed as a professional. Swindon signed him at the earliest possible moment on his seventeenth birthday after little more than a year as an apprentice. When you make the sort of start Paul did, clubs usually sign you as a professional as soon as possible to allow you to concentrate on football.

So Paul Rideouts decision to join Swindon in the Third Division had worked out so far - but you could sense his increasing envy of life in the First Division. Even with his immediate success at Swindon, we came back to that familiar theme I hear from time and again when chatting to young players, and I know what they mean.

'I'm not enjoying football like I did at school,' he said. 'I played four games every weekend and loved it, but now you worry about your performances. The club are paying you to play and they expect you to be good. You are always under pressure, you're either trying to win things or frightened of relegation and with so many clubs sacking players because of money shortage, you even worry about losing your job!'

That last point may seem amazing. A seventeen year old playing regularly in the First team at a League club and he's worried about losing his job, but I understood his feelings.

The insecurity of football and the impatience it breeds often make you lose sight of just how well you are doing. I remember looking back through my scrapbooks years after I stopped playing and I could not believe the reports and comments about me. 'Hey', I thought, 'I didn't realise you were that good!'

At the time you don't, and Paul clearly didn't appreciate just how good he was for his age. You forget because there is always something else to worry about. You see, Paul might be an exception, players who make the First as apprentices are rare, but even fewer are those who stay there for the rest of their careers. That job, the hardest of all, is still ahead for Paul - and he knows it, worries or not Paul could not complain of his treatment at Swindon.'

The postscripts to David Ickes item on Paul is as we all know, that he eventually did join Aston Villa last summer in preference to Liverpool.

Striker Jim Quinn attempting to carry on his current goalscoring form, but without much success against Bury.

Bottom Left

Leigh Barnard (left) strives desperately to break the deadlock against Bury at the County Ground.

Top Right

Swindon skipper Gary Emmanuel shoots just wide against Bury.

Bottom Right

Midfielder Leigh Barnard bundled out of the action by the Bury defence during the 0-0 draw.



Photo Call

BY DAVE EVANS



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BEHIND THE SCENES by KEVIN MORRIS

The role of the Physiotherapist in a Football Club is interesting and varied. At Swindon Town I come under the supervision of Dr. J. D. Nicholas, the Club Medical Officer and between the two of us we provide a treatment and medical service for the playing staff of the Club.

I work on a full time basis for the Club and Doctor Nicholas is available approximately three times a week, or more often if required, for consultation or to liaise with myself or the team manager if a player is not responding to treatment or if other medical problems apart from injuries are the cause for concern.

We treat a wide variety of injuries in the treatment room and if I was asked which was the most common the answer would have to be injuries around the ankle region.

At the County Ground we are fortunate to have one of the most modern and best equipped medical rooms in the Football

League and this includes the First Division. This consists of short wave diathermy, ultrasonic therapy, wax baths faradism, microwave therapy etc., which are all used to help the player to get fit again after he has been injured.

When a player has been injured he is examined by Dr. Nicholas and then a plan of treatment is worked out to get him back to fitness. This may consist of electro-therapy of one or more of the type mentioned above. This is then followed by remedial exercise starting from static and passive, increasing as the injury responds to dynamic and strengthening exercises so that muscle tone is maintained around the injured structure.

I hope I have given an insight into what happens in the medical room of the Club. To explain in detail how to treat the injury from the onset to the final stages of repair, step by step, is beyond the scope of this short article.

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SHELDON LEE was born in India on the 3rd February, 1968.

He now attends the Holy Family, St. Josephs Schools and, of course, plays football for them. He has also played for Wiltshire Schools.

Sheldon plays at outside left in our South East Counties Junior team.

His other interests include golf, cricket, snooker and darts.

Featuring the Reserve and Youth Teams

We are approaching the half way stage of the season in both the Reserves and Youth team fixtures. Looking at the results there couldn't have been a bigger contrast in the respective records.

The Reserves have had a disappointing time with results hard to come by. It is not through lack of effort, as this is one part of our game that is good. To give us any chance against clubs who can field much more experienced sides we rely on 3 or 4 professionals who are not in the 1st team for some reason, 3 - 4 non-contract players and 4 - 5 apprentices. We must look to improve in both results and performance as the confidence is not at its best at the moment but with a couple of results this will soon return. Our records so far is Won 2 Drew 4 and Lost 10.

The Youth team results in contrast couldn't have gone much better in both the League and Cup games. The loss of only one game in the League has put us in 2nd position in the table, only to miss top spot on goal difference from Wimbledon.

In the South East Counties Junior Cup we have reached the semi final stage and going into the new year with high hopes of gaining one trophy if not the double.

Our run in the F.A. Youth Cup came to an end at Southampton in a replay, for despite a tremendous performance on the night lost to a goal with 7 minutes left of extra time. We can look back with pride as we came through the qualifying rounds and 1st round proper and considering 8 of the lads can play next year it wasn't a bad feat and we are looking to better things next season.

With the chance of winning either the League or League Cup or both, we are all hoping we can make it a double celebration with the First team gaining promotion.

The South East Counties record is Won 6, Drew 4, Lost 1.

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REFEREE:

MR. COLIN DOWNEY

(Hounslow, Middlesex)

Commenced refereeing with Middlesex F.A. in 1965 and has progressed via Spartan and Isthmian League to the Football League List. Refereed an Anglo-Italian semi-professional tournament in 1976, also the Middlesex County Senior Charity Cup Final. Has also refereed other League and County Cup Finals. In 1977 was Linesman in the second round U.E.F.A. Cup and lined an International in 1979.

Married, with one son, he is a Systems Analyst in a Computer business, with interests in cricket, badminton and squash. He is Chairman of Hounslow Referees' Society and President of a local youth league.

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