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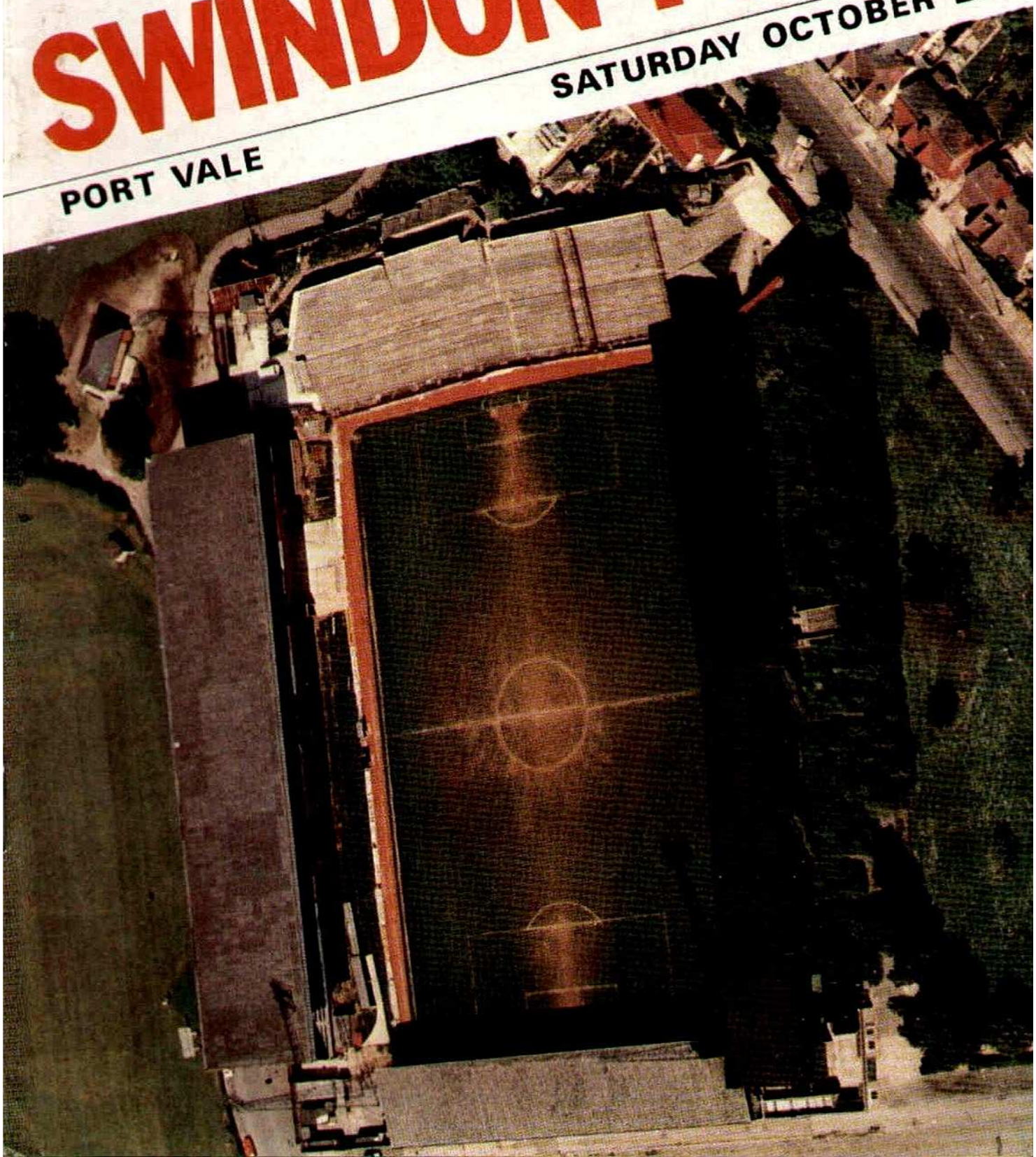

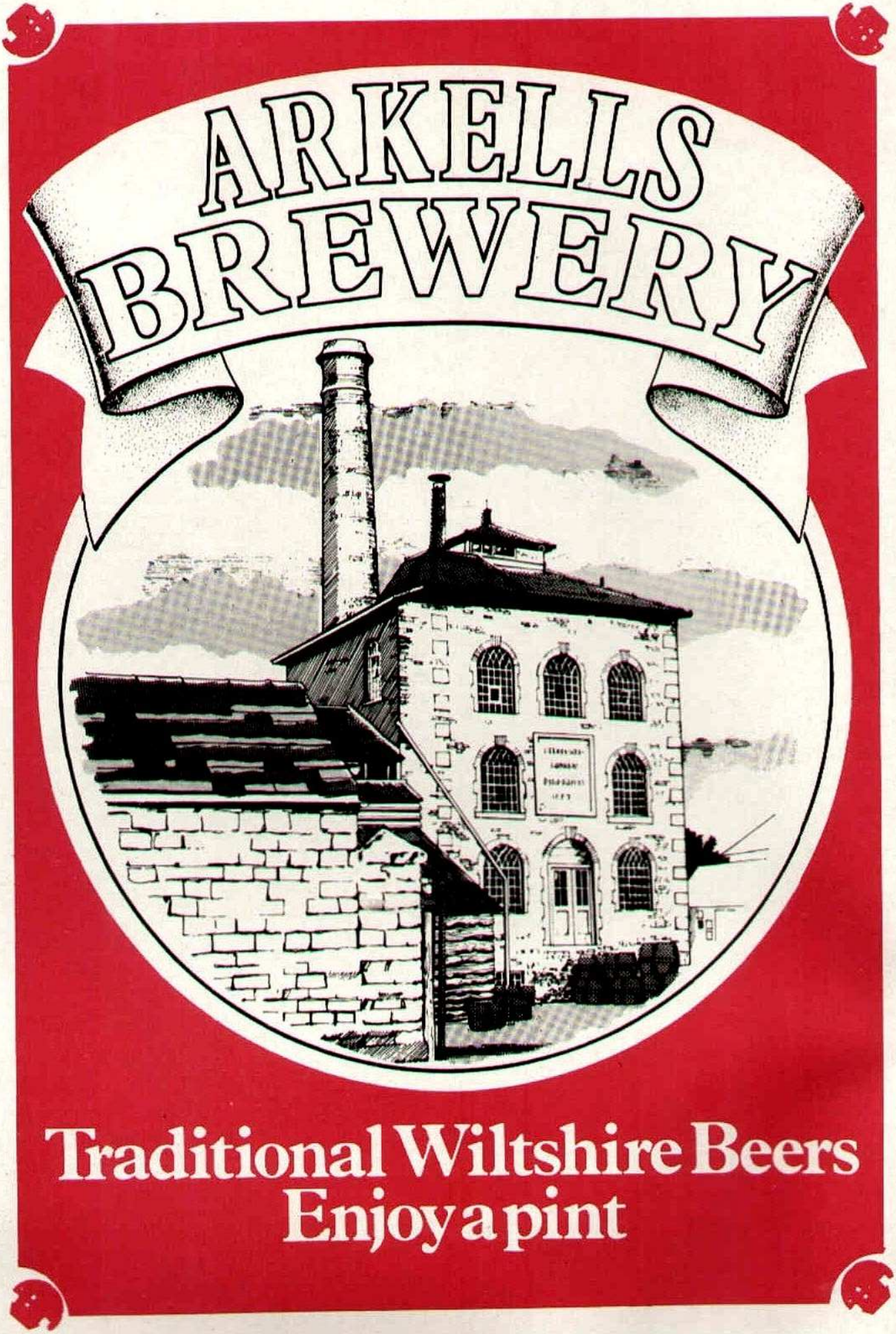
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Chairman's Comments

Since our last home game we have held the Annual General Meeting of the Company and, at a Board Meeting convened immediately afterwards, Mr Maurice Earle resigned from the Board of Directors. The Directors elected myself to succeed him as Chairman, Mr Gary Herbert being appointed Vice Chairman. In recognition of thirteen years service on the Board, Maurice was elected to be a Vice President of the Club and we wish him well in the future and hope to see him at our matches as much as possible.

