

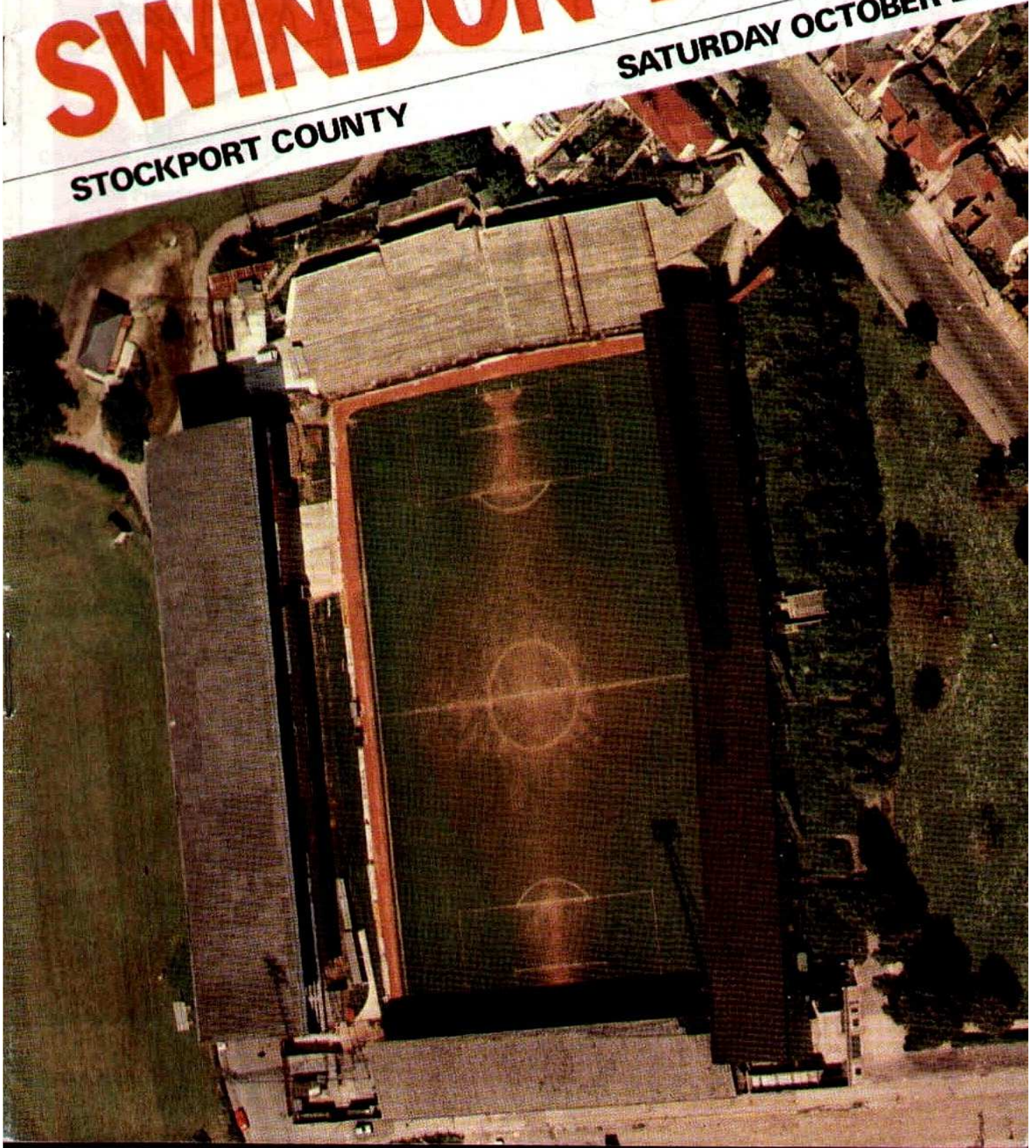


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# **Chairman's Comments**

This afternoon we welcome the Directors, players and supporters from Stockport County and hope they enjoy their trip to Swindon.

Last Saturdays game against Port Vale was a tremendous disappointment to us all and we realise that we must do better if we are to maintain our support at the level that it is at the moment and to go on and improve upon this. At the moment the team are turning in much better performances away from home as was the case at Exeter on Wednesday evening last. Lou Macari is very conscious of the need to bring in one or two new faces to increase competition for first team places but it is equally important to us that any new signings are players that are going to do justice to the side and are also right financially for the Club.

With this in mind I would like to welcome back to the Club Bert Head who is going to help us in a scouting capacity and already last Tuesday on Bert's recommendation, we had Colin Gordon down from the Birmingham area for the Manager to look at in the Reserve side and although we lost by four goals to one to Reading at home the lad looked quite promising, particularly in the air.

Last Monday at the Croft School our new School of Excellence for schoolboys got under way and there was a good turn out of approximately fifty boys and under the guidance of our coaches we hope to reap the benefit of this scheme in years to come.

Back to Wednesdays game at Exeter City which was one of the most one sided games I have witnessed. Despite this with only ten minutes to go it looked as if we were going to lose it and then up popped Peter Coyne to glance in a cross from the left and in the last minute Alan Mayes had the misfortune to hit the cross bar and the ball rolled out to safety. Unfortunately we had two goals disallowed for offside, the second one of these by Alan Mayes for a player off the ball standing in an off side position but quite honestly could not have been interfering with play. However, it was nice to come home with a point although I am sure that no one would disagree with the fact that we should have won the game.

