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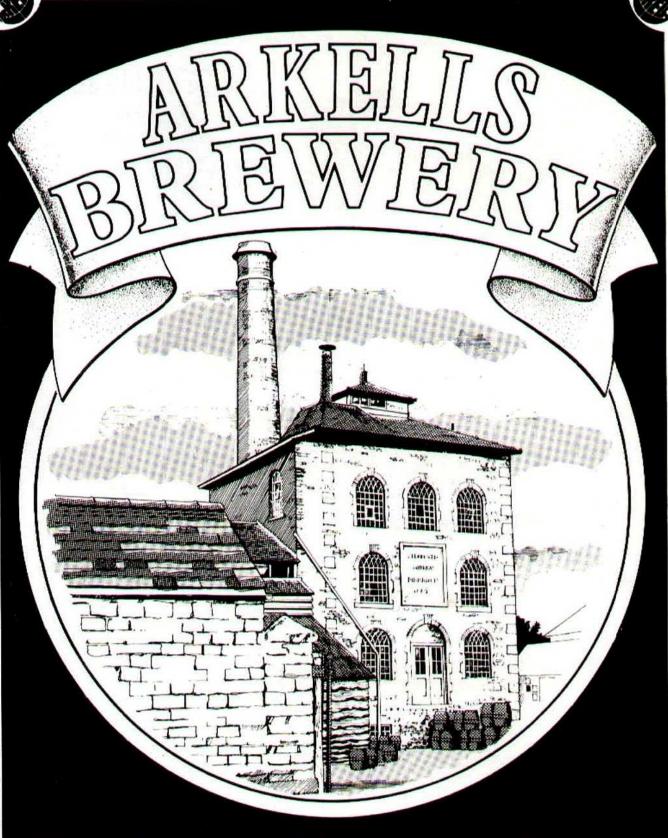
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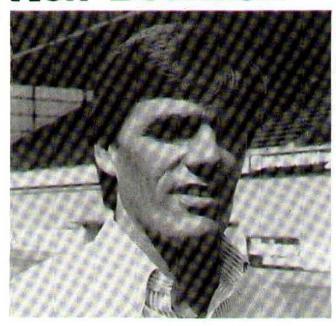
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## From the desk of Ken Beamish



Tonight we welcome the players and officials of Darlington Football Club. This game having been re-arranged for tonight due to our F.A. Cup exploits earlier in the season.

The rewards for tonights game take on more importance than normal because of the ridiculous position we find ourselves in at this stage of the season. A win must be gained by the team tonight and nobody in the dressing room will be left with any doubts with regards to what is needed to achieve that result tonight.

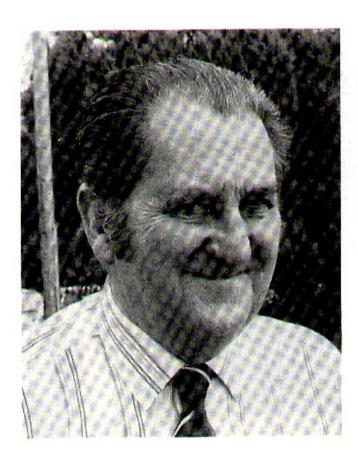
This rut we find ourselves in, must be halted tonight. Courage, determination and a willingness to take chances in our attacking movements will bring us the goals and the right attitude to regaining possession as quickly as possible after we have lost the ball will keep us a clean sheet at the other end.

The record books tell you of our defeat at Doncaster being the heaviest of the season. No way was the scoreline an indication of the way the game went. For prior to the time of the sending off of A. Mayes there was only one team going to score, that being ourselves.

However, the disruption to the side the sending off brought about, played right into Doncasters hands giving them a boost in confidence for the very important last fifteen minutes. This was the period when we lost the game.

We welcome you, our supporters, for attending tonight and once again ask you for your loyal support to help the team achieve a winning score line tonight.

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# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Darlington Football Club in a Canon League game that had to be re-arranged when we were drawn against Blackburn in our F.A. Cup run. Earlier this season we lost 1-0 at Darlington, the goal coming from a penalty.