The Annual General Meeting itself was quite lively with many questions being asked of the Manager, Lou Macari, who handled himself very well, this being his first experience of such an event.

The game against Peterborough was quite pleasing with the team giving maximum effort after having Chris Ramsey sent from the field of play. I thought we looked more likely of scoring the winning goal than they. It was also encouraging to see 4,000 people at the match and hope that this may continue.

Our thanks go to Dick Mattick for arranging the launch of the 'Junior Robins Club' and the children who attended thoroughly enjoyed the game and meeting the Manager and Players afterwards on the playing pitch.

Last Saturday at Crewe the team went down by 3 goals to 2 in what was a very entertaining game, in fact, it was generally felt that, had we got our second goal a few minutes earlier, we might well have gone on to score again and get a deserved draw.

Also, last week we paid a visit to Cheltenham Race Course along with our season ticket holders and enjoyed a day's racing. Our thanks go to Edward Gillespie, General Manager of the racecourse, who arranged this and we hope that their Club Members will enjoy the return visit for our game with Exeter City towards the end of the season.

This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Port Vale and hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon.

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Having been asked to write these programme notes I think it worthwhile, at this stage of the season, to make one thing clear. Although we have had an indifferent start to the season, there is no way I or any of the other players feel that promotion this year is not on.

I must admit that this time last year I felt as strongly as anyone that we would have been promoted. However, with the strength of squad we have and with the addition of the new management team we must have a realistic chance this time with the season barely under way.

We have suffered some very disappointing defeats in games that we should have won. Consistency is the important necessity in achieving success and if we all play to our maximum capabilities on a more regular basis I am sure we will succeed. Unnecessary mistakes have cost us dear this far which is something we all realise.

For my own part I am delighted to be amongst the goals again, and I will be striving to better last year's return. Whatever happens though, all the players are totally committed to getting out of the Fourth Division and bringing back those lost thousands. For those of you who still remain faithful, keep supporting and believing. Best wishes.

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Welcome to Port Vale

BY DAVE KING

The playing fortunes of the Burslem Club have been very up and down in the last two seasons. Promoted the previous season, relegated last, in a season which saw former manager John McGrath depart and the present incumbent John Rudge elevated from coach in December last year.

In a season beset with contractural problems, John said of last season, 'after achieving promotion in 1983 we went into last season full of confidence, but in retrospect the foundations were not strong enough for us to progress in the 3rd Division. For some players did their talking off the field – well that's no use to me, they've got to prove themselves where it matters, we hear of players in Clubs being too good for this or that League but you never hear Liverpool talk like that, they just get on with their job in a real professional way.'

With only one defeat away from Vale Park by a solitary goal at League leaders Hereford, draws at Wrexham (1 - 1) and Blackpool by the same score, along with victories at Torquay (3 - 1) and last Saturday at Rochdale (2 - 1) prove we shall find the Vale Park Club doughty opponents.

Mixed fortunes in home matches have held the Valiant's in check from occupying a top four position, losing at home to Mansfield (0 - 1) and Northampton (0 - 3), and drawing (1 - 1) with Hartlepool. Victory has come in matches with Tranmere (2 - 1) and Crewe (2 - 0). In the Milk Cup they went out of the competition in the second round to Wolves on a 2 - 1 aggregate score, after disposing of Bury in the first round.

The following players made up the composition of the team that won 2 - 1 last Saturday at Rochdale:-

Goalkeeper CHRIS PEARCE made his seventh League appearance of the season at Spotland last Saturday. The former Wolves apprentice was with Rochdale before joining the Vale Park Club, where he made 41 League appearances. Today will be his 56th League appearance. Chris is 23 years old.

Full back ALAN WEBB is one of three former West Brom players signed during the summer, 21 year old Alan has played in all ten matches to date. The former Hawthorns apprentice made 24 appearances in League matches for Albion, and eleven on loan to Lincoln City last season.

Former Club apprentice 24 year old full back RUSSELL BROMAGE, has settled at Vale Park this season after being in dispute with the Club last season over contract problems. He spent a two game loan period with Oldham last season otherwise all of his 236 appearances in the League have been with the Potteries Club. Russell was sent off in the away match with Bury in September in the Milk Cup, has appeared in seven League matches this season, was ever present in season 1982/83.

Making his 240th League appearance last Saturday was central defender PHIL SPROSON who has appeared in all ten League games this season. Joining the Club as amateur, Phil was 25 last Saturday. Scored in the home match with Hartlepool on Sept. 8th, Phil was selected for the P.F.A. representative Division 4 team two seasons ago.

His partner in the centre of the defence is veteran JOHN RIDLEY, 32 year old John made his 385th League appearance last Saturday. A schoolteacher he has now made 237 League appearances for Vale in two spells with the Club. Spent one season with Leicester City and three with Chesterfield in between. Ever present for Vale in 1975/76, and also Chesterfield in 1979/80, has appeared in all ten League matches this season.

Former Huddersfield Town midfield player 26 year old TERRY ARMSTRONG was injured in the first half of last Saturdays match at Rochdale, the former Leeds Road apprentice was injured most of last season has now played in 156 League matches, forty of them with Huddersfield Town.

Joining the Club from First Division neighbours Stoke City in the close season was midfield player PETER GRIFFITHS, 27 year old Peter has played in all of Vales ten League matches scoring his first goal for the Club in the last home match with Crewe, last Saturday was his 72nd League match, sixty for Stoke, and two on loan to Bradford City last season. Peter was originally with Bideford in the Western League.

On loan from Aston Villa is 21 year old RAY WALKER, who has played in nine League matches in three seasons at Villa Park. Scored his first League goal in the Potteries Club 3 - 1 away win at Torquay on Sept. 15th. Last Saturday was his 17th League match.

Veteran forward ALLY BROWN has played in all of Vale's ten League matches this season after joining the Club on a free transfer from Walsall during the summer. Last Saturdays goal at Rochdale was the 121st of his League career in 438 League appearances, this is Ally's twentieth season in football, coming from five with Leicester, twelve with West Brom and one shared with Crystal Palace and Walsall. He has never been ever present in any of them!

Eire International EAMONN O'KEEFE was Vale's other scorer last weekend, Eamonn was 31 last Saturday, a career spent with Plymouth Argyle, Hyde United, U/S Arabia, and Mossley,

Everton and Wigan Athletic, it was his 142nd League appearance last Saturday in which he has scored 42 goals.

Nineteen year old ROBBIE EARLE was the subject of a £25,000 bid from Birmingham City early last month, he has scored two goals this season at home to Tranmere and away to Torquay during September. Has now made thirty League appearances, including last Saturday's.