I am sure that our older supporters will be saddened to hear of the death of Nobby Newbury who played here in the first team along with Harry Cousins. Nobby played as a wing half as it was known in those days.

Next Saturday we face the long trip to Rochdale when I hope as many of you as possible will be there to support the team.

My thanks to todays sponsors, Mr. Bruce Marr of Skurrays, Mr. Tony Newman of Malmesbury and Mr. Silk of Highworth for their valued support and I hope you will all have an enjoyable afternoon.



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These notes are written immediately following the disappointing result against Port Vale and just prior to the away game at Exeter and I hope that, by the time you read these words, we shall have achieved a victory at St. James Park.

The addition of Harry Gregg, a goalkeeper of reknown, to the set up at the County Ground has made a big difference to me. Harry always says that he is not a coach but under his guidance I am always learning and once I can find consistency in my form I am sure his influence will show up in my game.

My individual training is different from anything I have experienced in the past, under previous Managers individual training would involve lads shooting balls at me, whereas Harry does not believe in that part of training. His favourite saying is "You are a goalkeeper not a trapeze artist".

He believes goalkeeping is about catching, throwing and kicking with this being carried out repeatedly without having time to think about it, so that these skills become second nature and instinctive. Then at the end of the day, when I analyse what I have done, I find that I have achieved more than I thought.

Despite the fluctuation of our results, I feel that with the existing players, together with the additions the boss is planning to make, we can still have a successful season. A couple of favourable results could make all the difference.

Through all of what we are doing, and plan to do, your support is essential. Make no mistake, the players really appreciate those who support us both home and away and we just hope we can reward this loyalty by winning something at the end of the Season.

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# Welcome to Stockport County

**BY DAVE KING**

Oh so close! That is what the Edgeley Park Club were to what would have been the most momentous victory in their club history when, after holding mighty Liverpool to a goalless second Round First leg tie in this seasons Milk Cup at home before their highest crowd for several seasons of 11,169. They then proceeded to frustrate the Anfield Club in the return leg so that the Liverpool crowd were jeering the efforts of their own players. Unfortunately for County two goals in extra time were to send Liverpool into the Third Round, and the majority of the 13,422 home more in relief than joy.

Perhaps there lies the answer to County's inconsistency to date, for after manager Eric Webster's team had recorded a resounding opening day victory over visitors Hartlepool by 4 - 1, they have failed to record victory other than against European cup winners first round heroes Wrexham by 4 - 3 at the Racecourse, and a 2 - 0 home win over early pacemakers Bury by 2 - 0. To date the best bring County to life.

Otherwise at Edgeley Park, both Tranmere by (2 - 0) and Crew last weeks visitors have recorded wins, Crewe by a solitary John Crabbe goal. Two one all draws with Mansfield and Rochdale have seen the points shared.

Apart from the Wrexham victory, the only other points gained away from home have come from a goalless draw at Torquay, and a one all draw at Southend. Defeats at leading Club Hereford United by (2 - 0) and at Peterborough United by (3 - 1) have preceded today's visit to the County Ground and last Tuesday's away match with Colchester United.

Manager Eric Webster can be described as a man for all seasons for he has served the club in several capacities from groundsman to youth team manager to his appointment as manager in May 1982. He has had managerial experience with non-League Stalybridge, Hyde United one of Peter Coyne's former clubs, and Runcorn.

The squad of players from whom the Edgeley Park Club will be hoping they can avoid us repeating last seasons home and away victories include several players who have served County well for a number of seasons:-

Goalkeeper MIKE SALMON joined the club from Blackburn Rovers where he made only a solitary appearance in three seasons, on loan to Chester in 82/83 season he made sixteen League appearances. But for twenty year old Mike last season was the best of his short career when he was included in every League match, and not conceding a goal in eleven of them.

Veteran full back JOHN RUTTER must regard August of 1976 as one of the happiest months of his life for when he signed for County he could not have envisaged eight years later he would be only a hundred and five appearances away from Bob Murray's 465 record League appearances for County over a ten year period.

Especially when you consider John a former Wolves apprentice had only made four League appearances for Bournemouth, and thirty two for Exeter City before joining County. Thirty two year old John is now in his ninth season with the Edgeley Park Club, in three of these he has made maximum appearances, in fact he has missed only nineteen League matches out of the last 374 played by County until the recent away victory at Wrexham! County fans have not seen John score in the last three seasons at home for his only League goals have come in away matches at Reading last and Northampton the previous season.

Twenty five year old STEVE SHERLOCK is now in his sixth season with the club, the former Manchester City apprentice, joined Luton Town after completing his junior days at Maine Road, but after only one season and two League appearances at Kenilworth Road, Steve joined County and to the start of this season had made 187 League appearances, being ever present in 81/82 season, appeared in the first seven League matches of this season before missing the home match with Bury. Steve has not scored a League goal for County in the last two seasons.

In his fifth season with Stockport is former Bishop Auckland defender TOMMY SWORD, for 26 year Tom County are his only League Club and last season he only missed the home match with Rochdale. With ten League goals, two from penalties, he finished second to the transferred Mike Quinn in the total of League goals scored, including two in a home League match with Halifax in November last. Already on the mark again this season with penalties in the home matches with Hartlepool and Mansfield besides scoring at Peterborough United.

