



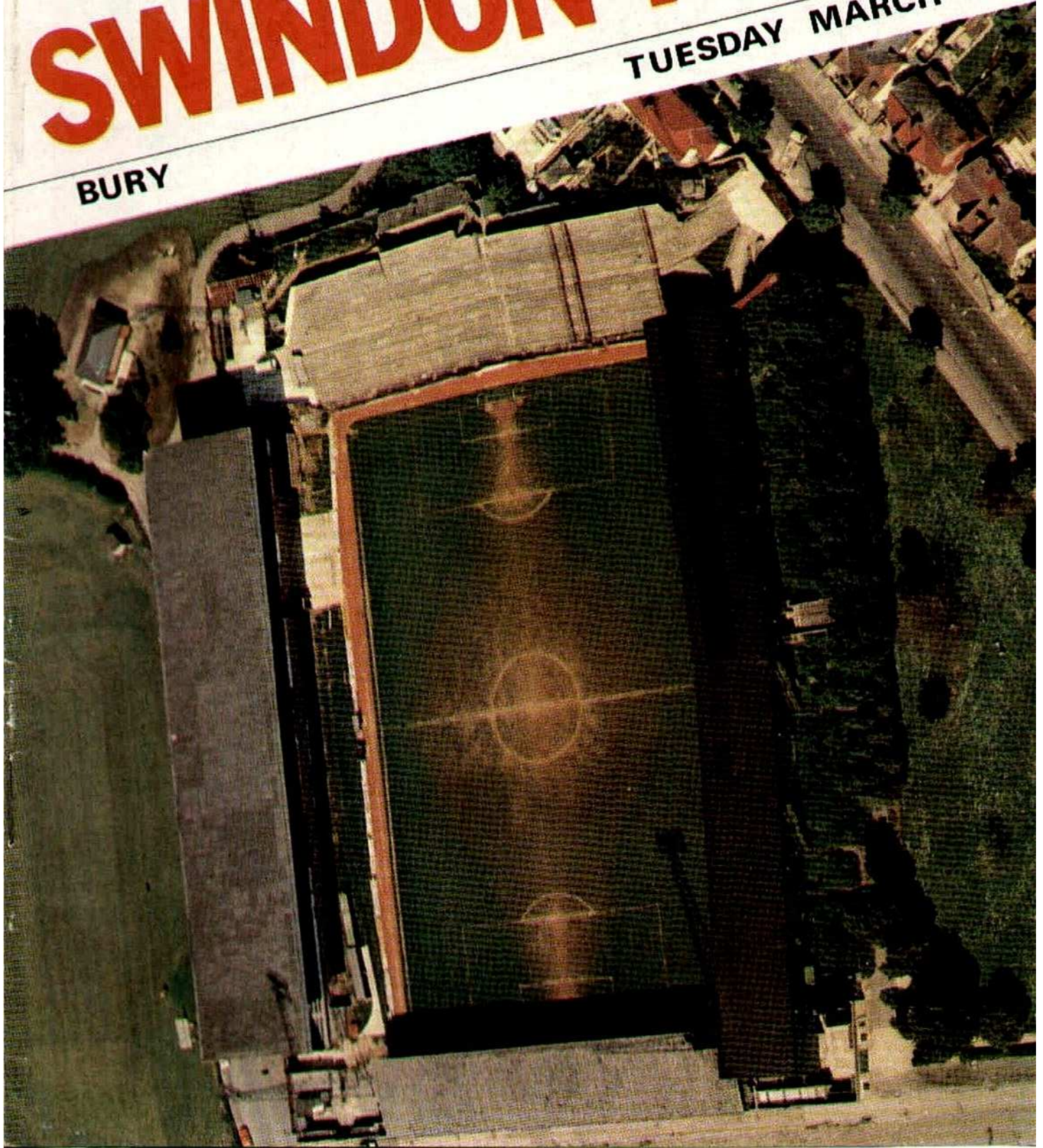
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## Chairman's Comments



Tonight we welcome to the County Ground the Players, Directors and Supporters of Bury Football Club who are riding high in the top four of our Division and looking well on course for promotion.

Last Tuesday evening's game here against Exeter City, although not a classic, was a game good to win to keep our unbeaten sequence at the County Ground going and although I never like to mention a particular person because I regard any performance is dependant upon all eleven players, but the two goals scored by Colin Gordon show what a tremendous future the lad has in the game, if he can continue to maintain his present progress after joining us from Non-League Oldbury United Football Club.

Tonight, however, if we managed to break our sequence of bad results away from home at Port Vale last Saturday, we may have a larger than average attendance with the possibility that those people paying us another visit may like what they see and return for further games which would be a tremendous boost for us.

At our last Board Meeting we discussed at long length where we think our reserve team would be best playing next season, bearing in mind that at the moment clubs such as ours competing with minimum staff consequently find difficulty in fielding sides to compete with the likes of Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea etc., and although we value highly our membership of the Football Combination, we feel we must take a very close look at the new proposed regional reserve league comprising of Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United, Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Cardiff City, Newport County and Bournemouth to see if our needs would be best served by playing here, as long as the competition is run on a correct basis. This, of course, would also result in only 20 to 25 reserve games if they also run a Cup Competition which we think would be better for us and that the players would also benefit by competing against clubs of their own standard. A final decision is being made by us before the end of this month.

Finally, thanks to our supporters and sponsor Transplant Ltd., and may you all enjoy your evening with us and return for our next game v Crewe Alexandra.

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# The Scot From Caley

BY DAVE KING

Within the next week or so, Lou Macari will have to decide whether he wishes to sign our on loan striker Dave Caldwell from Mansfield Town.

The twenty four year old Scot, born on July 31st in Aberdeen, signed for the Field Mill Club in June 1979 from Inverness Caley. It is no secret that Lou had been interested in Dave all season, in fact when our original fixture at Chester was postponed on Saturday December 29th, the team coach was turned to the direction of Gay Meadow, home of Second Division Shrewsbury Town, who on that same afternoon were entertaining Carlisle United in a mid table Second Division fixture. Although it was the nearest available match to be played that day it served a dual purpose for the Town Manager. For in the Cumbrian Club's line up that day was Dave Caldwell, who was on a months loan with a permanent transfer pending.