Substituting for the injured Terry Armstrong last Saturday was former Rochdale player IAN GRIFFITHS who had made 159 League appearances for the Spotland Club, has made substitute appearances in the last two League matches, 24 year old Ian has scored ten League goals.

Former West Brom apprentice DEREK MONAGHAN is the third former Hawthorns player now at Vale Park, 25 year old Derek a former England Youth International has played in twenty one League matches, nineteen of them with Albion.

With Manchester United as an apprentice, GEOFF HUNTER who will be 25 next Saturday, was with Crewe before moving to Vale Park after 87 League matches, has now played in 137 at Vale Park after the last home match with Crewe. Has been ever present in two of his five seasons in League football, one with Crewe and the Vale promotion year of 82/83.

Back Row: (Left to Right)
John Rudge (Manager), Russel Bromage, Ally Brown, Phil Sproson, Barry Siddall, Chris Pearce, Derek Monaghan, Wayne Cegielski, Alan Webb, Alan Oakes (Coach)

Front Row: (Left to Right)
Terry Armstrong, Robbie Earle, Peter Griffiths, Geoff Hunter, Martyn Smith, Tommy Gore, Eamon O'Keefe

A Lasting Memory

BY DAVE KING

Some moments in life are forever branded indelibly on the minds of those present. Such an event occurred on February 1st 1958, in a First Division match between Arsenal and Manchester United, a game that finished with the final score 5 - 4 in United's favour. For one man that match will remain a classic and an epitaph to his colleagues in the shirts of Manchester United on that day, for it was the last match Harry Gregg was to play alongside the famous Busby Babes in England, for within a week five of them were to die at Munich.

The United side on that day included the following: Harry Gregg, Bill Foulkes, Roger Byrne, Eddie Colman, Mark Jones, Duncan Edwards, Ken Morgans, Bobby Charlton, Tommy Taylor, Denis Violett and Albert Scanlon. With Jack Blanchflower a centre half, John Berry and David Pegg both wingers and inside forward Billy Whelan all rested, this was the team that held Red Star of Belgrade to a 3 - 3 draw the following Wednesday night.

At Highbury, United took a quick lead when after ten minutes the powerful Duncan Edwards put United ahead when his shot from just outside the penalty area was too powerful for Jack Kelsey in the Arsenal goal to hold. On the half hour United were two up, one second Harry was saving superbly under the United crossbar, seconds later straight from the clearance, Scanlon sprinted down the left flank and Bobby Charlton crashed home the centre with all the explosive power that was to become his hallmark.

With Tommy Taylor adding a third just before half time, the United first half display was a team effort, but the effort and contribution of Eddie Colman and Duncan Edwards stood out. Both shared a belief that attack was the best form of defence. With each complementing the other to perfection the old dictum was proved correct.

At half time the rest of the game appeared a formality with reigning champions United and Cup Finalists the previous season, and European Cup Semi-Finalists, had revelled in all out attack.

Remember it was an era when football was a lot less predictable than now, such phrases and actions as 'closing down' and 'putting up the shutters' were not common place, even players with the knowledge and technique did not have the required inclination.

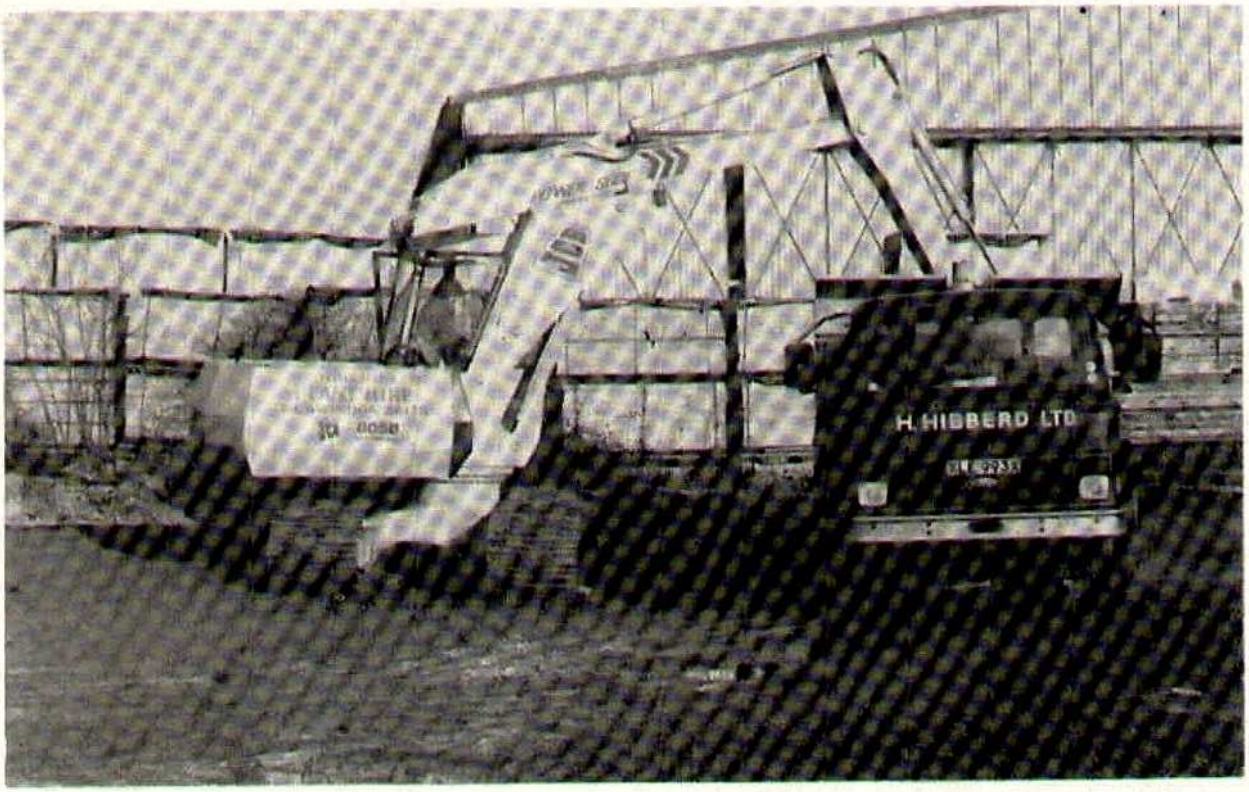
With half an hour left the match exploded, in the space of two and a half minutes Arsenal were level, the Gunners recovery was started when David Herd volleyed in a lob by Dave Bowen, the second was added by Jimmy Bloomfield, the cheers greeting this second goal had hardly died when Bloomfield dived low to turn in a centre from Arsenal winger Gordon Nutt. Highbury was now a seething mass of pandemonium, but United re-asserted themselves, where others would have wilted, they took charge like champions.

By sheer force of character and willpower they superimposed their skills to dominate once more, a Denis Violett header made the score 4 - 3 , and with Taylor scoring from an acute angle it was soon 5 - 3 even then the excitement had not stopped, Derek Tapscott burst through the centre of United's defence to score following a clever move by Herd and Bowen. A match of nine goals drew to a close with the score Arsenal 4 United 5!

The players had provided a memory for the spectators present and no one knew it was to become an epitaph. There were some fine players in the United team, a thought that has often occurred, what would have happened to Bobby Moore if Duncan Edwards had survived Munich? A player of immense stature he made his debut for United at 15! Also killed in the ice and snow of Munich were Tommy Taylor, an unselfish type of forward with his running off the ball, defenders Roger Byrne and Mark Jones and the midfield player Eddie Colman nicknamed 'Snake Hips', a player who Harry once described, 'When he waggled his hips he made the stanchions in the Grandstand sway'.