Another model of consistency is 24 year old defender ANDY THORPE now in his eighth season with County, the away match with Hereford United on April 23rd last is the only match that Andy has missed in the last three seasons of League football. The goal Andy scored in last season's home match with Blackpool was his first for three seasons.

Regarded as one of the best midfield players in the Fourth Division is 21 year old DEAN EMERSON, now in his fourth season with County, Dean is another player with an admirable record of appearances only missing three League matches in the last two seasons, not a prolific scorer his goal in the home League match with Aldershot last October was the only goal Dean scored in League matches last season. It was almost a year before his next goal when he scored in the away one all draw at Roots Hall with Southend United last month.

One of the seven goals that midfield player CLIVE EVANS scored in his first season with Stockport came in our home 2 - 1 victory over County in February of this year. A former



Tranmere Rovers apprentice he made 178 League appearances for the Prenton Park Club before joining Wigan after five seasons with the Birkenhead Club. Eleven goals in 1978/79 season is the most Clive has scored in one season, his goal in the home match with Rochdale last month increased his tally to forty four in his 280 League appearances.

Twenty four year old TONY COYLE is Stockport's record buy, costing £25,000 from Scottish Club Albion Rovers in December 1979, after 46 Scottish League appearances, has now made 166 League appearances for Edgeley Park Club, has failed to add to eighteen goals in League football this season but scored in the 1st Round Milk Cup Tie 1st leg match with Rochdale in the 3 - 1 home win.

Stockport County is 29 year old STEVE TAYLOR'S eighth League Club, since serving an apprenticeship with Bolton Wanderers. Steve was on loan to Port Vale while with the Burnden Park Club. Subsequent transfers to Oldham Athletic, Luton Town, Mansfield Town, Burnley, and Wigan Athletic brought him to County last season where he scored six goals from twelve matches. Steve has not scored in the League since the opening day match with Hartlepool but he scored in both the home and away matches of the Milk Cup tie with Rochdale.

Rugged striker JOHN KÉRR a former teammate of Scott Endersby's at Tranmere was signed from Bristol City for a fee of £2,000 last season. A former apprentice with Tranmere where he scored 38 League goals from 154 matches he joined the Ashton Gate Club on a free transfer but after only fourteen appearances returned North. Twenty four year old John has scored 3 League goals this season.

This is 26 year old OSHOR WILLIAMS' sixth season with County, after spells with Southampton, and a loan period with Exeter City, although he was a Middlesbrough apprentice, but never made the League team. Last week saw his 200th League appearance, one hundred and ninety one of them with County, has scored 26 League goals, two coming from home matches with Hartlepool and Bury this season.

Close season signings PAUL HENDRIE and STEVE BUXTON joined Stockport from Halifax Town and Wrexham respectively. Thirty year old Paul has had spells with Birmingham City, Portland Timbers, Bristol Rovers and Halifax where in five seasons he made 187 League appearances which accounted for most of his two hundred and forty career appearances before joining Stockport. Wrexham was Steve's only Club prior to his Summer move, where he made 109 League appearances scoring 21 goals, scored on his County debut on the opening day of the season against Hartlepool.



**Back Row (L-R):** Paul Hendrie, Dean Emerson, Andy Thorpe, Clive Evans, John Rutter.  
**Middle Row (L-R):** Steve Buxton, Steve Taylor, Steve Sherlock, Paul Bowles, Mick Salmon, Tommy Sword, Mike Power, Tony Coyle, Chris Wych (Physio).  
**Front Row (L-R):** John Kerr, Grahame White (Director), Eric Webster (Manager), Alan Kirk (Chairman/President), Brian Taylor (Director), Oshor Williams.



# The Ups and Downs

BY DAVE KING

Contrasting fortunes in the day to day life of the professional soccer player is no better exemplified than in the uncertainty and exhilaration experienced by some of our former players.

Gary Emmanuel in a recent interview said, 'I don't need to be told about the soccer recession', for when his contract with us was up at the end of last season, it was decided we could no longer offer him the same terms. Gary whose career began with Birmingham City with high hopes and a couple of Welsh Under 23 Caps went on to say, 'I was not raking in any sort of fortune, they wanted me to stay but they had to cut the wage bill. I was unlucky that my contract was one of the first to run out and I was given a simple choice. Take a big cut or have a free transfer'. As we know Newport County came in with a good offer and added another year to the 30 year olds career. But Gary knows it will end some time and while the mortgage will still have to be paid, the wages to meet it may not be so easy to come by.

'I was fortunate because I had somewhere to go, but another lad at Swindon had to swallow his pride and sign on again, even then it made me think, I'd had a good season and been playing well, but only three clubs even looked at me. It made me wonder what would have happened if I had been playing badly'.

Gary has a reasonable home and has carved a comfortable life for his wife Lynn and children, Mark (3) and Sarah (7). 'For my age I am quite well off but I am one of the lucky ones', he says. 'I suppose we all get a bit envious of reading about First Division players on £1,000 a week and it doesn't help if fans imagine we all earn that much too. These days the people on the field in most cases don't earn any more than the ones watching. They don't have the problem of what to do next when they are in their 30's. I used to think I would get out of the game when I stopped playing, but now I would love to stay in the game in some capacity. That unfortunately depends on who rather than what you know'.