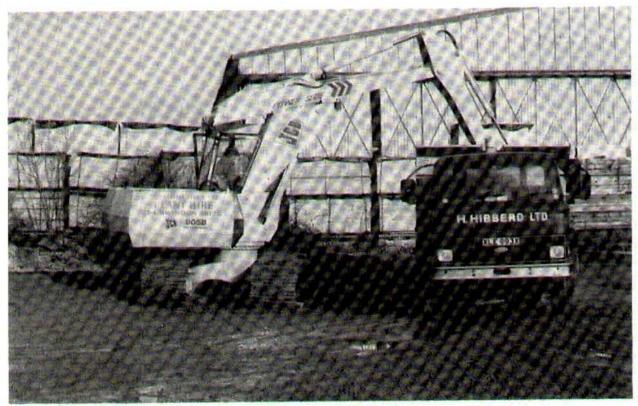
The team have had a very poor time, losing the last four League games and one Cup game and although three of the league games were against the top 2 and 5th team in the Division, I cannot say we have played well and have not deserved a result.

I have received many letters from frustrated supporters who quite rightly point out that we our at our lowest position for many years and a town expanding as Swindon has and is continuing to do so, deserves better football. Thank you for your letters, I will reply to them all. Although no-one enjoys letters of complaint, it does show you care about the Club and so I welcome them.

Of course it has been a very disappointing season, I firmly believed at the start that we had a team good enough to win promotion, how wrong I was. There have been matches when we've played so well but consistency is the only way to win the league and this is an ingredient sadly lacking. Ken Beamish is of course, as concerned as we all are and he is actually seeking new faces for next season. He has no money to spend but I expect to see large number of players on the transfer list at the seasons end. The income from the very poor attendances all over the country and in every division, is such that the money is simply not available. Who would have thought that a derby game in the First Division would attract a crowd of only 8,400 — and this on a beautiful day - that was the gate at Coventry v Wolves on Saturday.

I did not go to Doncaster on Saturday when Alan Mayes was sent off for dissent but was at the County Ground to see the Schools under 18 Centenary International, England v Scotland. These boys played attractive attacking football with great skill and without the pettiness we see in the professional game. No one threw the ball away when a free kick or throw in was awarded, the referees decision was never queried and it was a delight to watch — I've no doubt some of the boys who played will go in to be professional footballers and may even be the International Stars of the future.

The date has now been agreed for the first leg of the English Schools Cup Final when Swindon Boys play Sheffield boys. It is Thursday, May 10th at 7.30 p.m. I hope you will be there and tell your friends. The boys have done so well to get to the final that they deserve your support.



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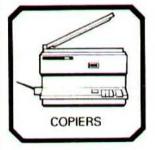
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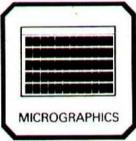