Harry not only survived the crash, but attempted to save his team mates by returning to the wreckage, in retrospect the match at Highbury was a tragic one due to the subsequent events, but for those who witnessed it, a lasting memory was forced. As the score line suggests the accent was always on attack, the time was yet to come when strategists with obsessions for numbers were to strangle the game with defensive formations as became prevalent in the 1970's.

The match underlined the quality of a still developing United side, that brought real joy to those who not only watched but played, and as the years have rolled away, and time softens but does not extinguish the pain of a sad period in Harry's life. He may recall a February date when twenty two players provided a crowd of 65,578 with a lasting memory and a fitting tribute as an epitaph for the famed 'Busby Babes', so named after their illustrious manager of that time Matt Busby who was later to be knighted, and is now President of the Old Trafford Club.



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FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

Following the recent shareholders meeting of our Club there were changes in the structure of the Board of Directors with Mr Brian Hillier and Mr Gary Herbert accepting the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. They, like one of the previous Chairman Mr C. Green can be seen watching the Club teams at all levels, home and away, and it is comforting to know that the destiny of the Club is guided not only by men with an accumen for business, but are also avid supporters at heart.

Our congratulations must go to Wrexham who in the first round of the European Cup Winners Cup defeated last seasons beaten finalists F.C. Oporto of Portugal in their two leg tie. Their reward is a second round match with A.S. Roma, having suffered a £5,000 deficit from the cost of the first round the North Wales Club will be hoping to keep a respectable scoreline from the first leg match in Italy to attract a large crowd for the second leg at the Racecourse Ground.

European glory perhaps, but within three days the Welsh Club were back down to earth at Torquay when losing by the odd goal in seven, where a 26th minute goal by debutant Mick Perry on loan from West Bromwich Albion gave the Devon Club an early lead. Twenty year old Mick has played twenty first team matches for the Hawthorns Club scoring five goals in his three seasons with them.

Good news for Northampton Town manager Tony Barton who has been told by his Doctor that he can begin a slow and gradual return to certain aspects of football following the heart attack he suffered during the summer. Everyone connected with football will send him and his family their best wishes for a full recovery. A man of dignified proportion he deserves better luck than he has encountered this year following his dismissal from Villa Park.

How close today's visitors Port Vale came to playing the recent away leg of their Milk Cup tie with Wolverhampton Wanderers behind closed doors because of a threatened strike by the Molineux Turnstile operators who feared their jobs would be lost to a security firm, but Wolves' chief executive Eric Woodward assured them that their positions were safe, at least until the end of the season. 'It was a misunderstanding based on rumour', he said.

Two of our former players were named in International squads for this week, with Paul Rideout for the England Under 21 match with Finland at Southampton and Jimmy Quinn for Northern Ireland. If Paul was selected it would be a further honour to add to his Schoolboy and Youth Caps he has been awarded.

The hat trick in the recent home match with Blackpool by Alan Mayes was his second for the Club, the first was on his debut for us at Rotherham on February 24th 1979 when we won 3 - 1, How much harder it is to score three in a match in modern day football when you consider that George Camsell who got nine for Middlesbrough in the Second Division in 1926/27!

The two goals that Stewart Phillips scored in the 2 - 2 draw at Hartlepool last Saturday meant that apart from keeping Hereford United at the top of the League table he had also maintained his personal record of scoring in every away League match this season!

Today's visitors to Edgar Street to challenge the League leaders are the last team to win there, Tranmere Rovers who won 1 - 0 in February last with a second half goal. Since then Hereford have put together an unbeaten home run of 15 matches including 10 wins and have not conceded a League goal at home in 450 minutes this season.

Our match at Crewe was virtually settled in the opening twenty minutes, despite a first minute goal we were swept aside with three goals in the next seventeen minutes, that was our third successive defeat at Crewe since we were relegated to the Fourth Division. Alan Mayes second half penalty took his goals to five from the last three matches.

Although only ten matches have been played, only one Club, Exeter City have failed to register an away win so far, while the four leading Clubs Hereford, Chesterfield, Bury and Peterborough United along with Colchester and Southend remain unbeaten at home.

Transfer moves have taken Cambridge United forward Kevin Smith to Exeter City on loan, he has played in 36 League matches scoring 4 goals for the recently relegated East Anglian Club. While Peter Farrell who played for Crewe in our match at Gresty Road last Saturday to our cost when he dominated midfield in the first half along with John Crabbe has joined Alexandra from Rochdale, Incidentally he still rates as one of the most expensive buys in the transfer market for today's visitors Port Vale who paid Bury £40,000 for his services in November 1978.

With two goals at Halifax last Saturday Ernie Moss took his total of League goals to 201 from six hundred and seven League appearances. An admirable record, but still a long way behind the highest scorers in League football. For the record the leading six are Arthur Rowley 434, for West Brom., Fulham, Leicester and Shrewsbury. Dixie Dean 379 (Tranmere, Everton and Notts County); Jimmy Greaves 357 (Chelsea, Tottenham and West Ham); Steve Bloomer (Derby and Middlesbrough) 352; George Camsell 346 (Durham City and Middlesbrough) and Vic Watson 317 (West Ham and Southampton). Ernie who was 35 yesterday is the leading career goalscorer playing in our Division.

While we welcome goalkeeper John Power who is on a months trial with us from Limerick, another player who was on trial with us last season has moved in the opposite direction.

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TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	KEVIN BADDELEY	3
	LOU MACARI	4
	ANDY ROWLAND	5
	MIKE GRAHAM	6
	LEIGH BARNARD	7
	PETER COYNE	8
	ALAN MAYES	9
	PAUL BATTY	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
		12

Referee:

Mr. A. N. Buksh (Dollis Hill, London)

Linesmen:

Red Flag – Mr. D. C. Madgwick (Aylesbury)
Yellow Flag – Mr. R. G. Smith (Adderbury, Oxon)

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S LINE-UP

AGUE DIVISION FOUR

	PORT VALE	TEAM CHANGES
1	CHRIS PEARCE	
2	ALAN WEBB	
3	RUSSELL BROMAGE	
4	GEOFF HUNTER	
5	PHILIP SPROSON	
6	JOHN RIDLEY	
7	PETER GRIFFITHS	
8	RAY WALKER	
9	ALLY BROWN	
10	EAMON BROWN	
11	ROBERT EARLE	
12	IAM GRIFFITHS	

Next Match

Canon League Division Four

STOCKPORT COUNTY Kick Off – 3.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1984

REFEREE:

BUKSH, ALF – Postman. Married with a teenage daughter. Commenced refereeing in 1970 progressing via Middlesex Border and Isthmian Leagues. A member of Harrow referees' society and interested in all sports. Senior linesman U.E.F.A. Cup 2nd round 2nd leg match and F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1983/84 season. Refereed F.A. Vase Semi-Final 2nd leg 1983/84.

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Swindon's Gary Nelson takes on an airborne challenge in the game against Peterborough.