Also having his ups and downs is Paul Rideout, for he has just experienced the most topsy turvey week. For on Saturday October 13th Paul scored one of the three goals against Manchester United, he was called up to the England Under 21 squad on the Monday, on Tuesday the Football Association charged him with bringing the game into disrepute, Wednesday saw him dropped from Villa's starting line up, then come on as substitute in the Milk Cup Tie with Scunthorpe and scored again.

The final twist came after the Milk Cup Tie when Paul found his car had been damaged and robbed. Paul summed up his week by saying 'I know you have to expect that in football but that week was ridiculous'. Paul said on his selection for England, 'I was surprised to be chosen for the England squad, I don't think I've been

playing well or scoring that many goals, but it was a pleasant surprise and it is up to me to make the most of it. I am pleased the game is at Southampton because that is where I came from and I will have plenty of my family there to cheer me on if I do play. If I do get the chance to play I mean to make the most of it. Being in the squad at the beginning of the season is a bonus — but at the same time if you don't do anything and are dropped it will be twice as hard to get back in'.

We now know Paul played in England's 2 - 0 win, and he was as pleased for Swindon Town as himself on his selection by Dave Sexton for the success of Paul meant a further £20,000 for our club because when Paul joined Villa eighteen months ago the initial fee was £175,000. There was then an additional agreement that we would be paid further cash instalments after Paul had made 15, 25 and 35 senior appearances and a final instalment of £20,000 if he became an England International at any level.

Paul came to prominence in Southampton Schoolboy Football before his move to Swindon six years ago, his father Dave and mother Glenys still run our Youth Hostel. Paul's family came from Pennington, near Lymington, at the age of just fourteen Paul was playing alongside his father in Lymington's Hampshire League side. By then he was a rising star in Southampton's Under 15 team, forming a prolific forward partnership with Ian Baird who is on the Saint's payroll. That season Southampton reached the quarter finals of the English Schools Trophy, both Paul and Ian Baird progressed into the England Schoolboys team, with Paul going on to win eleven caps.

Alongside Paul in the England line up at Southampton was Danny Wallace playing on his home ground, their destinies can be linked back to November 29th 1980 when both made their football League debuts. Danny Wallace at Old Trafford, in a 1 - 1 draw, where the United tea team included Lou Macari, the player who scored for United and is now a team mate of his at the Dell, Joe Jordan. While Paul was scoring on his debut here at the County Ground in a Third Division match with Hull City. Both were just 16 — the youngest men to appear in a League match for their respective clubs.

On the same night Jimmy Quinn who has yet to start a full match for Blackburn Robers was scoring on his International debut for Northern Ireland against Israel in Belfast, while another former player 30 year old John McLaughlin was having his match contract with Fareham of the Southern League terminated, after signing for them in August after a short spell with A.F.C. Bournemouth. His Portsmouth team mate of last season Steve Aizlewood has signed for Watford.





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# FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

The Fourth Division is certainly a developing ground for any worthwhile prospect, with Kevin Keegan the most famous example when he moved from Scunthorpe United. Now there are two more players who could well develop into bargain buys, one of whom moved in the summer, the other still in our division. He is Mark Greenway, the young Halifax defender who has attracted the attention of Leeds United, Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City. He is a local boy, who joined the apprentice staff straight from school, Halifax playing to poor gates would have to consider any reasonable offer.

If Mark Bright the former Port Vale striker who signed for First Division Leicester City in the close season makes 25 League appearances an additional fee will be paid by the Midlands. It was part of the deal agreed by the clubs when Bright was transferred and obviously Leicester will be glad to make the payment. Mark has done well in the short time he has been in League football. A Stoke-on-Trent man, he joined Vale from Leek Town in October 1981.

Our opponents on Wednesday last Exeter City are giving goalkeeper Jeff Wood the opportunity to rebuild his League career. He hopes his Globe trotting days are over, for Jeff born in London who made 147 appearances for Charlton left England four years ago eventually finishing up in Hong Kong via spells in Denmark and Finland.

He made his name on the Continent, for he was in goal for H.J.K. Helsinki when the Finnish Champions beat Liverpool 1 - 0 in the European Cup two seasons ago. Jeff would like to play at a higher level, ironically his last appearance in the Football League before going abroad was for Charlton against his present club Exeter City in October 1981.

He says of his new club, 'I'm just grateful to the club for giving me another chance in the League for until they came in with an offer of a years contract, I was sitting at home wondering about my future. I finished in Hong Kong in the middle of the summer and, with the Finnish season already half way through there was no real opportunity over there. So I came home in the hope that someone would come in with an offer to enable me to start again in the League'.

Wrexham striker Jim Steel was looking forward to last Wednesday's clash with Roma in the European Cup Winners Cup more than most saying, 'This is the draw we all wanted, it's about time we had a share of the glamour and they don't come more glamorous than Roma'. It's a dream come true for the North Wales Club who last season finished 88th in the Football League.

