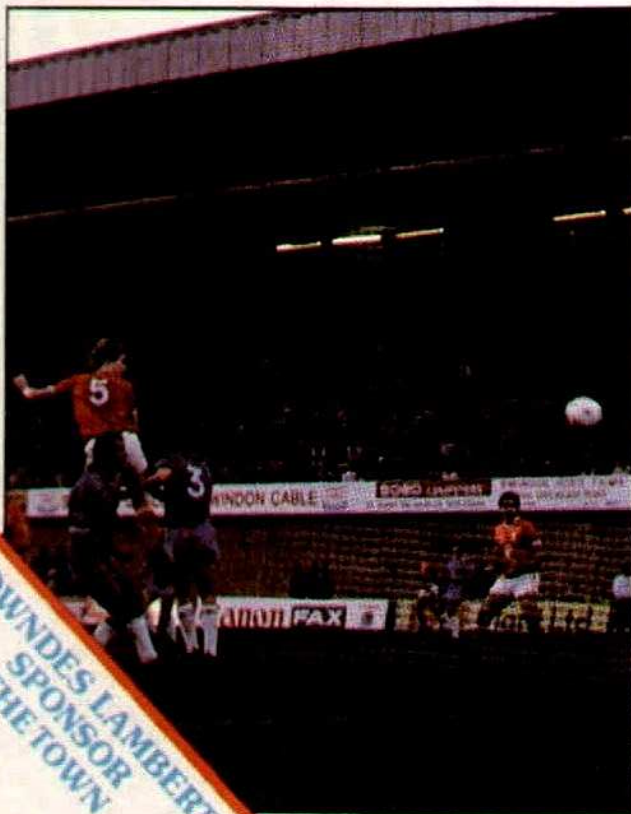
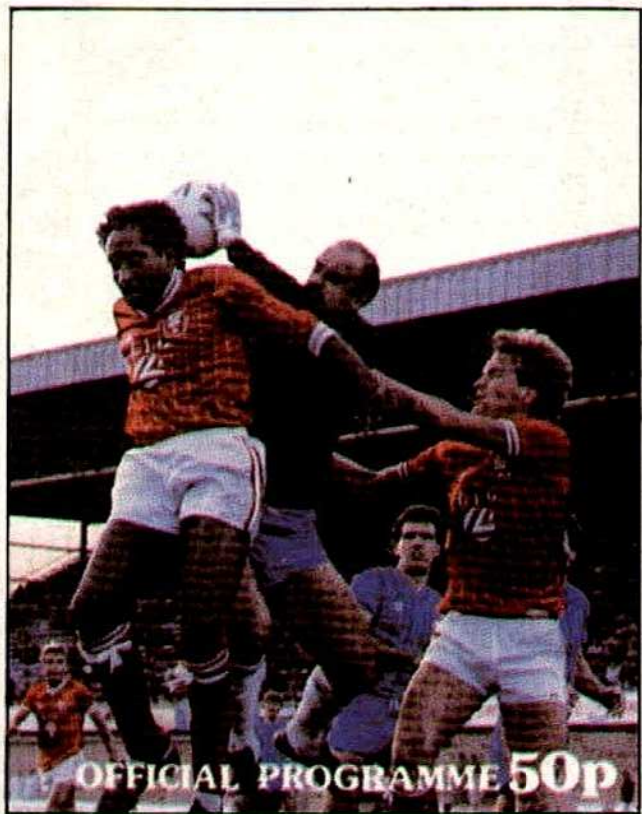


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Chairman's Chatter

May I welcome Bristol City to the County Ground this afternoon for this First Round F.A. Cup tie. In welcoming the team, officials and supporters of the Ashton Gate Club, may I appeal to you all, to ensure that this afternoon's match passes without incident, before, during and after the match.



Previous matches between our two clubs have in recent years been more notable for off the field activity. Created by the mindless minority who have sought to cause damage to the names of both clubs. With more severe penalties now being administered by the Judicial, football at last seems to be reaching a more stabilised state of behaviour. Whereby the family are now able to visit their local club in the knowledge that society will no longer tolerate the mindless. We have enjoyed a trouble free period here at the County Ground for a considerable time now and I would therefore ask you to all assist the stewards, officials and police in ensuring that we can all return home this evening irrespective of any result in the knowledge that this afternoon YOU all enhanced the reputation of YOUR club.

The decision to stage this match on a Sunday was taken on advice from the police authorities. Swindon Town Football Club would like to record their appreciation of the assistance that they have given to the Club in respect of this match.