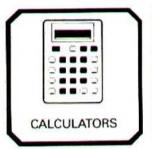












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						GOA	ALS		
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Aldershot	Les Lawrence	26	Shrewsbury, Torquay, Port Vale	19	2	-	-	21	76
Blackpool	Keith Mercer	27	Watford, Southend		3	-	-	12	101
	Paul Stewart	21	Club Apprentice	10	1	1		12	21
Bristol City	Glynn Riley	25	Barnsley, Doncaster (Loan)	15	1	1	_	17	54
Bury	Craig Madden	25	Northern Nomads	16	2	1	-	19	104
Chester	Andy Holden	21	Rhyl	6	1	1	1	9	9
Chesterfield	Bob Newton	27	Huddersfield, Hartlepool, Port Vale	12	1	3	_	15	107
Colchester	Tony Adcock	21	Apprentice	23	4	-	1	28	51
Crewe	Dave Waller	21	Club Amateur	10	2	-	2	14	30
Darlington	Alan Walsh	27	Horden C.W., Middlesbrough	10	3	5	_	18	100
Doncaster	Colin Douglas	21	Glasgow Celtic	13	2	-	_	15	26
Halifax	Dave Staniforth  Barry Gallagher	33	Sheff. Untd., Bristol Rovers, Brad. City Brad. City, Mansfield (Loan)	6 7	1 -	_	-	7 7	86 35
Hartlepool	Paul Dobson	21	Newcastle Untd. N/C	10.	-	-	1	11	20
Hereford	Stuart Phillips	22	Apprentice	15	2	-	-	17	49
Mansfield	Dave Caldwell	23	Inverness Caley	14	1	1	-	16	47
Northampton	Terry Austin	30	Crystal Palace, Ipswich, Plymouth Walsall, Mansfield, Huddersfield, Doncaster	9	_	2	1	12	103
Peterborough	Ray Hankin Phil Chard Alan Waddle	28 23 29	Burnley, Leeds, Middlesbrough Notts Forest N/C Halifax, Liverpool, Leicester, Swansea, Newport, Mansfield, Hartlepool	7 7 8	1 1			8 8 8	87 20 69
Reading	Trevor Senior	22	Dorchester, Portsmouth, Aldershot (Loan)	30	4	1	-	35	43
Rochdale	Steve Johnson*	26	Altrincham, Bury	7	1	2	-	10	71
Stockport	Mike Quinn*	21	Derby, Wigan	15	2	-	-	17	50
Swindon	Alan Mayes Jim Quinn	30 24	Q.P.R., Watford, Northampton (Loan), Chelsea Oswestry Town	12	-	- 6	3 2	15 15	129 16
Torquay	John Sims*	31	Derby, Luton (Loan), Oxford Uto (Loan), Notts. C., Colchester (Loan), Exeter, Plymouth	9	1	_	_	10	85
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Wrexham	Dave Gregory	32	Peterborough, Stoke, Bury, Blackburn (Loan), Portsmouth	13	_	-	1	14	107
York City	John Byrne	23	Apprentice	22	-	1	-	23	53

<sup>\*</sup>Steve Johnson is now with Wigan. Mike Quinn - Oldham, and John Sims - Exeter.

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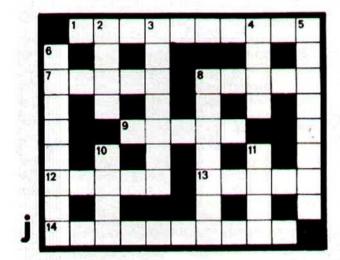
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## Ninety-Niner Crossword

#### No. 23 devised by David Peck



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Forty-five minutes' worth! (6-4)
- One of the Huxford brothers active in the 1960s. (5)
- 8. Former long-running Newport-born goalkeepers - father Arthur and son Len. (5)
- Celtic's European Cup-winning team were labelled "The Lisbon - - -". (5)
- Striker in England's Mexico World Cup effort.

- Forward who travelled from Luton to Rotterdam via Reading. (5)
- He became player-manager of York in 1982.
   (5, 5)

#### DOWN

- - McMillan, half-back who was seen with Chelsea, Hull and Halifax. (4)
- 3. Decision which often causes resentment. (7)
- 4. One of soccer's Sunderlands. (4)
- Forward who began with home-town club Bolton, spent nearly all the 1970s nearby with Burnley, and wasn't far from base with Blackpool. (8)
- Country drawn in Wales: group for the next World Cup. (8)
- Evans, defender with over 350 League games for Swansea from the early 1970s on.
   (7)
- 10. Cummins, could be. (4)
- Directional forward who found the way to goal for Swindon, Stockport, Bournemouth, Northampton and Crewe. (4)



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Back Row (Left to Right): David Wakefield, Fred Barber, Bob Lee, Neil Connell, Colin Ross
Standing (Left to Right): Peter Johnson, David Barton, Jeff Wilson, Kevan Smith, Alan Walsh, Tim Gilbert, Bob Farrelly (Physio)
Seated (Left to Right): Peter Cartwright, David Young, Brian Honour, Cyril Knowles (Manager), Dave McLean, John Craggs

# Introducing...Erom the Ecethams Ground

Our visitors this evening Darlington have a lot in common with us here at the County Ground. History links both Towns with the Railway, both grounds adjoin Cricket pitches, we both made exits from this seasons F.A. Cup in the Fourth Round, also we are virtually on par with each other in League performances both mid table, although Darlington may be able to improve on last seasons seventeenth position.