Obviously that was not to be, otherwise Dave would not be with us now. He made his League debut on September 29th 1979, in a Division Four fixture at Reading, Dave was substitute that Autumn afternoon, making his debut when he came on for Russell Allen in a 1-0 defeat. The Scot was in the same situation the following Saturday when on this occasion he came on as a second half substitute for Barry Foster in a 1-0 defeat at home to Colchester United. Dave's first full League appearance came in an away fixture at Brentford on April 7th.

The Scot was to score his first senior goal in a 1-1 draw at Doncaster in the first round of the Football League Cup on August 8th the following season. At the opposite end of the country that same afternoon Andy Rowland with a second half goal equalised a effort by Steve Massey of Bournemouth at Dean Court in our first round tie.

Dave's first League goal was to follow shortly after when he scored the final goal in Mansfield Town's 4-0 home victory over Hereford United, on the twenty third of the same month. He had to wait three months before scoring again in a 2-1 away win at Crewe Alexandra on November 29th. At the end of the 1980-81 season, Dave scored eight League goals and two F.A. Cup goals in matches with Rochdale and Mossley, along with his solitary League goal.

The following season 1981-82, Dave went one better scoring nine goals during his thirty three League matches. The 1982-83 season saw Dave hit a purple patch when he scored four goals in seven days near the end of the season. Scoring Mansfield's solitary goal in 3-1 defeat at Bristol City on March 26th, and the only goal of the match in a 1-0 home win over Crewe Alexandra two days later, following this up with both goals in a 2-1 victory at Northampton's County Ground four days later. That season Dave scored ten League goals, he was not in the Mansfield line up for our home game that season, but was included in our away match on May 5th when a John Dungworth penalty gave the Field Mill Club a 1-0 win.

Last season was the most prolific of Dave's career when he scored twenty one League goals, along with one goal in both the Milk Cup and F.A. Cup. Eight of those League goals came in October, when he scored his first hat trick in a 5-2 home win versus Aldershot, it did not take Dave long to improve on that when he scored four of the Stags five goals in a 5-0 home win against Hartlepool United, twenty one days later. A solitary goal in a 2-2 draw at Bury on October 8th meant that Dave's total for the month was eight goals!

If the season had run a week or so longer the prolific scoring of October may have been improved in May, for Dave scored a further hat trick in his Clubs 3-1 win at Crewe on May 7th, following this up with a further two goals in the final match of the season in a 3-1 win over Northampton Town five days later!

Last seasons success was soon repeated when Dave scored the only goal of this seasons opening day match against relegated Port Vale at Vale Park. Two more came the following Saturday in a 5-1 home win over Rochdale. To date Dave has scored nine goals for Mansfield this season. Lets hope 'The Scot for Caley' will add to that total in his stay here whether temporarily or hopefully permanently.



# WELCOME TO BURY

BY DAVE KING

League leaders Bury visit the County Ground for this evenings re-arranged match managed by one of the most cultured players to have graced the Football League in the past decade.

Martin Dobson their 37 year old Player Manager, now looks on the verge of leading The Gigg Lane Club into the Third Division in his second year of management. The former Burnley, Everton and England star who took over the managerial role midway through last season released four players in Nick Deacy, Gordon Coleman, Terry Park and Eric Potts when he announced his retained list last May. The replacements Welsh International Leighton James, Andy Hill, Trevor Ross and Kevin Young have provided the quality needed to transform Bury into a firm promotion prospect.

In home matches 'The Shakers' have been almost invincible with only one defeat losing 1-0 to Scunthorpe United. Victories have been obtained over Port Vale 4-0, Halifax Town and Tranmere Rovers 3-0, Torquay United and Northampton Town 3-1, Colchester United 4-3, while Southend United and ourselves were defeated 2-0, and promotion rivals Hereford United 2-1. Drawn matches have ensued from the visits of Crewe Alexandra and Exeter City 2-2 and a goalless match with Chesterfield.

Eight wins have been obtained in away matches. The most convincing at Peterborough United by 4-1. Other wins have been at Exeter City and Mansfield Town by 2-0, along with single goal wins at Aldershot, Northampton Town, Hartlepool United and Chesterfield. The recent 2-2 draw at Scunthorpe a week last Saturday, one all draws at Darlington and Rochdale and a goalless encounter at Blackpool have brought solitary points. The Gigg Lane Club have suffered defeat at Stockport County 0-2, Wrexham 0-3, Halifax Town 1-4 and Colchester United 0-1.

Players included in a settled squad at Martin Dobson's disposal are goalkeeper DAVID BROWN who was 28 years old on January 28th. His League career began when he was signed by Middlesbrough from Horden C.W. David only made ten League appearances in four seasons at Ayresome Park, he made five appearances on loan to Plymouth Argyle in 1979, before joining Oxford United for £40,000 during the 79/80 season. After making only 21 League appearances in three seasons at Manor Road he joined Bury for £5,000 in 1981. Ever

present this season David should make his 131st League appearance for Bury tonight.

Former England Youth International and Manchester United apprentice ANDY HILL was signed on a free transfer last summer. He made his League debut in the opening match of the season at Darlington on August 25th. His first League goal came in the 22nd minute of the home match with Southend United on October 6th, Andy also scored the first goal in the 4-1 away win at Peterborough on December 19th, his only other League goal.

The former Manchester City apprentice GARY BUCKLEY made only six League appearances during his five seasons with the Maine Road Club, before joining Preston for a fee of £35,000 in 1982. Gary made 34 League appearances for the Deepdale Club, before being given a free transfer. Twenty four year old Gary drifted into non League football with Chorley before joining Bury last season. His appearances were spasmodic until the Boxing Day match with Port Vale this season. But he has been a regular member of the team since.

