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SWINDON TOWN

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VIEW OVER EDGELEY by County Manager ERIC WEBSTER...

We lost at Port Vale on Saturday because we gave away two silly goals and defensively we didn't look right at all. Although we came back well in the second-half with goals from Mike Power and Andy Crawford, we really never gave ourselves much of a chance, after conceding those two early goals. However, what with a lack of funds and a mounting list of injuries at the club there really isn't much that we can do about it. All we can do is to keep plodding away.

Dean Emerson had some good news last week, that the recent x-rays he had taken on his skull, showed no permanent damage and although he came through well in a reserve game against Manchester United last Friday I felt it was a bit too soon to play him in the first-team at Port Vale on Saturday. Tony Coyle was also absent from the team at Vale Park, after he injured his thigh during the Southend game here two weeks ago.

This of course has left us a bit thin on the ground for players, which is why, after releasing Andy Crawford from his month to month contract last week, we signed him on non-contract forms, 24 hours later. It was Andy's idea. He felt he had something to prove to us and as we were desperate for cover, he took his place in the team at Port Vale. I will be delighted of course if he can prove that releasing him was premature. And I was especially pleased to see him score last Saturday.

I was also pleased with Nigel Smith's performance at Port Vale, coming into the team, right in the middle of our injury problems, he did exceptionally well.

Tonight we welcome Swindon Town to Edgeley Park, and we are back here again on Monday night when Colchester United are our visitors. Both games will be testing ones for us. Hopefully though if we can get some of the injured fit, we can give a good account of ourselves, as we did against Aldershot, but more about that terrific performance on Monday.

Front Cover Captions

(Left.): New signing Mark Leonard (pic left) heads for goal, on his debut for County against Southend United here two weeks ago. Andy Crawford released by the club a week last Wednesday, is pictured (right) against Burnley in the Freight Rover Trophy here at Edgeley Park. 24 hours after being released, Andy agreed to sign for the club on a non-contract basis and scored his second goal for the club at Port Vale last Saturday.

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(Up to and including Saturday, 23rd February, 1985)

Leading Goalscorers 1984-85

(Canon League goals only)

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1	2. John Clayton (Tranmere Rovers)	19
	3. Ray Pratt (Exeter City)	16
	4. Steve Phillips (Southend United)	15
	5. Colin Clarke (Tranmere Rovers)	14
	Wayne Entwistle (Bury)	14
	Craig Madden (Bury)	14
	Stewart Phillips (Hereford United)	14
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Details shown under players names are their total League appearances/goals for County.

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	May	6	Halifax Town-

The Edgeley Echo

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Fri. 1st March 1985



• Nigel Smith, who played his 100th League game for County on Monday right against Aldershot, is not only playing the best football of his career at Edgeley Park right now but he is enjoying his football more than he over did. "Playing non-contract and not having to rely on the game for a living has made me very relaxed before a game," he said, I am really enjoying my football now with absolutely no pressure on me," he added.



♦ Willie Raynes, who joined the club on a month's loan from Rotherham United making his debut in the 2-2 draw against Wrexham at Edgeley Park a few weeks ago is the latest casualty on the County treatment table. Willie who had to be replaced by substitute Mike Power against Southead United here two weeks ago, 'ricked' his back in awful fall, and as a result he missed the visit to Vale Park last Saturday and the emphatic victory over Aldershot on Monday.

AWAY THE LADS!

Saturday, February 23 1985

Canon League Division 4. PORT VALE 3 (Bromage 6, Brown 9, 64).

COUNTY 2 (Power 46, Crawford 83).

Port Vale: Pearce, Webb, Bromage, Hunter, Sproson, Ridley, Griffiths P, Earle (O'Keefe 74), Brown, Kellock, Griffiths I.

County: Salmon, Rutter, Sherlock, Hendrie, Sword, Smith, Power, Evans, Kerr, Leonard, Crawford. Sub: Emerson (not used). Half-time: 2-0.

Att: 3,154. Referee: Mr.J. Ball (Leicester).