In a recent poll of the most consistent performers in the Fourth Division during August and September with marks out of ten the top seven players were Alan Rogers (Southend) 7.5, Bob Newton (Chesterfield) 7.42, Carl Airey (Darlington) 7.42, Mel Pejic (Hereford) 7.42, Trevor

Quow (Peterborough) 7.42, Colin Calderwood (Mansfield) 7.28, Jimmy Harvey (Hereford) 7.28.

An unwanted record is held by Steve Whitworth the Mansfield Town full back, now in his seventeenth season of League soccer he has yet to register his first League goal. Having now played 554 League matches, it is a record unequalled among outfield players. In fact the only goal he has scored in over six hundred League, F.A. Cup, League and Milk Cup matches for Leicester City, Sunderland, Bolton Wanderers and now Mansfield Town, plus the seven appearances in the mid-1970's for England, is the goal he scored in the Charity Shield for Leicester City against Liverpool in the 1971 final! Maybe a penalty sometime?

Transfer deals involving two players with both Devon clubs went through last week when Exeter City striker Roy McDonough joined Third Division Cambridge United, while last seasons top goalscorer for Torquay United Colin Barnes joined Gola Alliance Club Yeovil Town for a fee of £3,000. New player coach at Torquay is former Arsenal star Eddie Kelly who made his debut in last Saturday's home defeat by fast improving Hartlepool United by 1 - 0.

Our next visitors Scunthorpe United have signed Doncaster Rovers goalkeeper Paul Gregory on loan, he was previously with Chesterfield. Another on loan goalkeeper doing well for his new club is Alan Stevenson with Hartlepool United, the vastly experienced Alan was loaned by Rotherham United last month, having played 566 League matches for Chesterfield, Burnley and Rotherham.

At last Hereford United have conceded a goal in a home match at Edgar Street, when Tranmere Rovers Colin Clarke became the first player to do so after 527 minutes, but it was not enough to stop Hereford stretching their unbeaten home run to 16 games after scoring twice in the first 12 minutes through Steve Emery and a John Williams own goal.

Chesterfield became the Divisions leading goalscorers with 24 goals, following their 5 - 1 home win over Exeter City, all five goals coming in a 16 minute period, and from five different players!

Ian Benjamin, a free transfer signing from Peterborough United in the summer became the third player in the Fourth Division to score a hat trick this season when he helped Northampton Town to a 4 - 0 home win over Aldershot.

Defender Nigel Gray has returned to us after a months loan with Aldershot where he made four appearances in the League, three of these in away matches so the Recreation Ground fans had little opportunity to assess Nigel.

Having played nine of our opening eleven fixtures against teams in the top half of the Table, we have nine of the next eleven against teams currently in the lower half.



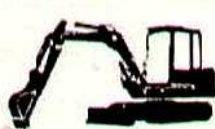


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	LOU MACARI	4
	ANDY ROWLAND	5
	MIKE GRAHAM	6
	LEIGH BARNARD	7
	PETER COYNE	8
	ALAN MAYES	9
	PAUL BATTY	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
		12

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3	DAVE BYRON	
4	DEAN EMERSON	
5	TOMMY SWORD	
6	ALEC JONES	
7	OSHOR WILLIAMS	
8	PAUL HENDRIE	
9	JOHN KERR	
10	STEVE TAYLOR	
11	TONY COYLE	
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Andy Rowland appears to be well held when going for a long throw against Port Vale.



Leigh Barnard strides into action against Port Vale last Saturday.





Almost a Town equaliser from a corner against Port Vale, but the ball was cleared off the line.



Town boss Lou Macari (left) sets up an attack during last week's defeat by Port Vale.



## COMMERCIAL BREAK from DOUG BUSWELL

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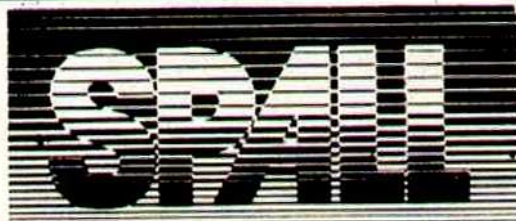