Twenty eight year old TREVOR ROSS a close season signing, has missed only the home match with Exeter City this season. The former Arsenal and Everton player scored his one and only League goal for the Club in the 42nd minute of the Clubs first home League match of this season with Halifax Town. Trevor made 58 League appearances for the Highbury Club before joining Everton for £150,000 in 1977. During his five seasons with the Goodison Park Club he scored sixteen goals from his one hundred and twenty six League appearances.

Central defender JOHN BRAMHALL is a model of consistency. Ever present for the Club in 1982/83. He only missed one League match last season and none to date this season, 28 year old John has scored three goals this season. At home to Halifax Town on September 1st, Torquay United on December 1st and the Boxing Day match with Port Vale. John made 170 League appearances for Tranmere before joining Bury in 1982 for £10,000.

Player Manager MARTIN DOBSON joined the Club from nearby Burnley where in two spells with the Turf Moor Club he played in 410 League matches scoring 63 goals, after joining Burnley on a free transfer from Bolton! He left Burnley in 1975 in a



£300,000 transfer deal with Everton. Martin made 190 League appearances for the Goodison Park Club during his five seasons with them scoring 29 goals, yet to score for Bury.

One of Bury's ever present this season is WINSTON WHITE who is 26 years old. Winston played for four League Clubs last season, Chesterfield, Port Vale, Stockport County and Bury, he made 29 League appearances for Bury last season. A former Leicester City apprentice he made 12 League appearances for the Filbert Street Club before joining Hereford United where in five seasons he made 175 League appearances scoring 21 goals. Winston has scored three goals, at home to Colchester United on September 15th and Northampton Town on February 23rd, he also scored the only goal of the match at Hartlepool on January 2nd.

Falkirk born JOE JAKUB a former Burnley apprentice made 42 League appearances for the Turf Moor Club during his seven seasons with them, before joining Bury in 1980. Joe ended a run of 198 consecutive League appearances recently for Bury. A vital part of Bury's midfield he scored 11 goals last season. Two of his three goals this season came in a 3-2 win at Chester on September 8th, the other coming on the stroke of half time in a 2-2 home draw with Crewe on November 10th.

Scoring the first goal in the ninth minute of our 2-0 defeat at Bury on

September 8th was CRAIG MADDEN one of the Division's most prolific goal scorers. During the 1981/82 season Craig scored 35 goals in forty six League matches. The 26 year old striker took his total of goals this season to fifteen when he scored in the 52nd minute of the Club's 2-2 draw at Scunthorpe on March 3rd. Craig has now scored 108 goals from his 242 League appearances.

Bury born WAYNE ENTWISTLE is now in his second spell with the Club, rejoining his home town Club from Grays Athletic. Previously with Wimbledon, Blackpool, Leeds United and Sunderland whom he joined in a £30,000 transfer from Bury in 1977. Wayne has scored 15 goals this season including the 77th minute equaliser in Bury's 2-2 draw at Scunthorpe on March 3rd. His third away goal of the season.

Welsh International LEIGHTON JAMES the holder of 54 Full Caps is a veteran of 533 League matches and one hundred and seven goals. Leighton has been the subject of transfer fees costing £615,000. Transfers that took the former Burnley apprentice to Derby County, Queens Park Rangers, Burnley and Swansea City. Although 32 year old Leighton's last two moves have been free transfers. He has scored four goals this season, at home to Hereford United on October 23rd, Torquay United on December 1st and Exeter City on February 8th, and away to Peterborough United on December 19th.



Back Row: Frank Casper (Coach), Wilf McGuinness (Ass Manager), Leighton James, Andy Hill, Wayne Entwistle, David Brown, Marcus Phelan, John Bramhall, Chris Cutler, Terry Pashley, Martin Dobson (Player/Manager), Ray Pointer (Coach).  
Front Row: Heath Reynolds, Trevor Ross, Gary Buckley, Joe Jakub, Winston White, Craig Madden, John Utley, Kevin Young.



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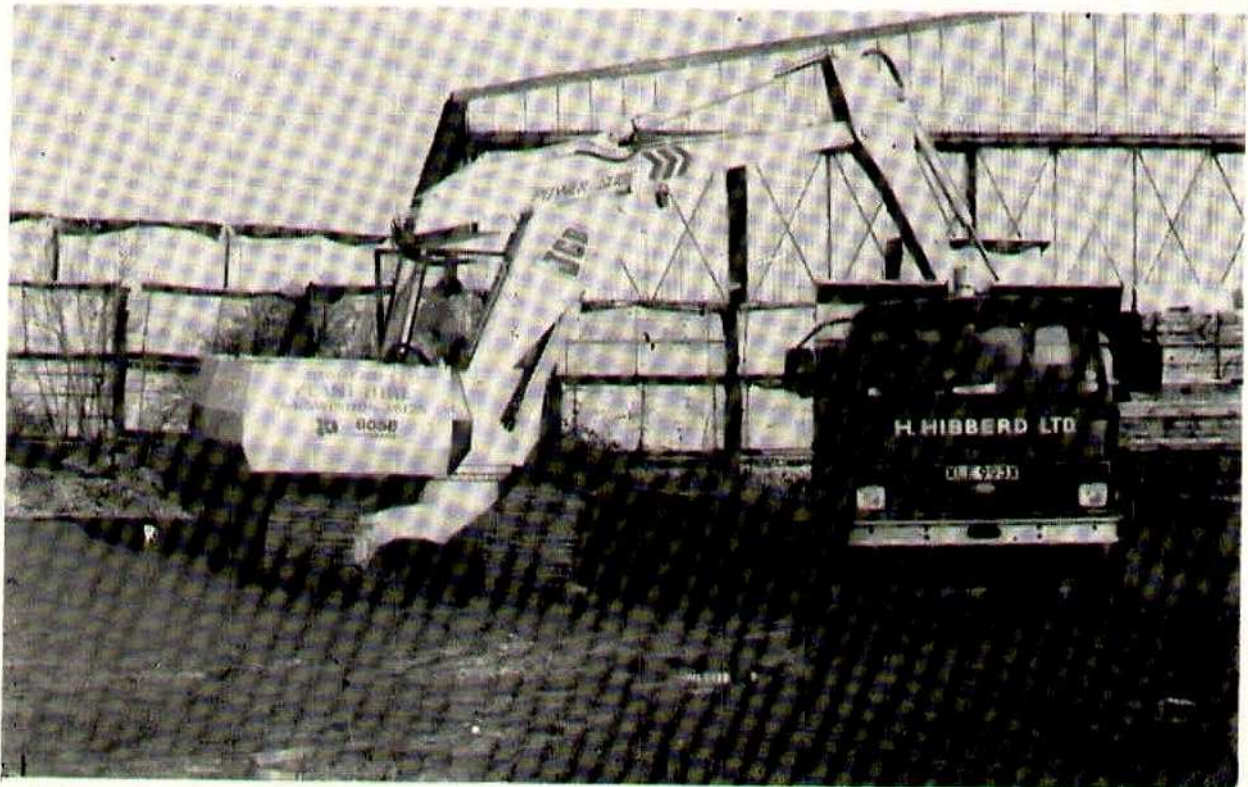
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# FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