County lost this tense battle at Vale Park on the strength of two early goals, both conceded trying to deplay the offside trap. Vale cashed in with defender Russel Bromage getting the game's first score, when he crashed in a tramendous right-foot shot into the top comer of the net. The former W.B.A. man Ally Brown increased Vale's lead three minutes later, when he strode between County's defence to slot a low hard shot under Mick Salmon's body and into the bottom corner of the net.

As hard as they tried County could not pull back the deficit, until that is **Mike Power** stabbed home a loose ball, a minute into the second-half, to bring County back into the game. **Andy Crawford** could have equalised on 58 minutes but after turning Vale defender **Phil Sprosen** inside out he shot tamely at keeper **Chris Pearce**.

Ally Brown increased the home side's lead on 64 minutes, when Tommy Sword's clearance cut of defence was volleyed back in past an outstretched Mick Salmon for Vaie's third goal. With seven minutes left on the clock, County mounted another piercing attack which resulted in Andy Crawford sliding in Mike Power's shot, after Mark Leonard had played a good ball into the heart of the Vaie defence. But there wasn't a share of the spoils for County, who as a result of their slack defensive play in the first-half, lost out to a rather average looking Port Vale side.

COUNTY MATCH MASCOT . .

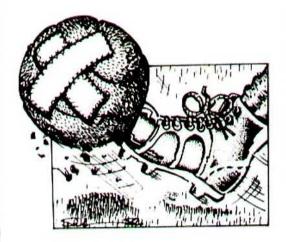
Tonight's County Match Mascot is 10-year-old Lee Blackshow of Ashway Clough Offerton.

Lee, who is a pupil of Great Moor Junior School, tells us that his hobbies are playing football and tennis. Tony Coyle and Mick Salmon are his favourite County players and says that he is looking forward to leading out his idols tonight.

Enjoy your evening with us Lee.



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Canon League Division Four

COUNTY v. COLCHESTER UNITED

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Last took charge of a game at Edgeley Park for the visit of York City in April 1982. Mr Glover began refereeing in 1960 and progressed to full League status via the South West Lancashire Combination and Lancs combination Leagues for the start of the 1977-78 Season. A married man with two children, he is a sales representative for a stationery manufacturer.

SWINDON TOWN CULTUSIEOUS



Wiltshire's only Football League club are Swindon Town, who were formed in 1881, by the Rev. W. Pitt. In 1920, they were admitted to the third division of the Football League and finished a creditable fourth, only seven points off Champions, Crystal Palace. The following season, they were founder members of the Southern section of division three, before gaining a place in division three, when the Football League was next re-organised in 1958. During their third division south days, the highest they finished was fourth in seasons 1924-25, 1946-47, 1948-49 and 1957-58. In seasons 1932-33, and 1955-56, the County Ground club finished bottom of the Southern section, before gaining promotion from division three in 1962-63, when finishing second. After a promising start to the 1963-64 campaign, which saw them top the division after 11 games, their only defeat being a 4-0 reverse at Northampton), Swindon rather fell away after that, to finally finish 14th, losing 17 out of their final 31 fixtures. 1964-65 saw them relegated to division 3, before missing the title in 1968-69 when losing out to Watford on goal average. That same season, Town won the Football League Cup as a third division side, by defeating First Division Arsenal at Wembley. After finishing fifth in the Second division the following term, they lifted the Anglo-Italian Cup, winning 3-0 in Naples against Napoli, after the Cup had been awarded to them. The game being abandoned after 79 minutes, because of crowd disturbance. On their way to winning the trophy they defeated Juventus (h) 4-0, Napoli (a) 1-0 and Juventus (a) 1-0, while losing at home to Napoli 2-1. In 1973-74 they suffered relegation again to division three, before dropping into division four at the conclusion to the 1981-82 campaign, which is where they have remained since.

Some famous names to have worn the club's red and white colours over the years have been, the former England international and inside-forward Harold Fleming, who played for the club in their pre-League days and ended his career with them in 1924. The club's record goalscorer in all competitions is Harry Morris, a prolific snatcher of goals. Morris, was signed by the club in 1926 from Swansea Town and broke the club's goalscoring record in his first season, when he notched an impressive 53 goals, 47 of them in League competition. He moved onto join Clapton Orient in 1933, after bagging a record haul of 216 goals for the Wiltshire club. John Trollope amassed for himself a remarkable 770 first-team games for the club between 1960 and 1980. A record which is never likely to be beaten. Trollope is now the club's Youth Team Manager.