Managed by former Middlesbrough and Tottenham full back Cyril Knowles who is in his first season in charge at Feethams, formerly coach at Doncaster in their promotion year in 1979/80, he was First team coach at Middlesbrough before joining the Quakers in July of last year.

Darlington were involved in the transfer market before last months deadline, releasing midfield player David Wakefield to Torquay and signing Mike Angus from Southend and he has been prominent in netting two of their goals in the recent 3-0 away win over Bury. Another signing was Mark Forster from Leicester City where he had been a regular goalscorer in the Filbert Streets Combination team, he also found the net along with Mike Angus at Bury.

Darlington's home record shows they have fallen to all the Divisions leading teams. Despite a goalless draw with York they have been defeated 1-0 by both Bristol City and Aldershot, lost 2-1 to Doncaster, and 2-0 to Colchester, they also lost 2-1 to Bury. Home wins have come in matches with us by 1-0, also by the same score over Rochdale, Tranmere and Peterborough. They have also defeated Chester 2-1, and by the same score Chesterfield, won an eight goal thriller with Northampton 5-3, and beat Crewe 2-0. They have been held to draws at Feethams by Reading 1-1 and another goalless draw with Hereford United.

Away from home they have won 1-0 at Torquay and Tranmere, 2-0 at Halifax and 3-0 at Bury. They have suffered defeat at Reading, Hereford and Bristol City 0-1, also at Northampton, Stockport, York and Rochdale 0-2, and 1-2 at Crewe, Hartlepool and Chester. Their heaviest reversal was at Blackpool 1-3. They have shared the points in 1-1 draws at Chesterfield and Wrexham.

The Quakers squad includes 19 year old Fred Barber, a former club apprentice who made his League debut in a home match with Stockport last season, making 12 appearances before the seasons end, has been a regular since.

Veteran John Craggs is the former Middlesbrough and Newcastle United full back, now 34 years old. John's experience has helped the younger Darlington players to mature. John played over 470 matches at Ayresome Park and nearly 70 in two spells at Newcastle, cost Middlesbrough a £60,000 fee when they secured him from St James Park. Kevan Smith is one of two 6' 3" defenders in the Quakers squad along with Jeff Wilson, Kevan aged 23 has now made over 200 appearances for Darlington since joining the club from Stockton. Former apprentice Jeff Wilson is 18 and still trying to establish a regular place in the Club's line up. One of manager Cyril Knowles' first acquisitions before the seasons start was to sign 24 year old left back Peter Johnson from Newcastle, the former Middlesbrough defender had spent a loan period at Ashton Gate last season with Bristol City, he has been a regular with Darlington this season.

Another former Newcastle player is Peter Cartwright a 25 year old midfield player, he moved to Darlington last season after 70 appearances at St James, originally cost Newcastle £5,000 from North Shields, spent a loan period with Scunthorpe while with Newcastle.

Industrious Dave McLean joined Darlington in 1979, now 25, Dave a former Newcastle apprentice played 10 matches for his home town club before joining Carlisle in a £10,000 deal, but after a brief spell there playing 15 matches he moved to Feethams on a free transfer. Has now made 200 appearances for the Club and along with Kevan Smith and Alan Walsh was ever present last season.

Twenty four year old Tim Gilbert now in his second season with the Club was originally with Sunderland as an apprentice going onto appear in over 40 matches for the Roker Park Club before a £8,000 move took him to Cardiff's Ninian Park, but after 33 matches with the Welsh Club he returned to the North East to join Darlington.

Former Club apprentice Brian Honour, now 19, made his debut in April 1982 against Crewe, is now nearing 50 first team appearances.