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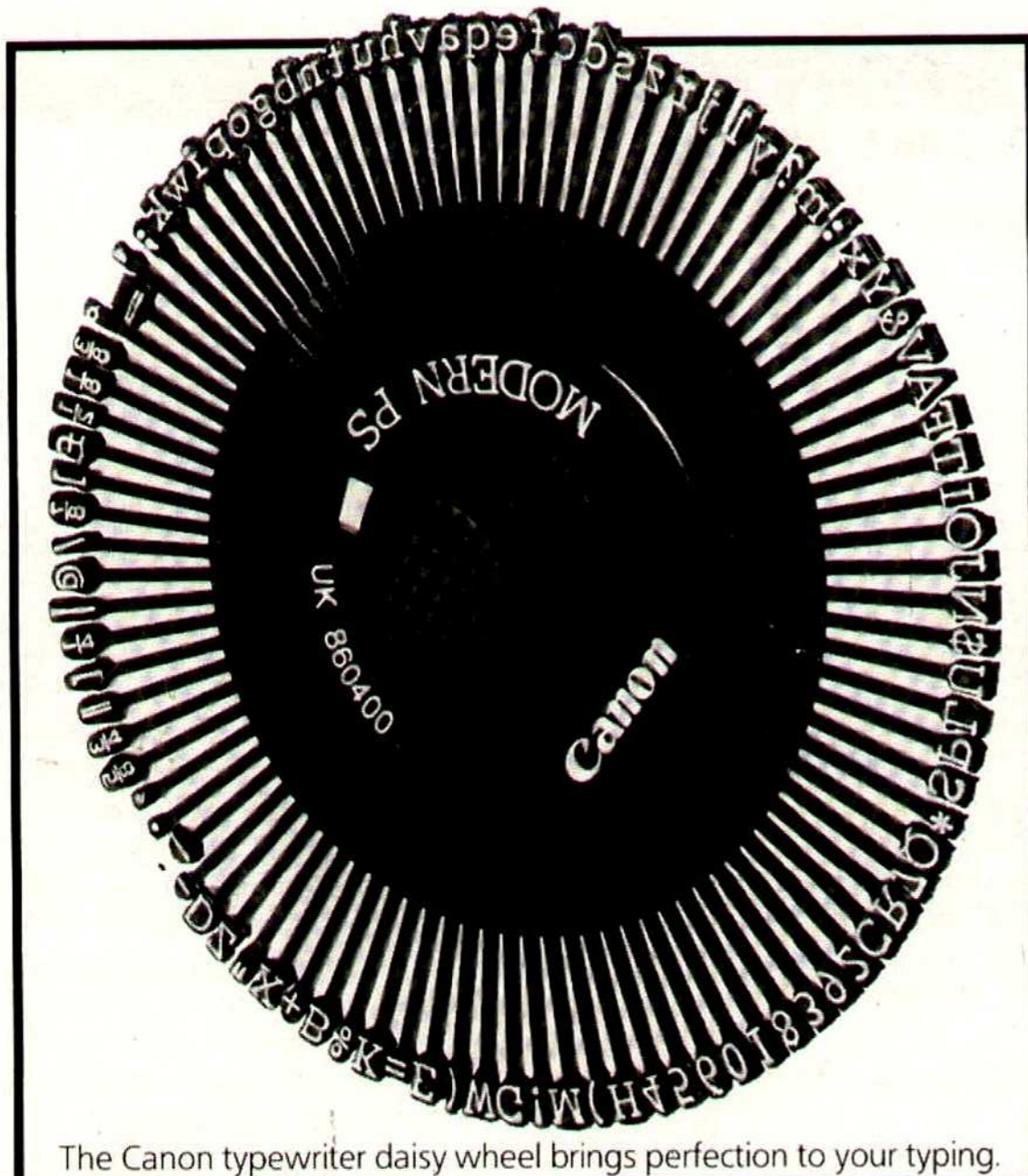


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# FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

## Swindon Town v Stockport County

### Full Football League results:

	HOME			SEASON	AWAY		
(Swindon score first)	14	Mar	3 - 0	1958 - 59	0 - 2	25	Oct
	19	Dec	2 - 0	1967 - 68	0 - 2	25	Aug
	17	Aug	1 - 0	1968 - 69	1 - 2	8	Mar
	30	Apr	2 - 0	1982 - 83	2 - 1	26	Nov
	11	Feb	2 - 1	1983 - 84	3 - 1	23	Sep

The introduction of the Third and Fourth Divisions at the start of the 1958 - 59 season saw several new clubs coming to the County Ground, Stockport being one of them. Swindon were waiting for their first Victory, home or away, since January 3rd, which probably accounted for the crowd being only 8,558, and on the showing of the first-half it was going to be a long wait.

A blustery wind, combined with the usual cut up pitch, did little to produce a good game, the first-half being a very drab affair with most passes finding opponents rather than team mates, and any shots were of the long range variety and therefore ineffective. It was no surprise that the teams went in at half-time in the same position that they had started the game — 0 - 0.

The second-half livened up considerably when after two minutes John Richards scored. A corner by Arnold Darcy was headed goalwards by Andy Micklewright, but pushed away by keeper Barnard. Richards picked up on the loose ball and hit it home off the post, but with both wingers giving a below par performance, and Kelly keeping Ray Chandler busy in goal, it wasn't until the 63rd minute that the Town got the second. Willie Marshall, signed from Bradford City at the end of the previous month, managed to beat the off-side trap which had featured heavily in the game. With Stockport's defence standing waiting for the flag, Marshall rushed forward, easily rounding the keeper and scored his third goal in three games. Then ten minutes from time another solo effort, this time from Richards, made it 3 - 0.

Swindon's team: Chandler, Neal, Bingley, Fountain, Hudson, Owen, Skull, Richards, Marshall, Micklewright, Darcy.

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The visit to Edgeley Park in March 1969 produced a game that was soon to be forgotten, even though it was a top of the table clash. Although Stockport had yet to win this year, they were still in with a chance of promotion due to a good showing in the first half of the season; ex-Town star Bill Atkins was their leading scorer.

Despite the Town's position at the top of the table, it was a poor display in a scrappy game. Stockport managed to take the lead after 15 minutes through a rather lucky goal — a Alex Young corner bouncing awkwardly in front of John Trollope, the ball spinning off his chest on to the cross-bar and pushed home by Danny Campbell. Swindon now began to realise their full potential, gaining the upper hand, but were unable to convert superiority into goals. Keeper Brian Lloyd made some good saves from Joe Butler and Don Rogers to keep County in the lead, but right on half-time Rogers centred the ball for Peter Noble to head in the equaliser.