In charge of team affairs at the County Ground, is the former Celtic and Manchester United striker Lou Macari, who took over from Ken Beamish in July last year. Swindon's away record as they come into tonight's game reads; P14, W2, D4, L8, F10, A23. Those two victories coming in visits to Tranmere 2-0 in mid-September and Rochdale 1-0 in early November. Their eight defeats on their travels so far have been at Bury 2-0, Crewe Alexandra 3-2, Northampton Town 4-0, Darlington 1-0, Southend United 3-2, Wrexham 4-0, Chester City 2-0 and Blackpool 1-0. In fact, since their 1-0 victory at Rochdale in November, Swindon have lost their last Six league away matches. In the Milk Cup they crashed out 5-2 on aggregate to third division Bristol Rovers, losing 5-1 at home, but winning 1-0 away, before going out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle, when non-league Dagenham, from the Gola League, beat them 2-1 at the County Ground, after a 0-0 draw. In the Freight Rover Trophy, Swindon lost 4-3 on penalties to Torquay United at the County Ground H.Q, after a 1-1 draw at Plainmoor and a 0-0 draw at Swindon.

Ever present in the Swindon goal this season is

Lewisham born Scott Endersby, who was signed from Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 1983 under fierce competition from ourselves. Endersby, a former England Youth goalkeeper, began his career as an apprentice with Ipswich Town. Made 37 League appearances for the club, in his first season last term.

Defenders Colin Bailie, Chris Ramsey and Garry Nelson have formed the Robins rearguard for most of the campaign. Bailie 21, hails from Belfast and has been in the club's defence for most of the games this season. First signed for the club as an apprentice, he made 42 appearances last Season, Scoring three times. Ramsey, a native of Birmingham, was formely with Bristol City before joining Brighton, for whom he played for against Manchester United in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final. Made his debut for Swindon at Hartlepool in September and is an ever present in the side since mid-December. Nelson, began his career with Southend Untied, for whom he made 129 first-team appearances, before joining Swindon for £10,000 in the Summer of '83. Made 36 appearances last season for the Robins, netting four goals and is one of four ever presents in the side this

In the club's midfield for most of this season has been player-manager Lou Macari, who made his debut for the club on the opening day of the season against Wrexham at the County Ground a game in which he scored. Capped 24 times for his native Scotland, Macari, who hails from Aberdeen, began his career with Glasgow Celtic, before moving South to team-up with Manchester United in January 1973. He went on to make 329 League appearances for the Red Devils, during his 11 and a half years at Old Trafford. Central-defender for Town, is the former England Youth player Andy Rowland, who has been converted from a forward this term. Born in Derby, Rowland was released by his home town club, for whom he was with on a non-contract basis before joining Bury. Signed by Swindon Town for £80,000 in 1978.

Nigel Gray, began his playing career with Orient, making over 200 League appearances for the East London outfit, before going out on loan to Charlton Athletic and Brentford. Has been a regular in the side since early December. A native of Fulham. Another who could well be in line for a place tonight is defender David Cole, signed from Swansea City in recent weeks and former apprentice Paul Batty. A native of Edington, Batty made his debut for the club against Crewe in

September 82'

Peter Coyne will be no stranger to Edgeley Park tonight having been 'plucked' out of non-League soccer by Manager Lou Macaori at the beginning of the season from Hyde United. Previously with Manchester United and Crewe Alexandra, Peter has had a habit of scoring against County in previous seasons. A native of Hartlepool and a former England schoolboy international Peter made his debut for Swindon on the opening day of the season against Wrexham. His first goal for his club coming a week later against his home town club Hartlepool. Alongside Coyne tonight is likely to be striker Colin Gordon, signed in November from Southern League Midland division side Oldbury United.