It would be inappropriate not to offer our congratulations to our former stirkers Paul Rideout and Jimmy Quinn on their International selections. For Paul now with Aston Villa, the Under 21 match with Israel provided him with his first goal at this level when he scored the second and winning goal in a 2-1 victory in Tel Aviv.

For Jimmy Quinn a season that began in a watching capacity, for he has been the Blackburn substitute for numerous matches has in recent weeks taken a meteoric rise in his success at Club level. Performances which put the Northern Ireland International very much to the fore in Manager Billy Bingham's planning for the World Cup qualifying match with England in Belfast last month. Jimmy provided one of the few memorable moments of a dour match with a first half header which hit the crossbar with England goalkeeper Peter Shilton well beaten.

Fourth Division we may be, but Paul and Jimmy provide evidence to prove that for all the prospective candidates who wish to see this Club with 104 years of history pass into a building site, allotments or whatever, it does and will serve to be anything but the sleeping dog some will have us to believe.

I am sure that every Swindonian and those from outside the Thamesdown area are grateful to the efforts and intentions of the Mayor and his supporting colleagues in searching for ways and means of allowing us to pursue our avid interest in a Club and sport which provides pleasure on occasions unequalled in emotion. Their efforts will not go unrecognised I am sure.

Promotion candidates Darlington have signed Bradford City striker Garry Haire for a fee of £6,000. Twenty one year old Garry was a former Oxford United apprentice who failed to make the Manor Road Club's League team. Last season he scored thirteen League goals in the Yorkshire Clubs Third Division campaign.

Hereford United were knocked out of the Welsh Cup when they lost their Quarter Final match 2-0 to Swansea City at the Vetch Field on February 27th.

Tony Adcock of Colchester United who was the country's joint top scorer with 28 goals and a target for Norwich City and other First Division Clubs could be out of action for upto six weeks with a knee injury. A personal blow but a big blow for Colchester United who have forced their

way into the promotion reckoning with an unbeaten run of eight matches in which they have recorded six wins. Interesting to see how the Essex Club progress without this prolific goalscorer.

Injury brought a halt to Bristol Rovers bid to sign Goalkeeper Jon Hallworth of Ipswich Town who spent a brief period on loan with us this season. The Eastville Clubs's Manager David Williams will still retain an interest in the former Portman Road apprentice saying 'I plan to move for Jon, but there are one or two other Clubs interested now and we yet lose out.'

Our new signing Dave Caldwell from Mansfield Town made his debut at Torquay United last month in our re-arranged League fixture. Despite the goalless scoreline, he delighted the majority of the travelling Town fans with his fearless probing and willingness to take opponents on. Certainly the type of player we shall need to climb back to Division Three.

If statistics are any guide, we should this evening witness the safest pair of hands in the Fourth Division. For David Brown the goalkeeper of tonight's visitors Bury has managed to record thirteen clean sheets in League matches. Hereford United keeper Kevin Rose and Billy O'Rourke of Blackpool can claim equal distinction with the same total.

Former Torquay United Manager Bruce Rioch is back in football, just over a year after resigning as manager of the Fourth Division Club. He has been appointed coach to new American Club, F.C. Seattle.

A first minute blunder in defence at Stockport paved the way for another away defeat despite Dave Hockaday scoring his first goal of the season in an impressive display after a long lay off through injury. Incidentally Dave's goal was our first in away matches since our 3-2 defeat at Southend on Boxing Day. But a Clive Evans second half goal for the Edgeley Park Club ensured we tumbled to our ninth away defeat of the season and our seventh in the last eight matches.

Ray Hankin of Peterborough United who was sent off in the 22nd minute of their recent home match with Port Vale brought his total of dismissals to five during the last two seasons. Dismissed four times last season Hankin was cautioned for kicking the ball away and 30 seconds later blundered into John Ridley the Port Vale defender. Harlow referee Keith Miller



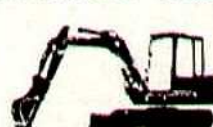


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immediately pointed to the dressing room.

News of two of our former players goalkeeper Chris Ogden is now playing for Moreton Town in the Hellenic League while winger Steve Abbey has rejoined Cheltenham Town from fellow Southern League Club Witney Town.

With Clubs now entering the last third of the seasons fixtures it is becoming increasingly clear that the four promotion places will be contested by six clubs who have the most realistic chance. Remember that no club has ever gained promotion from this Division by losing more than thirteen matches.

After the matches of Saturday March 3rd had been played the leading clubs had lost the following totals, Bury 5, Blackpool 5, Chesterfield 6, Darlington 3, Colchester United 7, Hereford United 5. Those six clubs look set to vie for the four coveted positions. While it is impossible to dismiss absolute the chasing pack of Peterborough United ten defeats, Tranmere 13, Crewe 11, Scunthorpe 9, ourselves 12 and Port Vale 9. The margin of error for these six clubs is less and only a

continuous run of victories would ensure their claim for promotion.