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE TABLE 1984-1985

(UP TO AND INCLUDING OCT 13TH)

DIVISION FOUR - BY DAVE KING

Last Seasons Final Position	Average Home Gate This Season	Average Gate 83-84	+ or -	Manager	HOME P	HOME W	HOME D	HOME L	HOME F	HOME A	CLUB	AWAY W	AWAY D	AWAY L	AWAY F	AWAY A	PTS	Goal Diff	League Leading Goalscorer	Total	Where Scored H	Where Scored A	League Career Goals Total
11	3,474	2,984	+	JOHN NEWMAN	10	4	1	0	7	0	HEREFORD	3	1	1	10	5	23	+ 12	STEWART PHILLIPS	8	1	7	53
13	3,757	3,414	+	JOHN DUNCAN	10	4	1	0	9	4	CHESTERFIELD	3	1	1	10	5	23	+ 10	PHIL BROWN, ERNIE MOSS, BOB NEWTON 4 each				
15	2,671	2,104	+	MARTIN DOBSON	10	4	1	0	11	3	BURY	3	1	1	7	5	23	+ 10	WAYNE ENTWISTLE	6	3	3	47
7	3,431	3,424	+	JOHN WILE	10	5	0	0	11	3	PETERBOROUGH	1	3	1	4	3	21	+ 9	ERRINGTON KELLY	4	3	1	15
14	2,311	1,507	+	CYRIL KNOWLES	10	3	1	1	11	3	DARLINGTON	1	4	0	6	5	17	+ 9	JOHN HANNAH	5	3	2	8
6	4,335	3,936	+	SAM ELLIS	10	3	0	2	8	2	BLACKPOOL	1	2	2	6	8	16	+ 4	JOHN DEARY, KEVIN STONEHOUSE, ALEX DYER 4 each				
8	1,901	2,220	-	CYRIL LEA	9	2	2	0	8	5	COLCHESTER	2	1	2	9	11	15	+ 1	TONY ADCOCK	9	6	3	57
DIV 3	3,493	4,023	-	JOHN RUDGE	10	2	1	2	5	6	PORT VALE	2	2	1	7	5	15	+ 1	ALLY BROWN	3	1	2	119
10	1,624	2,138	-	BRYAN HAMILTON	10	3	0	2	8	6	TRANMERE	2	0	3	7	9	15	E	JOHN CLAYTON	7	5	2	16
23	1,901	1,505	+	BILLY HORNER	10	2	2	1	8	6	HARTLEPOOL	2	1	2	6	9	15	- 1	ROY HOGAN, LES MUTRIE 3 each				
16	2,009	2,454	-	DARIO GRADI	10	3	0	2	9	7	CREWE	2	0	3	6	10	15	- 2	MARK LEONARD	5	3	2	15
12	2,461	2,098	+	ERIC WEBSTER	10	2	2	1	8	5	STOCKPORT	1	2	2	6	9	13	E	TOMMY SWORD	3	2	1	30
DIV 3	1.932	3,142	-	BOBBY MOORE	10	2	3	0	6	4	SOUTHEND	1	1	3	6	8	13	E	STEVE PHILLIPS	5	4	1	151
24	1,988	1,764	+	JOHN McGRATH	10	2	1	2	8	8	CHESTER	1	3	1	5	6	13	- 1	DAVID BRETT, OWEN BROWN, PETER SAYER 3 each				
19	2,378	2,440	-	IAN GREAVES	10	2	1	2	6	4	MANSFIELD	1	2	2	2	5	12	- 1	DAVE CALDWELL	4	2	2	52
17	3,265	3,344	-	LOU MACARI	10	2	1	2	8	9	SWINDON TOWN	1	2	2	6	7	12	- 2	ALAN MAYES	7	6	1	115
20	1,695	2,038	-	BOBBY ROBERTS	9	2	1	2	11	8	WREXHAM	1	0	3	6	9	10	E	JIM STEEL	8	5	3	46
9	1,334	1,922	-	DAVE WEBB	10	1	3	1	6	7	TORQUAY	1	1	3	4	7	10	- 4	COLIN BARNES	3	1	2	11
DIV 3	2,117	3,249	-	FRANK BARLOW	10	1	2	2	11	10	SCUNTHORPE	1	1	3	6	8	9	- 1	CHRIS COWLING	5	3	2	22
DIV 3	2,619	3,380	-	JIM ILEY	9	2	2	1	8	4	EXETER CITY	0	1	3	1	7	9	- 2	RAY PRATT	4	3	1	44
5	2,272	2,483	-	LEN WALKER	10	0	2	3	5	8	ALDERSHOT	2	0	3	5	7	8	- 5	MARTIN FOYLE	4	2	2	5
22	1,259	1,491	-	VIC HALOM	10	0	1	4	2	7	ROCHDALE	1	2	2	5	9	6	- 9	LES LAWRENCE	3	1	2	73
21	1,117	1,412	-	MICK BULLOCK	9	1	0	3	3	7	HALIFAX	1	0	4	1	10	6	- 13	BARRY GALLAGHER	2	2	-	38
18	1,822	2,343	-	TONY BARTON	10	0	1	4	2	9	NORTHAMPTON	1	0	4	4	12	4	- 15	AUSTIN HAYES	3	2	1	22

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HIGHEST ATTENDANCE: 5,221 DARLINGTON v HARTLEPOOL - OCT 2nd

LOWEST ATTENDANCE: 1,004 HALIFAX v ALDERSHOT - SEP 8th

PENALTY SCORERS: HARVEY (HEREFORD) 3, DEARY (BLACKPOOL) 2, MAYES (SWINDON) 2, NEWTON (CHESTERFIELD) 2, STONEHOUSE (BLACKPOOL) 2, 1 EACH - CRABBE (CREWE), BELL (SCUNTHORPE), HAYES (NORTHAMPTON) HOLMES (PETERBOROUGH), McLEAN (DARLINGTON), PHILLIPS (SOUTHEND) VINEY (EXETER), ZELEM (CHESTER). SWORD (STOCKPORT).

DISMISSALS

SEP 1ST R McDONOUGH (EXETER) v BLACKPOOL (AWAY), C RAMSEY (SWINDON) v HARTLEPOOL (AWAY),
4TH R BROMAGE (PORT VALE) v BURY (AWAY)
8TH B RODAWAY (TRANMERE) v STOCKPORT (AWAY),K YOUNG (BURY) v CHESTER (AWAY).
15TH P HENDRIE (STOCKPORT) S BUXTON (STOCKPORT) v HEREFORD (AWAY).
29TH B MUNDEE (NORTHAMPTON) v COLCHESTER (HOME)
OCT 1ST R CAVANAGH (STOCKPORT) v ROCHDALE (AWAY)
6TH C CALDERWOOD (MANSFIELD) AWAY, C PRICE (HEREFORD) v MANSFIELD (HOME)
T SMITH (HARTLEPOOL) v TRANMERE (AWAY)
7TH C RAMSEY (SWINDON) v PETERBOROUGH (HOME)
13TH P GROVES (COLCHESTER) v DARLINGTON (AWAY), S FOX (CHESTER) v EXETER (AWAY)

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5000 CLUB

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10th October 1984
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First Prize £135	Mrs. M. Wiltshire, 1 Hillview, Norton, Malmesbury.	No. 0849
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Many of you reading the programme today will not know what the 5000 Club is. Many of you will know that it was commenced as an additional fund raising competition last spring. Many of you received details of the competition when attending matches at the end of last season, and thought it would be a good idea to become a member.