Had Swindon continued playing in this vein they would have come away with at least a point, but instead allowed Stockport back into the game in the second-half. After 11 minutes Stockport got their second, again rather luckily. A shot from Johnny Price on the edge of the area was well covered by Peter Downsborough until Frank Burrows attempted to block the shot — the ball spun off his foot and into the net past the helpless Downsborough. With Swindon unable to find their rhythm again the score remained at 2 - 1 to Stockport, the seventh defeat of the season.

Within a few days all was forgiven as thoughts turned to the following Saturday, Arsenal at Wembley.

Swindon's team: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Penman, Noble, Rogers. Attendance: 6,550



# YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

BY JOHN TROLLOPE

The Reserves and South East Counties teams are finding good results hard to come by, for they seem to have lost their way and confidence is low. One problem is the chopping and changing in players for both teams due to injuries, unavailability and county calls. Although it is the job of the coaching staff to motivate players, it is my belief that not enough lads have self motivation these days. We all think that things were better when we were starting out in the game but I cannot remember managers and coaches having to repeat instructions and calling lads to give more effort as is done today. Effort is essential before the skill any lad may have comes through. Not enough thought or care is given to working at the skills needed to perform at the required standard and the lads must look to improve their approach to the game and to think more about the skills needed in their positions, plus that will to win and become top dog even on bad days.

With this in mind it was pleasing to have got the Centre of Excellence off the ground last Monday. The response from the boys and parents was great, for of the 50 invitations sent out only three failed to reply and these intend to attend the coaching sessions each week. Two age groups are being run 11 - 13 and 13 plus. Both groups showed good attitude and showed a high degree of

skills. In the older group several lads impressed and we will certainly be keeping a close eye on them in the near future. Although this group were impressive, the 11 - 13 group surprised us with their ability and as these lads were all 11 and 12 years of age, to have the chance to coach and monitor their progress over the next three to four years must give us all hope for the future. A word of thanks must go to the Club's directors and Wiltshire F.A. for financing this project, to Croft Sports Centre for accommodating us and the coaches for giving their time, but most of all for the interest shown by the boys, as it shows just how keen they are to improve.

## KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Aldershot v Southend
- B Blackpool v Northampton
- C Coventry v Sheffield Wednesday
- D Chester v Chesterfield
- E Crewe v Rochdale
- F Exeter v Darlington
- G Hartlepool v Mansfield
- H Hereford v Wrexham
- I Port Vale v Peterborough
- J Everton v Manchester United
- K Chelsea v Ipswich
- L Tottenham H. v Stoke
- M West Brom. Alb. v Southampton
- N West Ham Utd. v Arsenal
- O Birmingham v Oxford Utd.
- P Portsmouth v Wolverhampton
- Q Bristol Rovers v Hull City
- R Millwall v Bristol City
- S Walsall v Newport
- T Wigan Ath. v Orient



# Junior Robins Page



Probably some members are beginning to wonder when they will receive membership cards, badges and photos. Membership cards should be issued this week if you have not yet received them. We are still awaiting delivery of badges from the manufacturers but as soon as they arrive they will be sent out along with your autographed photo. While on the subject of badges I must thank Lorna Burrows of Dorcan School who has produced such a lovely design for the badge. Lorna is the daughter of Frank Burrows, one of the heroes of the 1969 League Cup Final team and it is good to see his daughter still taking an interest in her dad's old club.

So far we have about seventy members. This is largely due to the efforts of two men; Mr. Embling of Nythe Junior School and Mr. Wade of Clarence St. School, both of whom have recruited almost twenty members from their respective schools. I am sure there are just as many lads and lasses in other schools who would like to be members if only it is brought to their attention. If you are a Junior School teacher reading this why not see if you cannot match their efforts. With a few more Junior schools responding like this and the scheme being launched in Secondary schools over the next fortnight I feel sure we can push the membership past the two hundred mark. Membership forms, both for individuals who would like to join and school teachers who would like to try and gain some recruits from their schools, are available from the Club Office.

I do hope all members will try and attend the opening meeting on Monday 19th November. With the Chairman and a number of players coming along it is most important we get a good turnout. There will be an opportunity for you to tour the ground and to ask questions about the Club so make sure you come along.

While on the subject of meetings I would point out that the Young Robins are looking for sponsors. The motto of the senior Supporters Club has always been "to help and not to hinder". This is very much the aim of the Young Robins too. It is the aim of the Club to be entirely self-financing so that the costs of it do not become an extra burden on Swindon Town F.C. If you would be willing to sponsor a Club meeting with one or two small cash prizes or merchandise please get in touch with me through the Club Office.

Results at home recently have not been as good as we would have liked but every cloud has a silver lining and it gives all you Young Robins the opportunity to really get behind the lads and show that you are genuine supporters and not just the sort of fair weather fan who comes every time . . . we play Manchester United.