HONOURS

Football League Cup Winners: 1969
Semi-Finalists 1980
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners: 1970
International League Cup
Winners Cup. Winners: 1969
Third Division
Runners Up: 1962-63, 1968-69
F.A. Charity Shield
Finalists: 1911
F.A. Youth Cup
Finalists: 1964
F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists:
1910, 1912

Hopefully you will appreciate the newly designed matchday programme cover which will now replace the often criticised previous adornment.

Personally it was not of my choice and I would agree with the majority of it's critics. Perhaps you will find this one a little easier on the eye for the rest of the season.

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THE TOWN CRIER BRINGS YOU *A message from Lou & Terry*



TERRY: Unlike Lou, I have seen past encounters between our clubs. This afternoon I want to remember this match for the right reasons and that is FOOTBALL. To both set of fans, Swindon Town and Bristol City, watch the match with interest and excitement but remember you are representing your club. We want to be proud of YOU. Win, lose or draw the players of both clubs want to be able to salute YOU the fans at the final whistle.

Terry Cooper

LOU: Although this is my first experience of a west country local derby match between Swindon Town and Bristol City. I am more than aware that recent matches between our two clubs have been marred by crowd disturbances and bad behaviour. Therefore may I appeal to YOU all to uphold the good name of YOUR club and remember that you are not only representing either Swindon Town or Bristol City but also YOURSELF. Please take pride in both. May I extend a warm welcome to City and their supporters and please let us all enjoy this afternoon's match.

Lou Marsh



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Face to Face

A NEW PROGRAMME FEATURE
WHERE LOU ANSWERS QUESTIONS
FROM DAVE KING -



Q: Were you surprised that we defeated Sheffield Wednesday?

LOU: Pleasantly surprised! But all cup matches are one-off affairs and on the night we were able to match Wednesday in all departments of the game, not the least in skill. Our commitment was beyond question as it should be. It is easy to forget that we are a Fourth Division Club though and they were then occupying third position in the First Division.

Q: How did you rate our performance four days later against Tranmere Rovers?

LOU: It was obviously paler in comparison, I was just grateful that we scraped home to collect the three points. A few of the players looked jaded, I wish now that I had taken them on a long country run but following that match I was caught up in the draw for the next round and the following day I had to go to Old Trafford to collect the F.A. Cup.

Q: Were you disappointed with the draw?

LOU: I would have preferred a match here at Swindon but no draw is a good draw until you have won the match. Again it is First Division against Fourth with the odds stacked against us.

Q: Have you seen Ipswich this season?

LOU: At West Bromwich earlier this season when they won 2-1 and I planned to

watch them yesterday when they were at home to Everton.

Q: Will they present a different problem to Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday?

LOU: Yes, I would describe them as a team that attempted to build their attacks more carefully than the other two but they have been hit by injuries this season.

Q: A totally different subject, but are you satisfied with our reserve performances this season?

LOU: No, particularly from some of the younger players who have not been taking pride in their performances on the field or in some of their off field duties. I have recently had cause to put a few of them clearly in the picture that a lot more is expected of them in both areas. That does not excuse some of the senior players in the team who have to shoulder more responsibility.

Q: When do you expect Chris Kamara and David Moss back in action?

LOU: Both are set to resume light training, Chris and Dave will add further competition for first team places once they have had a few reserve team outings. We will need both with the winter months now approaching.



THE TOWN CRIER TAKES A LOOK AT ASHTON GATE 'ALF' THIS SEASON

This season has not been one that Ashton 'Alf' had anticipated during the summer months. For he had seen City trail third place Hull City by only six points at the completion of last season. August was welcomed with relish by 'Ashton Alf'. It departed leaving 'Alf's' hopes in a forlorn state. Including the Milk Cup tie at Hereford he had seen his beloved City concede seventeen goals while scoring a mere four in return. Those five matches saw City defeated on the opening day of the season by Walsall 3-2. A penalty three minutes from time finally sealing City's fate.

Three days later 'Alf' travelled to Hereford where the Edgar Street Club, virtually dumped City out of the Milk Cup with a 5-1 winning margin. A match watched by 'Alf' and Lou Macari. Travelling south City visited Bournemouth three days later where Colin Clarke recorded a hat trick for the Dean Court Club, with Town discard Colin Russell also scoring twice, in front of Bournemouth's highest attendance of the season 4,969.

August had not dealt 'Alf' its final blow yet! For Gillingham with second half goals from Tony Cascarino, turned City's half time advantage on its head, Bobby Hutchinson's first half goal, to no avail. 'Ashton Alf' was now in a turmoil. A two goal defeat at Rotherham saw City rooted to the foot of the Third Division table. A match which saw former Plymouth Argyle striker Tommy Tynan score his first goal for the northern club, from the penalty spot.