The Quakers strike force for the last few matches has been without one of the most consistent goalscorers in Fourth Division football in 26 year old Alan Walsh, joining Darlington in 1978 Alan has been a prolific scorer, netted his 100th goal this season the only player to achieve this feat at Feethams. Scored 19 goals last season and is again top goalscorer this season with 18 goals. Another former Newcastle player is Sunderland born Kevin Todd, United paid Ryehope C.A. a fee of £5,000, but after 10 appearances at St James Park he moved to Feethams originally on loan last season scoring 8 goals in 20 appearances, this season he has netted 7 goals.

Twenty one year old John Hannah is part time at Darlington and during the week works for the National Coal Board, only made his debut in February against Chesterfield and scored 4 goals to date.

In this seasons F.A. Cup the Quakers defeated First Round opponents Mossley 5-0 at Feethams, drew 0-0 with Altrincham at home in the Second Round, but won the replay away by 2-0. In the Third Round they beat Alliance League Club Maidstone United 4-1, but very unluckily went down 2-1 to last Saturday's F.A. Cup Semi Finalists Plymouth Argyle at Home Park.

In the Milk Cup Darlington defeated Halifax 1-0 in the 1st Leg of the 1st Round Tie and won the home tie 3-2, to finish 4-2 winners on aggregate, but a tough draw against Sheffield Wednesday saw a First Leg defeat by 3-0 at Hillsborough, and a home 4-2 defeat saw them make their exit on a 7-2 aggregate. Only York City and Blackpool have a better defensive record than Darlington to date in this seasons Fourth Division.

#### by DAVE KING

How many of our regular supporters can remember Frank Haffey? A Scottish International goalkeeper who made just four league appearances for us twenty years ago, we were then a Second Division Club. Frank made those four appearances during the 1964-65 season, the first in an away match with Preston North End where before a crowd of 13,907, we lost 2-1. His next match was his home debut when we beat Ipswich 3-1 with 14,101 present. Frank's third match was in a 2-1 defeat at Home Park, Plymouth with the Devon Club having 16,215 in attendance. His four match career with the Town was to come to a sudden end in a home defeat with Bolton Wanderers by 3-1, our goal was to come from John Trollope who netted from the penalty spot, a crowd of 14,245 watched Frank's last game for the Club.

Frank was born in Glasgow on November 28th 1938, and he joined Swindon from Glasgow Celtic in October 1964. Frank had become well known as the poor unfortunate custodian in a Scotland debacle, which occurred on an April day in 1961, when Frank had conceded nine goals at Wembley against a rampant England team, who managed by Walter Winterbottom, had that season already inflicted heavy defeats on Ireland 5-2, Luxembourg 9-0, Spain 4-2, and Wales 5-1. But on that April day England were to record a victory that still stands today as the highest in the series of matches between the two countries, an England win by 9-3 was to see the rout of the Scots. A day which to their fervent supporters was on a par with Flodden and Culloden.

Frank had made his International debut a year earlier in a 1-1 draw with England, played at Hampden Park in 1960. His selection arose through injuries to the two preferred goalkeepers Lawrie Leslie of Airdrie, and Bill Brown of Tottenham Hotspur. Frank marked his debut by mishandling nearly every other ball he received, Frank thought his chance of another International cap had gone, only to be recalled one year later, at Wembley, how Frank was later to feel he wished he had not.

At the time Frank was enormously popular in Scotland with crowds and players, having a reputation as a comic and character - later he became a professional singer and his colleagues always stated that no more pleasant personality pulled on a keepers jersey.

But that day at Wembley he was to be blatantly exposed by his defenders, and his nerve betrayed him time and time again, even today certain Scots, notably Denis Law and our former manager Dave MacKay, still hate to talk of this match. The teams on that memorable day for England were:-

ENGLAND: Springett, Armfield, McNeil, Robson (now England team manager), Swan, Flowers, Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Haynes and Charlton.

SCOTLAND: Haffey, Shearer, Caldow, MacKay, McNeill, McCann, McLeod, Law, St. John, Quinn and Wilson.