What an amazing turn of fortune for Darlington in their Freight Rover Trophy tie with Halifax Town. For after losing the away leg of their first round tie by 4-1 most critics felt that the Feethams Club were only concerned with a quick exit from the competition in view of their prolonged F.A. Cup run and backlog of League fixtures. That notion was soon dispelled for in their home leg they sunk the Yorkshire Club with an astounding 7-0 victory on Sunday March 3rd to win the tie 8-4 on aggregate. Watched by a mere crowd of 765, they now entertain Third Division Club Lincoln City in a second round tie.

Hereford United again found Wrexham's Racecourse Ground an inhospitable venue in their bid to retain a place in the Division's promotion zone. They were sent home still without a win following their 1-1 draw on March 3rd. In seven trips to the North Wales Club's headquarters since they were elected to the Football League in 1972, they have failed to record a win.





# TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE

TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	COLIN BAILIE	3
	LOU MACARI	4
	DAVID COLE	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	PETER COYNE	7
	DAVID HOCKADAY	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	MIKE GRAHAM	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
	PAUL BATTY	12

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AGUE DIVISION FOUR

	<b>BURY</b>	TEAM CHANGES
1/	DAVID BROWN	
2	ANDY HILL	
3	GARY BUCKLEY	
4	TREVOR ROSS	
5	JOHN BRAMHALL	
6	MARTIN DOBSON	
7	WINSTON WHITE	
8	CRAIG MADDEN	
9	WAYNE ENTWISTLE	
10	KEVIN YOUNG	
11	LEIGHTON JAMES	
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# Dave Caldwell's Career Goals

## 1980-81

1.....v	Doncaster Rov .....	1st Round Football League Cup ..	Aug 8 1980	..	AWAY
1.....v	Hereford Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Aug 23	"	HOME
1.....v	Rochdale .....	1st Round F.A. Cup .....	Nov 22	"	HOME
1.....v	Crewe .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 29	"	AWAY
1.....v	Mossley .....	2nd Round F.A. Cup .....	Dec 13	"	AWAY
1.....v	Doncaster Rov .....	Division 4 .....	Dec 19	"	AWAY
1.....v	Crewe .....	Division 4 .....	Jan 17	81	HOME
2.....v	Port Vale .....	Division 4 .....	Jan 24	"	HOME
1.....v	Bury .....	Division 4 .....	Feb 7	"	HOME
1.....v	Lincoln City .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 18	"	HOME

Total 11 HOME 7 AWAY 4.

## 1981-82

1.....v	Blackpool .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 3 1981	..	HOME
1.....v	Hull City .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 10	"	HOME
1.....v	Sheffield Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 20	"	AWAY
1.....v	Halifax Town .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 7	"	AWAY
1.....v	Hartlepool Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Jan 16	82	HOME
2.....v	Halifax Town .....	Division 4 .....	Mar 27	"	HOME
1.....v	Scunthorpe Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 13	"	HOME
1.....v	Torquay Untd .....	Division 4 .....	May 1	"	HOME

Total 9 HOME 7 AWAY 2

## 1982-83

2.....v	Chester City .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 16 1982	..	AWAY
1.....v	Hartlepool Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 3	"	AWAY
1.....v	Torquay Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Dec 17	"	HOME
1.....v	Northampton Town .....	Division 4 .....	Dec 28	"	HOME
1.....v	Bristol City .....	Division 4 .....	Mar 26 1983	..	AWAY
1.....v	Crewe .....	Division 4 .....	Mar 28	"	HOME
2.....v	Northampton Town .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 2	"	AWAY
1.....v	York City .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 30	"	HOME

Total 10 HOME 4 AWAY 6

## 1983-84

1.....v	Huddersfield Town .....	Milk Cup 2nd round 2nd leg .....	Sep 12 1983	..	AWAY
3.....v	Aldershot .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 1	"	HOME
1.....v	Bury .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 8	"	AWAY
4.....v	Hartlepool Untd .....	Division 4 .....	Oct 22	"	HOME
2.....v	Rochdale .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 1	"	HOME
1.....v	Doncaster Rovers .....	F.A. Cup 1st Round .....	Nov 19	"	HOME
1.....v	Chester City .....	Division 4 .....	Dec 27	"	AWAY
1.....v	Crewe .....	Division 4 .....	Dec 31	"	HOME
1.....v	Wrexham .....	Division 4 .....	Mar 6	"	HOME
1.....v	Stockport County .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 6	"	AWAY
1.....v	Halifax Town .....	Division 4 .....	Apr 10	"	HOME
3.....v	Crewe .....	Division 4 .....	Mar 7	"	AWAY
2.....v	Northampton Town .....	Division 4 .....	May 12	"	HOME

Total 22 HOME 15 AWAY 7

## 1984-85

1.....v	Port Vale .....	Division 4 .....	Aug 25 1984	..	AWAY
2.....v	Rochdale .....	Division 4 .....	Sep 1	"	HOME
1.....v	Stockport County .....	Division 4 .....	Sep 22	"	AWAY
2.....v	Chester City .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 7	"	HOME
1.....v	Rotherham Untd .....	F.A. Cup 1st Round .....	Nov 14	"	HOME
2.....v	Northampton Town .....	Division 4 .....	Nov 22	"	HOME

## League Appearance Record

Mansfield Town	1979-80	1 + 2s		
"	1980-81	23 + 5s	Substituted - 1	
"	1981-82	31 + 2s	" - 2	
"	1982-83	34 + 1s	" - 4	
"	1983-84	37 + 1s	" - 4	
"	1984-85	14 + 0s	" - 3	
Carlisle United (on loan)	1984-85	4 + 0s	" - 2	

## Career Goals

HOME 40

AWAY 21

TOTAL 61



# Junior Robins Page

One of the great joys of working with the Junior Robins is their tremendous enthusiasm. The fact that Swindon are only half way up the Fourth Division does not seem to matter to them. They are glad to have a Football League team to support. This is a great contrast to some of the older so called supporters. So often one talks to adults in the Town and is greeted with comments such as "Their rubbish now, I haven't been for years". One might ask how do you know if you have not been for so long. I suppose it must be difficult having followed a team which has been to Wembley, come close to reaching the First Division etc. (although if you are an adult reading this you have managed to do it) to accept a lower standard for a few years. However its what all real supporters do and it is only with such support that success will eventually return.