Swindon's Canon League Scorers this season so far are: Mayes 9, Coyne 8, Gordon 7, Rowland 5, Macari 3, Batty, Nelson 2, Barnard 1. Total: 37. Milk Cup: Coyne, Mayes 1. Total: 2. F.A. Cup: Mayes 1. Total 1. Freight Rover Trophy: Macari 1. Total: 1.



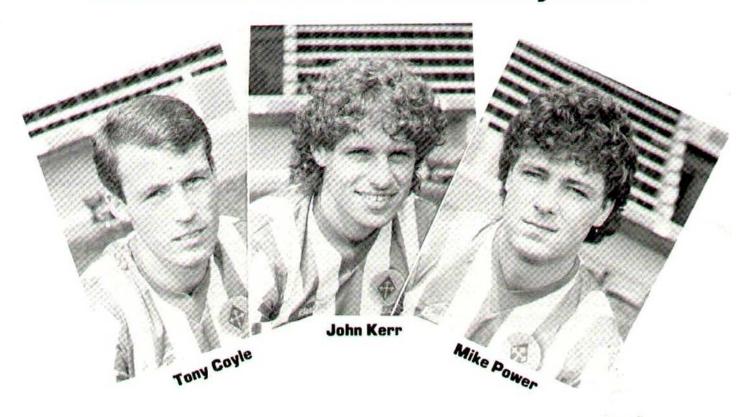
Back Row (L-R): Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollen, Mark

Centre: Harry Gregg (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner, Martin Davison, Sean Prowse, Mike Graham, Dave Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Paul Batty, Gary Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari (Player Manager), Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes, Colin Bailie. Seated: Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.

They were all in the news last Weekend

Three more Aces in the County Pack!



◆ Tony Coyle missed last Saturday's visit to Port Vale with a thigh strain sustained during the home game against Southend United while John Kerr, was a striker turned defender at Vale Park 'Big John' being drafted into the heart of the defence due to the absence of both Dean Emerson and Andy Thorpe. Mike Power, who scored for the third match in a row at Vale Park notched his first goal this term, in fact it was his first since April 8 1983, when he scored against Mansfield Town at Edgeley Park.

Six goal action from our superb 6-0 victory over Aldershot, will appear in our Colchester United issue on Monday.

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AROUND THE FOURTH!

with Arthur Brotherton

The weekend of 16/17th February again saw most games called off due to bad weather, only four games being played. The pick of the weekend being the local 'derby' played Sunday, **Hartlepad** playing hosts to local rivals **Darlington**. The Quakers continued their good form with a 2-1 victory in front of a crowd of nearly 6,000. **Airey** and **Johnson** hitting the goals that earned the points, with **Taylor** replying for the home side. A good result for a team who crashed three days earlier at **Halifax** 4-1 in the Freight Rover Trophy. This game incidentally only watched by a meagre 403 spectators!

Rochdale turned in the days best performance by soundly beating struggling Northampton Town 3-0 at Spotland. Striker Barry Diamond at last showing his true potential scoring twice and one other goal coming from flying winger Thompson. Man-of-the-Match was Rochdale's Joe Cooke, the result giving Dale three wins in four games, their best spell of the season.

Halifax in an away fixture against Wrexham re-arranged at the Shay still couldn't get it right and lost 2-1 to the 92nd club in the Football League, despite Town keeper Paddy Roche saving a Chanley spot-kick the Welshmen picked up all 3 points from goals by Keay after only 3 minutes and Horne after 79 minutes. Thornber had given the Shaymen a glimmer of hope with a 38th minute equaliser but it just wasn't to be. The only other fixture of the day saw **Crewe** share the spoils at Gresty Road with Scunthorpe United. Crewe had led through a **Dave Waller** goal just before half-time but new boy Shutt hit the equaliser on his debut with a second-half header. Scunthorpe the result following a fine 2-1 home win the previous week over high flying Peterborough United.

Some news from the 4th Division scene sees Blackpool giving trialist John Teasdale a full contract to the end of the season, the Seasiders also considering moving for Sheffield United striker Keith Edwards. Top club Bury have player Leighton James on the list of possibles for the vacant player/manager position at Preston

North End.