Frank did not deserve to shoulder all the blame for the 9-3 defeat, if his selection defied logic, the Scottish tactics did even more so, Dave McKay seemed to think he had the desire to win the match all on his own, and left gaps a player with the portion of the talent Johnny Haynes possessed would have exploited, the other wing half McCann did the same, with both full backs wide, McNeill was a solitary figure at the back.

However despite a lead of three goals, England were brought back to 3-2, and at that stage despite their tactics and peculiar selections a surprise looked possible for Scotland, but Scottish fire was doused by a free kick taken by Jimmy Greaves and finished by Douglas, from then on Scotland did not just collapse, they disintegrated.

Previous to this Robson (9 mins), Greaves (20, and 29 mins) had given England a 3-0 half time lead, on another day Frank might have stopped all three, but the hordes of Scots who had come South had something to cheer when MacKay and Wilson reduced the arrears.

Smith with a goal in the 73rd minute opened the floodgates for a further four goals in the space of twelve minutes to pour past the hapless Frank, Haynes scored twice in ninety seconds, Greaves completed his hat trick and Smith scored number nine. A goal from Quinn for Scotland was irrelevant.

At the end of the match Haynes was carried shoulder high from the pitch, while Frank left the pitch in tears. When Bobby Smith scored the ninth goal for England, Frank held his hands up in a gesture as if to say 'No more please', not surprisingly Frank Haffey never played for Scotland again.

England went on to defeat Mexico 8-0 in their next match, nobody seemed able to stop England that season of 1960-61, least of all Scotland's Frank Haffey. Walter Winterbottom said after, 'We couldn't help but play well they left so many gaps'.

When Frank was signed by manager Bert Head, we were not to know that we were sliding back towards Division 3 in that 1964-65 season. With the briefest of careers with us, Frank is more remembered for his exploits with a guitar than his prowess in the goalkeeping jersey, after his four games with the Town, Frank emigrated to Australia.

Other Town players who played in those four matches with Frank will spring readily to mind for those Town supporters who witnessed those days of twenty years ago. The same ten players, along with Frank played unchanged in those four matches, they were Owen Dawson, John Trollope, Keith Morgan, Tom Hallet, Roger Smart, Mike Summerbee, Bill Atkins, Don Rogers, Ken Skeen and Peter Legget. Frank was one of three goal-keepers to be used by the Town that season, the others were Norman Oakley and Tony Hicks.

The only consolation for Frank, despite his days of tears, is that he at least can look back on those days in the safe knowledge that although his second International match was a disaster, he at least knows that he was good enough to represent his country not once, but twice, an honour that no defeat can diminish.

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DIAN GOAL

#### by DAVE KING

With York City now having such a commanding lead over the rest of the Division it will be interesting to see if they can pass the record number of points accumulated by last seasons champions Wimbledon who finished the season with 98 points to their credit.

Transfer news.... Dave Serella Blackpool defender has joined Altrincham of the Alliance Premier League... another Alliance Club Yeovil Town have signed our former goalkeeper Kevin Roberts from Weymouth for a fee of £550.

Bristol City manager Terry Cooper plans to strengthen his squad for next season whether they gain promotion or not saying 'If we do not gain promotion it will prove the squad was not strong enough to get out of the Fourth Division, and if it does it will obviously need new players to cope with a higher League and I will be looking for players in defence, midfield and up front'. With City's last home match at Ashton gate this season being with us as their visitors, it could be that we may determine their status for next season, an interesting prospect may be in store come May 7th.

Two months ago Billy Bremner, manager of Doncaster Rovers, stated he would resign at the end of the season even if the Club won promotion, but he has now had a change of heart saying, 'Since Peter Wetzel was appointed to the Board of Directors money has been made available for new players at last, now I feel we have a realistic chance of doing well in the Third Division and we won't be going there just to survive'. It was only a few weeks ago that Doncaster made a shock £100,000 swoop north of the border to buy an unknown 20 year old apprentice coach builder John Philliben from Second Division Stirling for £70,000, Celtic Reserve striker Jim Dobbin completed the £100,000 investment.