If August saw 'Alf' in a forlorn state, September was a month of re-juvenation! Six matches played and no defeats! Although goals from Bobby Hutchinson and Steve Johnson were mere consolatory efforts in a 2-0 home Second Leg Milk Cup First Round win, at least it allowed 'Alf' to witness City's first victory of the season. Ecstasy was round the corner for 'Alf'

when City recorded their first home League win of the season against Wigan Athletic due to Howard Pritchard's second half effort. 'Alf' was 'over the moon', a week later when City returned from Ninian Park with a 3-1 scoreline due to a Alan Walsh brace and one from Welshman Howard.

'Alf' and the Ashton Gate regulars made the 7,750 attendance the highest of the season in a 1-1 draw with Derby County, with Rob Newman scoring his first and only goal of the season so far.

'Alf' and Howard Pritchard re-enacted Dick Turpin at York in stealing a point against the odds, before Howard and Steve Neville completed the 'coup de grace' on September 17th in a 2-1 home win against Blackpool. No tower for 'Alf' to climb but the Suspension bridge was illuminated.

Ismbard Brunel was vacated on the first of October, for the modern Severn version, as 'Alf' trudged into Wales once again to meet Bob Smith's Newport, a 1-1 draw resulted, 'Taffy' and 'Alf' parting with honours shared. Hadrians Wall moved south, four days later, as Paul Batty and the Chesterfield version bored 'Alf' in a goal-less encounter at Ashton Gate. Meadow Lane offered less solace as Notts County steam rolled 'Alf' to a four goal thrashing. Hapless Darlington succumbed a week later as old boy Alan Walsh rifled a second half goal in a Ashton Gate bombardment.

'Alf' moved north to see his hopes buried at Gigg Lane where Bury came out 6-3 victors in a nine goal thriller in which seven different players registered goals!

'Alf' was back at Ashton Gate a week later to show Wolves the door after a convincing 3-1 win. It was the 'life of Riley' at Doncaster as November began with Glyn's seventh minute effort and a visit to 'Moonraker' country in prospect for 'Alf'.

Commercial Comment

By Doug Buswell

Welcome once again to the County Ground and good luck to Lou and the Team this afternoon.

SPORTING DINNER

Our recent Sporting Dinner in the Rendezvous Club was another tremendous evening. A full house enjoyed speeches by BBC Sports Presenter Tony Gubba and former England Rugby International Fran Cotton. The evening was sponsored by Mr. Peter Painter and Allied Dunbar (Swindon) Branch.

The next dinner sponsored by Transplant (Swindon) Ltd., will be on Monday 16th December when Jackie Charlton will be our main speaker supported by Bumble Clarke with a further touch of country humour.

What tickets there are left are available from the Commercial Office on Swindon 31510.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 1985

Tickets are selling like hot cakes at a cost of 10 pence each and £1,000 in prizes who can wonder at it. I would appeal to anyone holding tickets to sell them and return them to this office as soon as possible. If anyone reading these notes would like to purchase a ticket or even sell some then contact Alison on Swindon 642984 for further information.

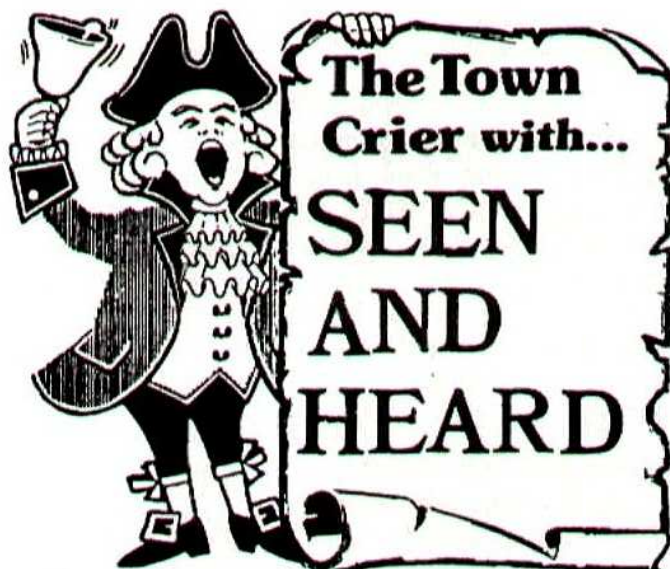
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

Our Youth Team is enjoying a very successful season. Under John Trollope, Terry Wollen and Eddie Buckley the younger lads are now top of the South East Counties League and still in the Knock Out Cup.