Just over 1000 people have joined and Swindon Town F.C. is receiving another regular income, but we need more members. Details of the 5000 Club are as follows:–

1. The Commercial Office underneath the Town End (entrance from the Car Park) organise the competition.
2. The office is open before and after every home match and the staff will be pleased to see you.
3. The office also open Monday to Friday during normal business hours and the telephone numbers are 31510 and 642984.
4. To become a member of the 5000 Club you agree to pay £1 every 4 weeks. (This can be paid for a whole year or part of year if required).
5. On becoming a member you will be given a membership card and a number. A draw is held every 4 weeks on a computer. So after paying your money you do nothing. All records are kept by the Commercial Dept., and all winners are informed.
6. The more people who join the larger the prizes, so if you make the effort to contact us everybody will benefit.

I wish to become a member of the Friends of Swindon Town 5000 Club and enclose . . . . . to pay for . . . . . draws.

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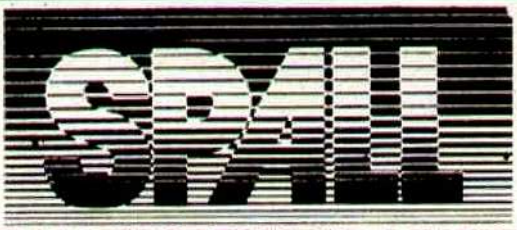

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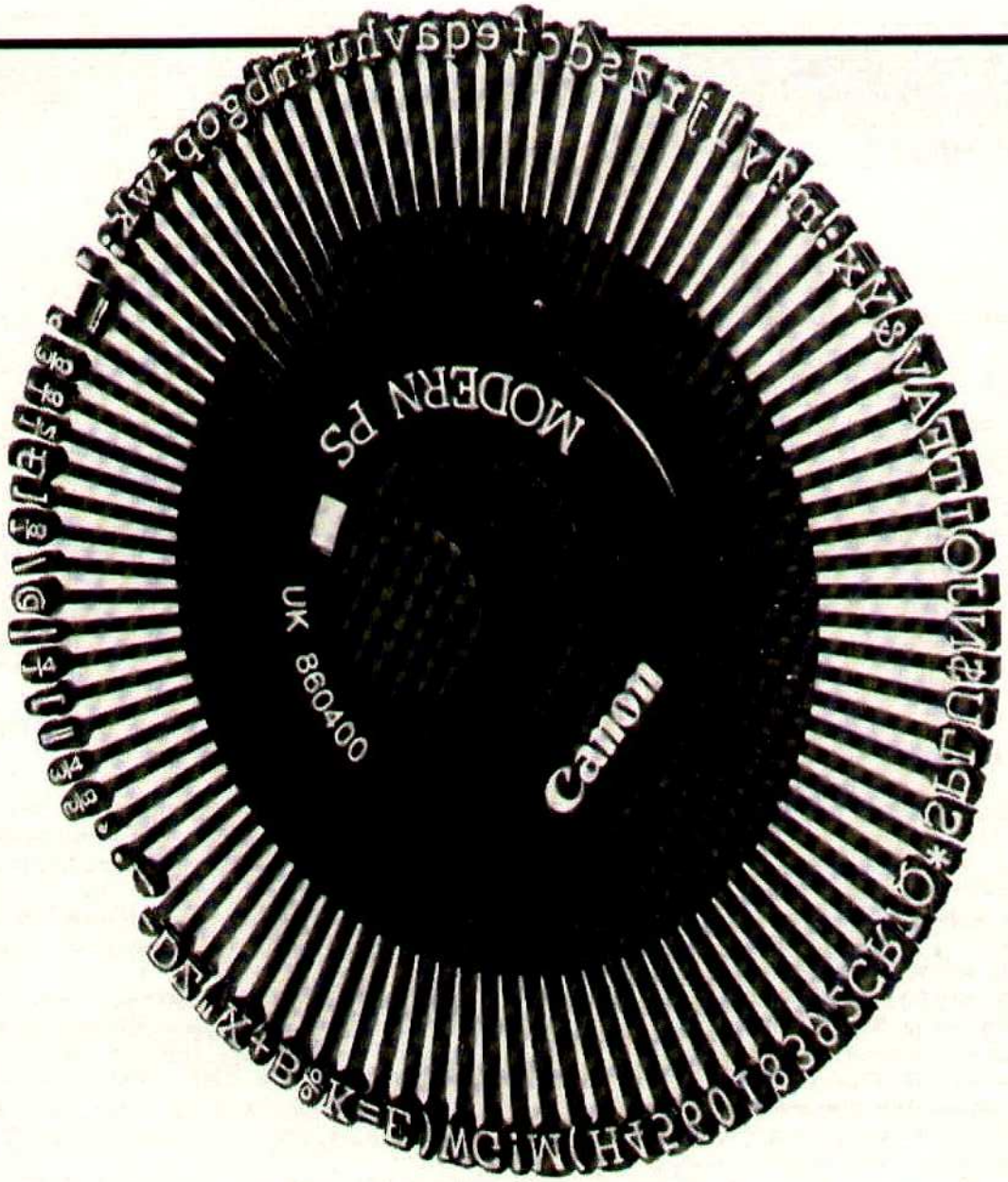

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FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

10 Years Ago – October 1974

Two goals by Eastoe gave Swindon a victory at Chesterfield on the 2nd, and he repeated this feat against Southend three days later in front of 6,690, again without reply. The following Saturday the Town travelled to Halifax, earning a point in a goal-less draw, but watched by only 1,730. Wrexham were the next visitors, managed by ex-Town player John Neal. After taking a 1 - 0 interval lead Wrexham found the going harder in the second-half when goals from David Moss and Joe Butler saw Swindon win 2 - 1.

A Monday night visit to Tranmere saw the home side score three times without reply, before the Town made the trip to Leeds Road on the Saturday. A goal-less first half was little indication of the final result, a 2 - 2 draw with David Syrett and Peter Eastoe netting for the Town.

20 Years Ago – October 1964

Swindon started the month as they had finished the last with a Home victory, this time 4 - 2 over Derby. Despite the visitors scoring first, goals from Ernie Hunt (2) and Owen Dawson gave the Town a 3 - 1 half-time lead, Hunt completing his hat-trick in the second-half. The following Saturday 25,216 saw Swindon go down 2 - 3 at Coventry, Hunt and Ken Skeen scoring for the Town, before a mid-week match with Southampton. 19,311 saw a hard fought game, Skeen scoring after 35 minutes to make it 1 - 1 at half-time, but there was little to separate the two sides and it wasn't until five minutes from the end that Keith Morgan got Swindon's winner.

An injury to Ken McPherson during the Home game with Cardiff left Swindon with 10 men, but 2 - 0 up through Skeen and Mike Summberbee. The Town continued to attack, scoring a third through Peter Leggett before Cardiff managed to take advantage of the situation, the game finishing at 3 - 3. For the visit to Preston Frank Haffey, a £8,000 signing from Celtic earlier in the month, made his debut in goal, but conceded two, Summerbee replying for Swindon. A 3 - 1 victory over Ipswich on the final Saturday of the month left Swindon in 15th place, the goals coming from Bill Atkins, Summerbee and an own goal.

30 Years Ago – October 1954

The month started badly with a 1 - 0 home defeat at the hands of Northampton in front of 8,899 on the 2nd, but the following Saturday first-half goals by Roy Onslow and Bob Hunter gave Swindon a victory over Shrewsbury, although the visitors made a fight of it in the second-half when they pulled one back. This game also saw the debut of Matthew Gemmell, a 23 year old inside left signed from Portsmouth for a "substantial fee" the previous day.