The high price paid for John Philliben was one of the surprise buys before the transfer deadline. Some managers must be wondering if they have missed out on a highly valued young defender, of the transfer John Philliben said 'I know some of the Midland Clubs were showing interest, but Doncaster were the first Club to bid for me, I always wanted to play full time and took the first opportunity'.

Despite the fact that our former midfield player Glenn Cockerill joined Third Division promotion hopefuls Sheffield United, where he joined up with one of his former County Ground team mates in Ray McHale, he still regrets the transfers that got away saying, 'I desperately want to play in the First Division, and both Watford and Everton came in for me early in the season, Lincoln turned down £150,000 and I can't help feeling bitter, it's worse now both of them have gone on to reach the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals. The Sincil Bank Club sold me to Swindon for £110,000 and then bought me back for £40,000, with that in mind I felt the First Division Clubs had put in a fair offer, turning them down was unfair on me because it stopped my career progressing,' says Glenn. 'I'm not blaming Lincoln manager Colin Murphy, the decision went above him, he has always said I would do well in the top flight'. Midfield player Glenn had expected to stay with the Imps until the end of the season when his contract was due to expire and he had hoped to join a bigger Club, on his move to Sheffield United he says, 'I had no second thoughts when I heard Ian Portfield was interested, they are a First Division outfit, all they need is to get there'. Glenn is fourth in a line of prominent names to move from Sincil Bank in recent seasons, others to move have been Mick Harford now with Birmingham City, Tony Cunningham to Sheffield Wednesday, and Trevor Peake to Coventry City.

Glenn has signed a three year contract with the Yorkshire Club and says of his departure, "It must be frustrating for the fans when the Club gets a good team together, but has to sell to survive, they just can't afford to turn any offers down". The fee for Glenn has varied widely in the press from £40,000 to the £125,000 he is now believed to have cost.

This evenings match will end in stalemate if the two respective goalkeepers have their way, for both are in 24th position in a poll of Scottish and League keepers, both let in a goal every 78th minute. Positions regarding Fourth Division occupants up to and including Wednesday March 21st were:

		Games	Goals	Ave. Mins. per Goals			Games	Goals	Ave Mins per Goals
1.	Roger Jones (York)	29	26	100	11.	Michael Salmon (Stockport)	35	49	64
2.	Alec Chamberlain (Colchester)	33	31	96	12.	Richard Coles (Aldershot)	34	50	61
3.	John Shaw (Bristol City)	36	36	90	13.	Peter Gleasure (Northampton)	36	53	61 60
4.	Dai Davies (Tranmere)	34	34	90	14.	John Turner (Torquay)	34	51	60
5.	David Seamen (Peterborough)	34	35	87	15.	Stuart Naylor (Crewe)	26	42	56
6.	Kevin Rose (Hereford)	35	40	79	16.	Barry Daines (Mansfield)	21	35	54
7.	Fred Barber (Darlington)	33	38	78	17.	Steve Conroy (Rochdale)	35	59	53
8.	Scott Endersby (Swindon)	26	30	78	18.	Lee Smelt (Halifax)	34	60	53 51
9.	Denis Peacock (Doncaster)	27	33	74	19.	Jim Brown (Chesterfield)	20	39	49
10.	Alan Judge (Reading)	32	42	69	20.	Phil Harrington (Chester)	35	66	48

Hereford United's recent run of five successive wins which ended with their recent 1-1 home draw with Colchester, a match that was originally abandoned on New Years Eve due to a power failure in the 68th minute, made Club history. This was their best run since being elected to the League 14 years ago, the previous best was four straight wins when they won the Third Division in 1976 and also in 1973 when they were runners up in the Fourth Division. But they have a few games to go to beat their 1965 Southern League sequence of nine wins on the trot.

Acrobatic Jim Quinn well covered by the Aldershot defence in an attempt at goal.

Bottom Left Striker Jim Quinn and Paul Batty close to the Aldershot goal . . . .

Top Right
Paul Batty (left) attempts to block an Aldershot attack in the last County Ground defeat, watched by Jim Quinn.

Bottom Right

Jim Quinn stretching to get a goal for the Town in the match against Aldershot.