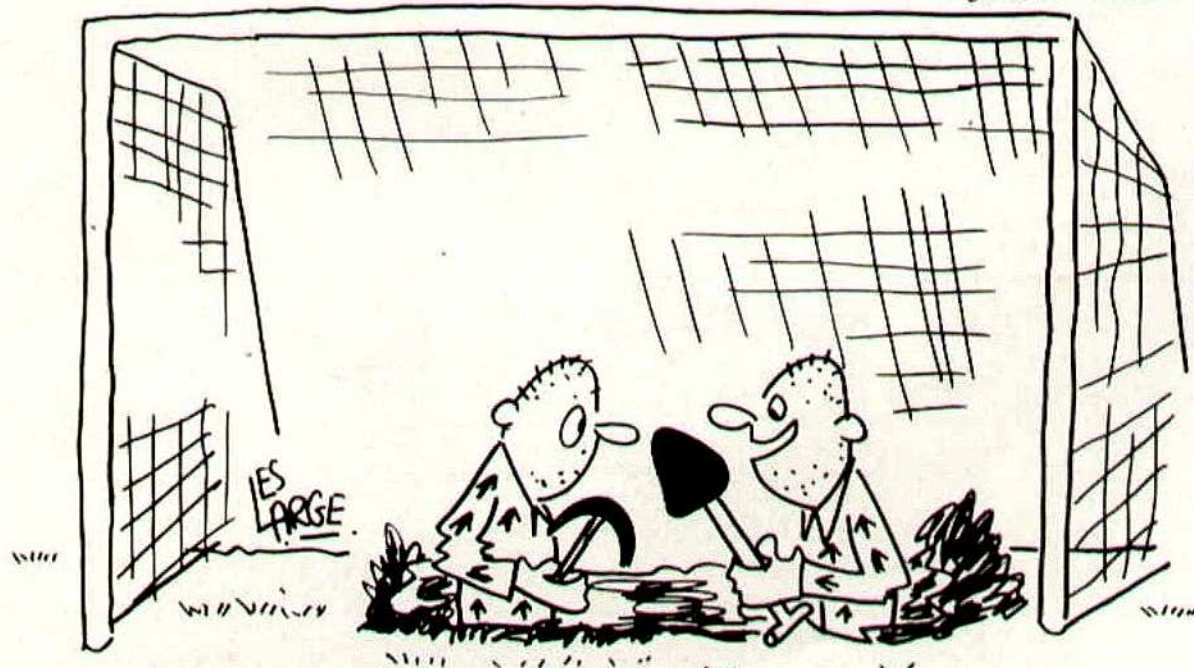
Members of the Junior Robins don't waste time on fruitless comparisons between players in the present team and great names of the past. They are just thrilled the professional footballers take the interest to come along to their meetings and join in competitions with them.

While on the subject of competitions congratulations are due to the Nythe team of lead by their teacher Mr. Embling and assisted by Colin Gordon, Kirsteen Glead and Paul Hillier who won the Junior School Quiz Competition. It was a very close fought contest with only one point separating the teams at the start of the last round. However Nythe managed to hold their narrow lead with Colebrook finished second and Clarence St. third.

The attendance was not quite as high as at some previous meetings but it was good to see some new members signing on. We do try to get membership cards, badges and photographs out as quickly as possible although with photographs there can be some delay. However if you think you have been missed do write in to the Club so that I can attend to the matter and let you know if there is any delay what the reason for it is.

Finally can I remind all members and parents of the trip to Wembley on Wednesday 10th April. The cost is £3.50 and places can be reserved by writing to me at the Club Office and enclosing a deposit of £1 per place. This visit is during the Easter Holidays and should provide a most enjoyable day out.

Dick Mattick  
Organiser Junior Robins.



"LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... WERE OUT OF PRISON AND IN THE GROUND FOR NOTHING!"



# COMMERCIAL BREAK

BY DOUG BUSWELL



## Grand National Draw 27th March 1985

Anyone still holding tickets for the above draw are reminded that they have to be in the Commercial Office by noon on 25th March for entry into the draw.

The draw will be held at The New Century Club and anyone wanting to attend should contact Alison in the Commercial Office.

## Sporting Dinners

Our next Sporting Dinner will be in May. All our regular diners will be informed when the details are at hand.

## The National Sports Pool

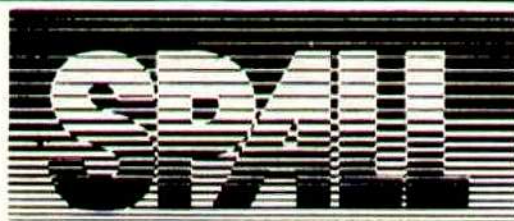
"Top Score" will soon be upon us. Our Chairman attended the Annual General Meeting at Coventry last week and the organisation for the launch in August is now building up.

## Wanted

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# PHOTO CALL

BY DAVE EVANS



A close thing for Colin Gordon as his header bounces on top of the Exeter net - but he went on to score both goals in Swindon's 2-0 win.



Watched by Town boss Lou Macari (left), striker Andy Rowland wins a corner in the 2-0 win over Exeter.



# FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

Swindon Town v Bury

Full Football League results:

HOME	SEASON	AWAY
11 Apr 0-0	1958-59	0-0 Nov 22
19 Sep 1-0	1959-60	3-0 Feb 6
21 Jan 4-0	1960-61	0-3 Sep 10
5 Oct 2-1	1963-64	0-1 Feb 18
12 Dec 2-0	1964-65	1-6 Aug 22
24 Feb 2-3	1967-68	1-1 Oct 7
17 Aug 0-2	1974-75	0-0 Mar 18
31 Jan 2-1	1975-76	0-5 Oct 21
16 Apr 0-1	1976-77	1-0 Oct 26
16 Sep 1-1	1977-78	0-0 Feb 28
19 Aug 2-1	1978-79	1-0 Mar 27
8 Dec 8-0	1979-80	0-0 Apr 26
26 Feb 1-1	1982-83	0-0 Oct 16
17 Dec 0-0	1983-84	1-2 May 12
F.A. Cup 4 Home	1966-67	2-1 Feb 18

With the threatened players strike averted three days earlier, the way was clear for promotion contenders Bury to visit the County Ground in January 1961. Although having dropped seven points from their last six games, Bury were still top of the Division and hoping to regain the Second Division place they had lost in 1957. Swindon meanwhile were eighteenth, and looking for their first League win since October 19th!

Both teams started strongly, concentrating on constructive football, although it was Bury who looked the sharper side, and Sam Burton did well to save at close quarters from Bill Calder and Tony Bartley in the first nine minutes, before Cliff Jackson gave Swindon the lead in the 35th minute. Once ahead Swindon settled down and took advantage of Bury trying to have one pass too many, Arnold Darcy especially impressive on his return to the first team and having a hand in three of the goals. Mike Summerbee added the second two minutes from the interval to add to Swindon confidence.

The second-half continued in much the same vein, Swindon allowing Bury no room to play, although Alan Jackson did come close, and it was no surprise when Cliff Jackson added his second with a flashing header in the 57th minute. With the pressure now off Swindon, the side made a mockery of the respective League positions, indeed Bury were to end the season as champions, and Summerbee's goal

18 minutes from time merely served to confirm the superiority.

Swindon:- Burton, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruff, Darcy, Hunt, Summerbee, Jackson, Jones F.

Attendance:- 9,803.

Six years later, with Bury still in Division 11, the two sides were drawn together in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup, Swindon by virtue of beating West Ham in the previous round, Bury by beating Walsall. Both were struggling in the League, and this was reflected to a certain extent in the game, but Swindon gained the result they wanted.

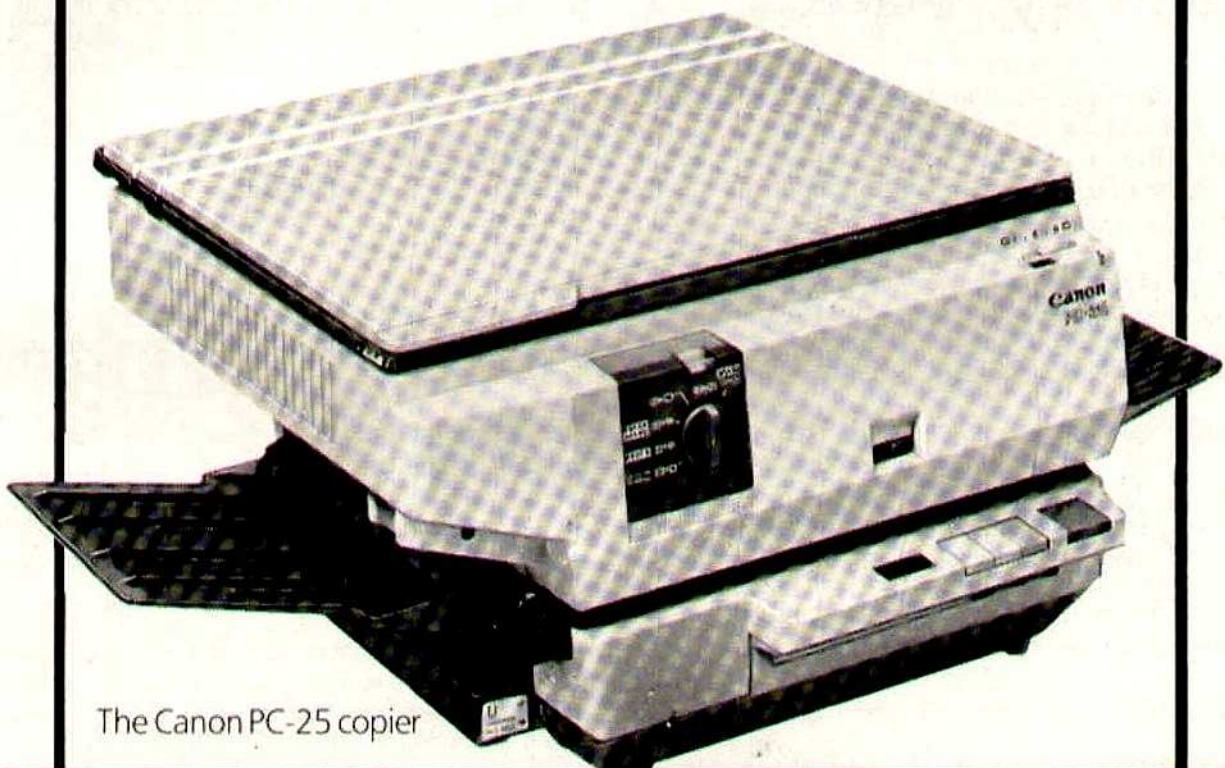
Keith Morgan gave Swindon the lead with a header after eighteen minutes, but despite holding this advantage up to the interval, Swindon should have gone in with a further two goals to their credit had it not been for Willie Penman missing two very good chances. Bury, on the other hand, were failing to make any chances, giving the Town's defence no problems in keeping out an inept attack. Despite this the visitors must have felt they were in with a chance, especially with Swindon's poor finishing, but a superb goal from Don Rogers two minutes into the second-half put an end to that. Rogers, getting the ball on the right-hand corner of the area, found all ways forward blocked, so putting the ball onto his left foot let fly from where he was, giving Chris Harker no chance at all.

The goal shattered Bury, but Swindon still failed to take real advantage although Harker made some good saves. Then twelve minutes from the end Bury scored through Barry Lowes, later to join Swindon, to cheer the 1,000 or so who had made the journey south, but by then it was too late and Swindon were through to the next round - a trip to Nottingham Forest.