A visit to Walsall seven days later saw Swindon gain what was to be the only away win of the season. 9,010 watched as Maurice Owen gave the Town the lead after 15 minutes, Onslow adding a second 14 minutes later. Walsall reduced the deficit in the second-half, but were unable to add any more leaving the score at 2 - 1 to Swindon. The local derby with Bristol City on the 23rd produced the biggest gate of the season, 19,880, and for the third match running Swindon were 2 - 0 up at half-time, Hunter and Owen scoring. But this time they were unable to hold on in the second-half: a 2 - 2 draw resulting.

A friendly against a strong Southern Command XI on a Thursday night ended 1 - 1 in front of 2,93 2,931, Micky Bull scoring for Swindon, and two days later Swindon visited Leyton Orient where a second-half goal sent the Town home pointless.

YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

BY JOHN TROLLOPE

On Monday next the 22nd October we start a new venture in the Centre of Excellence. This Centre is an indirect feeder to the newly formed School of Excellence where the best 25 schoolboys are invited to a two year course based around the development of the lads in the skills of the game to become future internationals. Our centre is the first stepping stone and a licence has to be applied for and must comply with the necessary requirements laid down by the Football Association. Having been granted a licence a committee has been formed within the club to run things and the administration and running of the centre will be done by these people.

The Centre will be held at Croft Sports Centre on Monday evenings between 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. in two age groups, 11-13 and 13 to over. One hour will be allotted to each group and will consist of sessions solely on the development of the boys' skills. A programme has been laid down by the Football Association and we will be keeping within these guidelines. During the first month the boys will be assessed and if considered of the right standard will be invited to attend for the rest of the season.

This breakthrough into the training of younger boys, is a big step for the professional clubs, for, in the past, we had to wait until they reached the age of fourteen before having any contact.

No committment by the lads to Swindon Town Football Club is required at this stage but obviously on reaching the age of fourteen we will be hoping to attract the good lads to join us as associated schoolboys. With the centre not being just for the Swindon area, lads from within an hours drive can be invited to attend and already letters have been sent out to lads in the Salisbury, Chippenham, Cirencester and Faringdon areas.

We will have five or six coaches available and we are looking forward to being involved with all the lads and hopefully the improvement will help local minor league sides, school teams and the Schools representative teams.

KEY OF THE BOARD

A	Blackpool v Bury
B	Chester v Colchester
C	Chesterfield v Exeter
D	Hereford v Tranmere
E	Mansfield v Wrexham
F	Northampton v Aldershot
G	Rochdale v Peterborough
H	Torquay v Hartlepool
I	Arsenal v Sunderland
J	Aston Villa v Norwich
K	Liverpool v Everton
L	Luton v Watford
M	Manchester Utd. v Tottenham H.
N	Newcastle v Nottingham Forest
O	Q.P. Rangers v Coventry
P	Southampton v Chelsea
Q	Oxford Utd. v Sheffield Utd.
R	Bradford City v Bristol City
S	Bristol Rovers v Doncaster
T	Reading v Burnley

Junior Robins Page

The first thing I feel I must do is to thank the Directors of Swindon Town for giving all Young Robins the chance to see their favourite team regularly. At so many clubs the cost of watching League football is prohibitive. Swindon Town have always had most reasonable admission prices compared with other League clubs but the expense of going regularly was still quite beyond the capacity of most youngsters. At fifty pence I feel that no genuine young supporters will say they cannot afford to come. I am sure all Young Robins will repay the Club with loyalty, good behaviour and vocal support.

The Young Robins will enjoy other things besides cheap admission. Regular Club Meetings will give members the chance to develop their knowledge of the game, improve their playing skills and generally to enjoy the friendship and company of other young supporters.

The creation of any new organisation usually raises questions in peoples' minds so I thought I would try to answer, in this column, some of the questions that have been put to me already.

Question: Can Young Robins sit with their parents in the stand?
Answer: Yes. Arrangements will be made at the GREEN Turnstiles so please enter the ground there.

Question: Can Young Robins get reduced admission if they stand on the terraces.
Answer: Regretfully No. Such an arrangement would require turnstiles being allocated in each corner of the ground with consequent delays to other supporters.

Question: When and where will the Club meet?
Answer: On certain Monday evenings between six and seven p.m., in the Supporters' Club, commencing 19th October, 1984.

Question: Will parents and friends of members be able to attend?
Answer: Yes. Parents will be admitted free, friends may come on payment of 20p which will be refunded if they join at the meeting.

Please do not forget the Junior Robins Painting Competition. Paintings are invited on any football subject and must be submitted to me at the Swindon Town Football Club, County Ground, Swindon by the 15th November, 1984 giving your name and school on the back of the entry.

If there are any questions you would like answered about the Young Robins then please write to me at the Club and I will be only too pleased to try and answer them.

Dick Matick
Junior Robins Organiser

FACTS AND FIGURES

Date 1984	Opponents		Results FA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Sat Aug 25	Wrexham	H	2 - 1	Endersby	Bailie	Nelson	Macari	Henry	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Rowland	Mayes[1]	Hockaday	Coyne	for 5
Mon 27	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup 1)	H	1 - 5	Sperring	Bailie	Graham	Macari	Gibson	Rowland	Hockaday	Coyne[1]	Mayes	Barnard	Nelson	Hughes	not used
Sat Sep 1	Hartlepool United	A	2 - 2	Endersby	Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland[1]	Graham	Batty	Coyne[1]	Mayes	Nelson	Barnard	Payne	not used
Tues 4	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup 1)	A	1 - 0	Endersby	Graham	Baddeley	Payne	Rowland	Gray	Batty	Barnard	Mayes[1]	Gardiner	Nelson	Henry	not used
Sat 8	Torquay United	H	1 - 3	Endersby	Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Barnard	Mayes[1]	Coyne	Nelson	Payne	for 7
Sat 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	2 - 0	Endersby	Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland[1]	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Gardiner	Barnard	Nelson[1]	Mayes	for 3
Tues 18	Bury	A	0 - 2	Endersby	Barry	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Gardiner	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Payne	for 8
Sat 22	Hereford United	H	0 - 3	Endersby	Bailie	Baddeley	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Gardiner	Barnard	Nelson	Payne	for 2
Sat 29	Mansfield Town	A	0 - 0	Endersby	Ramsey	Baddeley	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Gardiner	not used
Tues Oct 2	Blackpool	H	4 - 1	Endersby	Ramsey	Baddeley	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes[3]	Batty	Nelson[1]	Gardiner	for 8
Sun 7	Peterborough United	H	1 - 1	Endersby	Ramsey	Baddeley	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Mayes[1]	Coyne	Nelson	Bailie	not used
Sat 13	Crewe Alexandra	A	2 - 3	Endersby	Ramsey	Baddeley	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne[1]	Mayes[1]	Batty	Nelson[1]	Bailie	for 3
Sat 20	Port Vale	H	.....													
Wed 24	Exeter City	A	.....													
Sat 27	Stockport County	H	.....													
Sat Nov 3	Rochdale	A	.....													
Tues 6	Scunthorpe United	H	.....													
Sat 10	Northampton Town	A	.....													
Sat 17	F.A. Cup Round 1	....	.....													
Sat 24	Aldershot	H	.....													
Sun Dec 2	Darlington	A	.....													
Sat 8	F.A. Cup Round 2	....	.....													
Sat 15	Colchester United	H	.....													
Sat 22	Halifax Town	H	.....													
Wed 26	Southend United	A	.....													
Sat 29	Chester	A	.....													
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Tues Jan 1	Chesterfield	H	.....													
Sat 5	Wrexham (F.A. Cup 3)	A	.....													
Sat 12	Hartlepool United	H	.....													
Sat 19	Torquay United	A	.....													
Sat 26	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 4)	H	.....													
Sat Feb 2	Mansfield Town	H	.....													
Sat 9	Hereford United	A	.....													
Tues 12	Blackpool	A	.....													
Sat 16	Bury (F.A. Cup 5)	H	.....													
Sat 23	Rochdale	H	.....													
Fri Mar 1	Stockport County	A	.....													
Tues 5	Exeter City	H	.....													
Sat 9	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 6)	A	.....													
Sat 16	Crewe Alexandra	H	.....													
Sat 23	Peterborough United	A	.....													
Sun 24	Milk Cup Final															
Fri 29	Scunthorpe United	A	.....													
Sat Apr 6	Southend United	H	.....													
Tues 9	Chesterfield	A	.....													
Sat 13	Northampton Town (F.A. Cup SF)	H	.....													
Sat 20	Aldershot	A	.....													
Sun 28	Darlington	H	.....													
Fri May 3	Colchester United	A	.....													
Mon 6	Chester	H	.....													
Fri 10	Halifax Town	A	.....													
Sat 18	F.A. Cup Final															