Burnley who were hoping to extend the loan of 'keeper Joe Neenan from Scunthorpe now have competition from Gillingham who are also looking for a goalkeeper. The Irons meanwhile have been talking to Chester winger Steve Fox about a loan move and also hope to land Bradford City striker John Hawley. Jim Steel of Wrexham is now interesting Bolton Wanderers while Chester winger Steve Fox now looks set to sign for Tranmere. Chester seem the busiest club involved in transfer activity and this continues with Peter Sayer being given a free transfer. Whilst talks are taking place with Rotherham United's Andy O'Dell.

Finally sacked **Tranmere** manager **Bryan Hamilton** may go to Ayresome Park as coach to **Middlesbrough.**

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1968-69—Third Round Saturday, January 4th, 1969. Blackburn Rovers 2 (Connelly 30, Fryatt 84) . . . Stockport County 0

Half-time: 1-0. Att: 17,604.
Blackburn: Blacklaw, Newton,
Wilson, Martin, Coddington,
Clayton, Metcalfe, Darling, Fryatt,
Rogers, Connelly, Sub: Helliwell.
County: Ogley, Haydock, Hartle,
Goodwin, Milner, Low, Allchurch,
Atkins, Young, Harley (Mulholland
78), Price.

Referee: W.G. Handley (Cannock).



Mike Milner

County's first third round F.A. Cup tie for four years, came to an end in the **Ewood Park** mud, thanks mainly to an ex-County player 'Pancho' Jim Fryatt.

County began the game deploying a nine man defence and after goalkeeper **Alan Ogley** had tipped a Fryatt shot over the bar, it was the ex-County man who began the build-up to **Rovers** first goal.

After half-an-hour Connelly volleyed a tremendous goal, after Fryatt had headed on Clayton's cross. Blackburn finally wrapped up the tie six minutes from time when Fryatt (yet again!) turned in Rogers free kick after his shot had cannoned back from the crossbar.

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(Royal Blue/Royal Blue/White)

Match Officials

Referee:

NORMAN GLOVER

(Chorley)

Linesmen: Red flag: D.D. Crone (Liverpool) Yellow flag: P.L. Wright (Northwich)

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3.	COLIN BAILIE
4.	LOU MACARI
5.	ANDY ROWLAND
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items of interest

County and Swindon go into battle tonight, for only the 12th time in both the clubs history. Swindon lead the way with **eight victories**, to our **three**, while there has never yet been a drawn game in the **11** played so far. The goal difference shows at 20-9, in our visitors favour and while we have yet to gain a point from six visits to their County Ground H.Q. they come to Edgeley Park tonight, having won 2-1 and 3-1 on their last two visits here.

The sides first met in a third division match here at Edgeley Park in October 1958 when we won 2-0 thanks to goals from Bill Holden and Arnold Jackson before going down in the following March at Sainden 3-0. The teams for that first ever meeting were: County: Lea, Betts, Webb, Partaces, Murray, Acton, Wilson, Jackson, Smith, Holden, Clarke. Swindon: Burton, Neal, Bingley, Morgan, Jack, Owen, Corbett, Micklewright, Kelly, Edwards, Chamberlain, and the attendance was 10,465.

Since the war years there have been six players who have worn the colours of both clubs. **John**Thomas was the first. He joined **County** in July 1954, but made only six appearances at Edgeley Park. having been with Swindon from the early 1950's.

Left-winger Alan Beards was another playing at this time and more recently there was Tommy Henderson, Billy Atkins, Keith East and Mike Summerbee. Indeed, Summerbee, made 87 appearances for **County** both as a player and as a player-manager, while making 218 appearances for Swindon in the early to mid-sixties, before his close season transfer to Manchester City in 1965.

The teams when Swindon wonhere last season were: County: Salmon, Rutter, Sherlock, Emerson, Sword, Thorpe, Williams, Smith, Quinn, Jones, Coyle. Sub: Bowles. Swindon: Allen, Bailie, Baddeley, Emmanuel, Gray, Graham, Hockaday, Barnard, Rowland, Mayes, Nelson. Sub: Richardson. The Robins scorers were, Mayes 2 (1 pen), Rowland, while Oshor Williams scored for

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