Dick Matick  
Junior Robins Organiser



# FACTS AND FIGURES

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

	Appearances	Substitute	Goals
	Lge	Lge	Lge
	Cup	Cup	Cup
	Total	Total	Total
Endersby	11	1	2
Baillie	7	1	1
Nelson	11	2	2
Macari	11	1	1
Henry	1	-	-
Graham	11	2	2
Barnard	11	2	2
Baillie	11	1	1
Rowland	11	2	2
Mayes	9	2	2
Hockaday	1	1	1
Coyne	10	1	1
Sperrling	-	1	1
Gibson	1	1	1
Gardiner	3	1	1
Baillie	5	1	1
Payne	-	3	3
Gray	-	1	1
Ramsey	8	-	-



# BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



Following the accident to Jimmy Allan last season, resulting from his retiring from the game, the question of players' insurance comes to mind. The Football League take out an insurance policy known as the Personal Accident and Temporary Life Insurance Scheme under which each club is given limits and allocations of benefit to distribute amongst the players in their employment. In the First Division this allocation is £277,000, the Second Division £179,000, Third Division £115,000 and in the Fourth Division the allocation drops to £92,000 per club. We therefore have a limit of £92,000 to allocate among all of our players which does not bring in any princely sum should a player be forced to retire through injury.

The sum allocated to each player is also controlled by his age. A maximum of £15,000 is permitted for lads born on or after 1st August, 1956, £10,000 if the player's birthday falls between 1st August, 1955 to 31st July, 1956 and £5,000 from 31st July, 1955 to 1st August, 1951. If his birthday falls before this latter date, he is uninsurable unless he is a goalkeeper then the earliest date is 1st August, 1949.

A club may take out additional insurance at their own expense but the premiums are very expensive indeed, in the region of 10% beyond the reach of the average Fourth Division Club.

In addition, each player is covered for £1,500 for his own benefit whether declared or not.

Every new player has to be proposed on an appropriate form, various sections of which must be completed by the Secretary and the Club Doctor and varified by the player. In many cases, x-rays have to be confirmed as having been taken and the results documented.

We all hope that these premiums turn out to be money written off for no one wishes to hear of players whose injuries deprive them of their living and thankfully such cases are few and far between. However, in just a few years we have had two such cases in Jimmy Allan, with a badly injured arm, and before him Don Rogers who had problems with his hips. Thankfully they both have alternative occupations, Don with his own business and Jimmy working for a private hospital patients plan organisation.

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This is the last opportunity I have of reminding you of the Firework Display evening being presented by the Swindon Lions Club here on the County Ground on Saturday, 3rd November, 1984. If you want seat tickets I would advise you purchase them in the next day or two for they will certainly be all sold before the day of the event.

There has been some confusion with the time of commencement of the entertainment in the various publicity material issued by the Lions. Let me put the matter straight. The gates will be open at 6.00 pm, disco music will be presented at 6.30 pm, and the show will commence at 7.15 pm. There will certainly be a vast crowd attending, last season 12,500 came along, so please do not leave it to the last moment to arrive at the ground. If many people do so a queue situation will soon form and those involved may miss the beginning of the entertainment.

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We have been drawn away to Newport County in the First Round proper of the F.A. Youth Challenge Cup Competition, the match having to be played on or before 17th November, 1984. We have not yet arranged the actual date but we will keep you informed.

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Finally, may I thank you for joining us this afternoon and may today's result give us a little more joy than did last Saturday's. Enjoy your afternoon.



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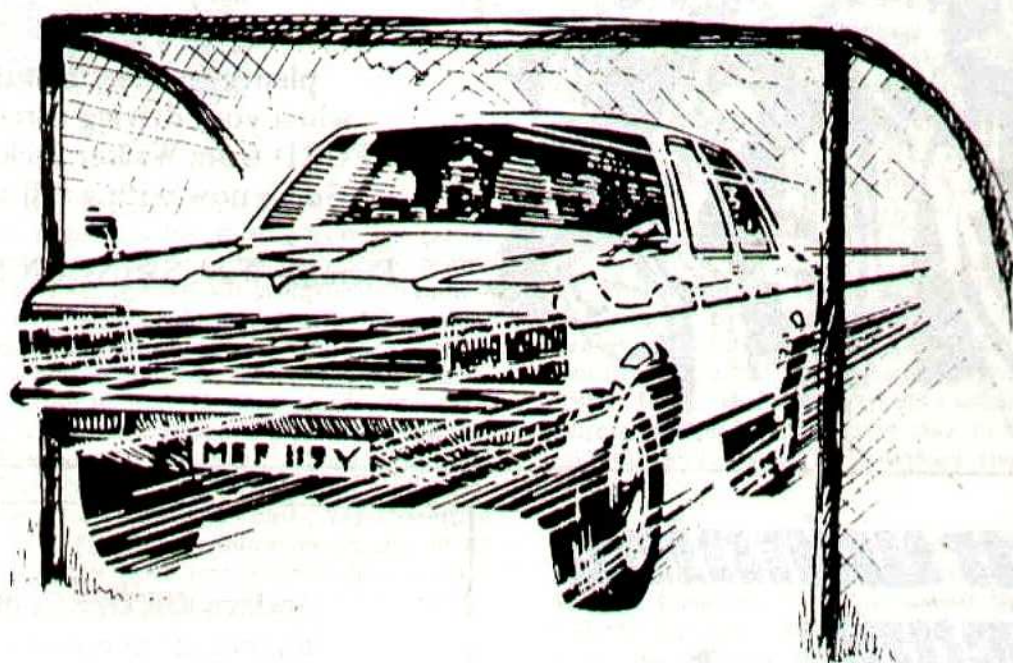




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