Despite the game being all-ticket the attendance was 24,452, some 1,300 short of the crowd for the West Ham game.

Swindon:- Hicks, Thomas, Trollope, Morgan, Nurse, Harland, Rogers, Smart, Skeen, Penman, Walker.





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# Jimmy Allen Testimonial

As you are aware Jimmy Allan was forced to retire last season through an injury to his arm and as a tribute to him from the supporters a Dinner will be held at the Blunsdon House Hotel on Monday 1st April 1985.

A limited number of tickets are available from the addresses below at a cost of £12.50 each, inclusive of a 4 course meal and dancing.

The guest speakers for this are Mr. Tommy Docherty and Mr. Julian Wilson.

Also on the evening an auction will be held of goods donated by Football Clubs. If you are not able to come to the dinner, your bids would be accepted to be received by 1st post on 28th March 1985.

The goods for auction are:-

LEEDS UNITED	Autographed Shirt
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EVERTON	Autographed Ball
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WEST HAM	Shirt

ASTON VILLA	Autographed Ball
WATFORD	Autographed Ball
IPSWICH	Autographed Ball
LUTON	Autographed Ball
STOKE	Shirt
CHELSEA	Autographed Ball
MANCHESTER CITY	Autographed Shirt

If you would like to see any of these items please contact me at the address below.

I am sure that you, the Supporters, would like to show your appreciation to Jimmy for the excellent service he has give to Swindon Town Football Club and we look forward to seeing you on the evening of the 1st April.

On a final note, if any of you have any items that you would like to donate as raffle prizes for the evening I would be most pleased to receive them.

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



Since the announcement in the local newspaper and on television that we are experiencing problems regarding our debt to the local authority, I am constantly asked to explain the problems. Firstly I would point out that our ground is owned by the local authority, the Thamesdown Borough Council.

In 1970/71, following our success in the League Cup Competition and promotion to the Second Division of the League, and because our existing grandstand was condemned by the local authority, it was agreed that a new grandstand be built with the local authority loaning much of the required capital. During the negotiations the Board of Directors were coerced into accepting a stand superior to that which they had envisaged as the Council wished the building to meet with the requirements of the plan for the new Swindon. It should be born in mind that the average league gates at that time were:

Season 1968/69	-	18,059	1969/70	-	19,846	1970/71	-	15,798		
They are now	-	1982/83	-	4,018	1983/84	-	3,149	1984/85 to date	-	2,934

We borrowed from the local authority the sum of £271,173 to be repaid over forty years. The initial annual repayment was £16,000 rising to £43,571 in the year 2012 (see Appendix A).

We have in fact repaid the sum of £238,229 but, of course, the accruing interest on the loan has, during the last three years, made our task an impossible one, the annual payment 1985/86 being £44,000.

We have been negotiating with the Special Purposes Sub Committee of the local authority Policy and Resources Committee for many months in an endeavour to solve the problem during which time a number of suggestions have been placed before the Committee.

eg. 1) The Club would make an annual payment based upon the average gate of the League home games each season.

2) The present amount due under the agreement, including the outstanding sum of £92,724 be divided into equal annual payments, over a longer period.

3) The Club to purchase the ground and buildings.

The local authority are, at present, building an athletics track adjacent to the football club and we are now negotiating with them for shared changing facilities with the athletics club with a consequential reduction in our annual repayments.

I would emphasize that the immediate debts mentioned by the media are, of course, not true for we are meeting our day to day costs. The problem is of course the £92,724 debt to the Council which is rising by £120 each day. I am sure every unbiased person will agree that the Club is in an impossible situation but of course the problem must be resolved as soon as possible in a manner acceptable to both parties.



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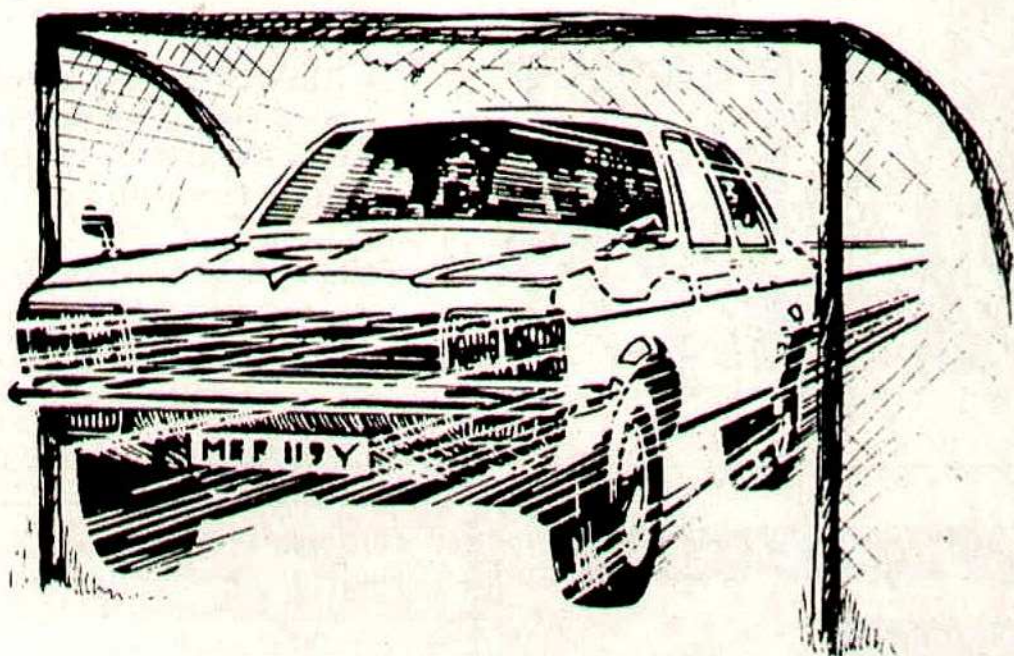




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