# Photo Call BY DAVE EVANS







### **Behind the scenes**

by Bob Jefferies

For all programme collectors, the 10th International Football Programme Fair will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London (three minutes walk from Holborn Underground Station) on Saturday, 2nd June, 1984 from 11.00 am. to 4.00 pm. Admission on the day is 60p but if you purchase your tickets in advance from David Stacey, 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex, they will cost you just 30p, but please include a stamped addressed envelope if you take advantage of this special offer.

Talking of programme fairs, the Supporters Co-operative are organising their own fair on Sunday, 20th May here at the County Ground. This occasion has been very successful in past years and we hope you will give it your support.

I have had brought to my notice an organisation called 'The Association of Provincial Football Supporters' Clubs in London (APFSCIL), an umbrella organisation that brings together London-based supporters' clubs of provincial football teams. The main objective of APFSCIL is to help promote travel to matches involving member clubs. Often supporters of clubs who are in opposition on a particular day will travel together as a group without experiencing any trouble, indeed British Rail are appreciative of their good reputation and give the organisation the benefit of cut-price travel. If there are any London based fans of this club who may wish to be put in touch with other 'exiles' with a view to forming a London branch, then please contact the Press and Publicity Officer of APFSCIL, Mr Rupert Metcalf of 1a, Gordon Road, London, W5 2AD.

For those who support the reserve team, the last two games have now been re-arranged. That against Birmingham City (away) will be played on Thursday, 19th April and the home game versus Arsenal will be played here on the County Ground, on Wednesday, 16th May, kick off 7.00 pm.

A week ago Ken Beamish and I attended a meeting at Ashton Gate to consider the formation of a new reserve league under the patronage of the Western League. The proposed league would consist of those clubs from the West of England and Wales but of course, some of these clubs are already members of the Football Combination, including ourselves, and although a decision has yet to be made, I feel we would be reluctant to relinquish our Football Combination membership and the quality opposition it provides. As an alternative to the Western League scheme, Peterborough United Football Club are advocating that reserve team football should be organised on a regional basis by the Football League and this suggestion was discussed at a Group Five Meeting held also at Ashton Gate last week. From these meetings it is clear that those clubs without reserve teams are experiencing problems in being unable to provide competition games for those players not currently in their first teams and certainly those clubs who have withdrawn from the Football Combination in past years, are regretting their action.

I am still unable to give you, at this time of writing, a date on which the home leg of the English Schools F.A. Gillette Trophy Final Tie between Swindon Boys and Sheffield Boys will be played as I understand the Sheffield side are abroad in competition but the game is likely to be played on Tuesday, 10th May. However, if the date is confirmed by this evening I will arrange for the details to be announced over the loudspeaker. There is certainly a lot of interest in the game, and rightly so.

We are receiving enquiries regarding the kick off time of the Good Friday game at Wrexham. We have been advised that the game will commence at 3.00 pm.

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#### Featuring the Youth Team

The South East Counties Team has played just one game away to Brentford, and as I mentioned this was a very important game, as it is between them and us who wins the Championship. With ourselves holding top spot over them by two points before this game, it was important to get a good result.

Unfortunately, the result went against us losing 3—2 in the last minute, this however did not reflect the game as a whole, for we outplayed them for long periods having at least 70% of the game. Their goal had a charmed life, for we had four efforts cleared off the line, hit the post twice and the keeper making some very good saves. At the other end everything went wrong for we were punished dearly for the mistakes we made. So with the points being level from the same number of games, it is the team who manages to keep their game together now the pressure is on. Having the better goal difference, we must just be favourites.

The Reserves have played just one game, at home to Chelsea, losing 3–1. This was a bad result as we fielded our strongest side of the season including nine first teamers. The first half was encouraging creating some good openings and at the half time we thought we could get a good result, what a difference the second half turned out to be with little discipline or pride about our play and in the end deservedly lost. With still ten games to go we are still hoping to avoid finishing in the bottom two.

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lined a European Cup Winners Cup match
in East Germany in 1975. Officiated as
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