	Appearances Lge	Appearances Cup	Substitute Appearances Lge	Substitute Appearances Cup	Goals Lge	Goals Cup	Goals Total
Endersby	10	1					
Bailie	6	1					
Nelson	10	2			2	-	2
Macari	10	1			1	-	1
Henry	1	-					
Graham	10	2					
Barnard	10	2					
Batty	10	1					
Rowland	10	2			2	-	2
Mayes	8	2	1	-	7	1	8
Hockaday	1	1					
Coyne	9	1	1	-	2	1	3
Sperring	-	1					
Gibson	-	1					
Gardiner	3	1	1				
Baddeley	5	1					
Payne	-	1	3	-			
Gray	-	1					
Ramsey	7	-					

BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES

Signing as an apprentice might appear to be a great achievement for a lad hoping to make a career as a professional footballer. Yet I can assure you that it is just the beginning of an intensive education.

The day a 16 year old signs as an apprentice he becomes a full time student of the professional game and has to come to terms with the demands this imposes. The new life is demanding, both physically and mentally and it takes some time for the lad to adjust.

There are three main tasks facing apprentices under the guidance of John Trollope.

1. SOCCER TRAINING AND MATCH PLAY: The training is much harder than they will have experienced. Often they will train in the morning and afternoon. Obviously individual skills are worked on, but the players also have to become more aware of the principles of play and tactics. Performances in matches are analysed in detail as well.
2. DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF THE CLUB: Apart from improving their football skills, the Apprentices are expected to aid the smooth running of the club. This involves attending to kit and equipment, cleaning dressing rooms, maintenance of boots and generally lending a helping hand.
3. GENERAL EDUCATION: This is one are we at Swindon consider particularly important. Once a week each apprentice has to attend college at Oxford, where they receive further education which will lead to a certificate at the end of the course. This is vital because, if they drop out of the game for any reason, they will have something to fall back on. They also spend one afternoon per week in other departments of the club and are required to study and take an examination upon the laws of the game.
   We try to ensure that, if any of our apprentices are not retained by the Club, he will have had sufficient education to make a career elsewhere.

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A subject being considered by the Club Chairman at this time is that of the implications of clubs being forced to leave the League because of financial reasons. It is suggested that, save for Division Four, the only time the constitution of the Divisions can be altered is between the end of the season and the close of the Annual General Meeting. Once the A.G.M. has passed, the fixtures are compiled and the complexities of the pairing system mean that no changes can then be made.

If a club in Divisions One, Two or Three ceases to trade after the end of the season but before the A.G.M., the resultant vacancy will be filled by the promotion of an additional club from the lower Division and consequential vacancies will be filled by additional promotion from the lower Divisions.

If a club in Division One, Two or Three ceases to trade after the A.G.M., the Division carries on one club short, because it will by then be too lat late to amend the fixture list.

If a club ceases to trade during the playing season, at whatever time, its playing record is expunged and the relevant Division shall have one less relegation or re-election place.

In the case of Division Four, if the new re-election procedure is implemented, the bottom club would not face re-election should a Fourth Division club cease to trade during the season.

First and Second Divisions would be maintained at 22 clubs each. As far as possible, Divisions Three and Four would have an equal number of clubs in one season.

As can be seen, the foregoing points contemplate a diminution of the lower Divisions in a process of natural wastage, because the League believes that all the economic arguments are in favour of a smaller Football League in the long term and it would be impractical to keep replacing clubs by electing a lot of clubs from the Gola League. Nevertheless, the League feel they should have the discretion to admit one Gola club, possibly at any time during the close season, if it would help in creating an even number of clubs in Division Four.

Needless to say, no one wants clubs to go but in the light of the recent economic climate in the game and public statements from a number of clubs themselves the unpalatable but real prospect of liquidations cannot be ignored.

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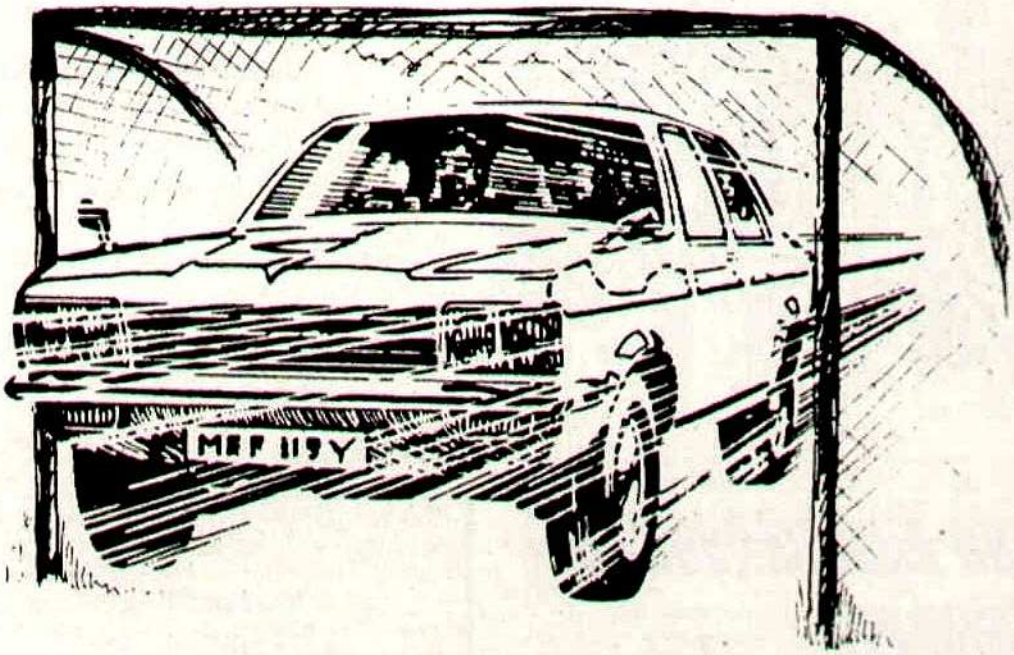

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