If anyone would like to sponsor individual kits for these promising youngsters please contact me on Swindon 31510.



Nine year old Lee Selby who comes from Haydon View Road and attends Sevenfield Primary School pictured with Steve Edwards of Tranmere, the Match Officials and Town Captain Chris Ramsey just before the kick off of our recent home match with the Birkenhead Club.



The 'Rev' Gets Around Does'nt He?.....
We learned that Swindon Town Chaplain Rev. Nigel Sands recently attended a meeting of the '92' Club...At Odsal Stadium, Bradford...The first Canon League match to be played in the City since the fire of the Valley Parade...Said the 'Rev', 'I felt it was important to be there as a football chaplain and as a member of the '92' Club...And it raised my total of League grounds to 98'....As we said, He gets around!

Scott Of The Antartic!.....

Scott Endersby our diffident keeper...eventually obtained the opportunity he sought...By moving as far north as possible!...For he has joined the northern outpost Club...Carlisle United!...With Alan Mayes...Alan's move has not been a happy one...Let's hope Scott fares better...United's regular custodian Kevin Carr was due for a two match suspension...Hence the interest of Bob Stokoe...Remember Seen and Heard disclosed that the Carlisle Manager was at Hartlepool earlier to watch...Our match at the Victoria Ground...And he departed...Disappointed that the player he had come to watch...Was not on view...Kenny Allen kept goal for the Town that day!.

Seen At The County Ground.....

Ipswich scout Brian Harris for our match with Tranmere...Also a representative from Wigan Athletic...Managed by Bryan Hamilton...Bryan formerly at the County Ground...Also Manager of Tranmere...Your guess is as good as mine...Wait for further

developments...Another Club taking more than a casual interest...In developments here at the County Ground...Have been Torquay United...Who have been looking at one or two of the Town players.

Spare A Thought For Lisa.....

With the resignation of Bob Jefferies...the seventeen year old receptionist was thrust in at the deep end...a daunting prospect for an older and more experienced lady...She coped...to her credit...it was not easy...and the experience will bode well for the future.

Nurses Injection!.....

Did you notice our former Welsh International defender...Mel Nurse...dug into his pocket...for the second week running recently...paying £1,000 towards the players wages at his old club...Swansea...Businessman Mel, 48, who won twelve International Caps between 1960 and 1963 had paid £1,500 a week before, in an attempt to keep the financially be-leagured Swansea City afloat.

1990?.....

Remember Ian Andrews the Leicester City goalkeeper...who made his only appearance for the Town...against today's opponents...Bristol City...in a Fourth Division match on loan on January 24th 1984...In a 1-1 draw...Well twenty-year old Ian is now being widely predicted to be England's next World Cup goalkeeper...following some consistently brilliant displays of late...in a recent defeat at Liverpool...The talented keeper was in brilliant form...earning accolades from press and opponents alike.

Eastoe...Eastoe...Eastoe.....

It seems not so long ago that the chant...For Town striker...Peter Eastoe...Echoed round the County Ground...On match days...Wonder what the Portugese version of Eastoe is...For the former Town striker is now with...Portugese Club...Sporting Farense.



THE TOWN CRIER WITH JUNIOR ROBINS

The Club meeting on 4th November produced a pleasing attendance of over 50. The quiz resulted in a victory for the Players; Colin Calderwood, Derek Hall, Colin Gordon and Bryan Wade, over the Junior Robins and the Parents. I hope all those who came along enjoyed the evening and went away with some extra football knowledge, even if most of them were left in the dark over who the only Swindon Town manager never to lose a match during his entire period as manager was.

Today's match is of crucial importance, not so much because the result will determine who goes into the next Round, but because the good name of both clubs and football in general will be at stake. I am sure that I can rely on all you Junior Robins to respond to Lou Macari's request in this programme. We want to hear support for Swindon, win or lose, not abuse of the opposition. Please be especially careful that nothing you do or say today can be the cause of bringing discredit on Swindon Town.

The winners of the recent wordsearch were Steven Foster of 54 Huntingdon Crescent, Sheffield and Paul Wells of 25 Colbourne Street, Swindon. Well done lads, we hope you will be able to collect your prizes before the Mansfield Town match. For the rest of you the correct answers were as follows:

LUTON TOWN - Swindon Town's biggest ever League win.

FARNHAM UTD BREWERIES - Swindon Town's biggest ever Cup win

ARSENAL - Swindon Town highest ever home crowd

TOTTENHAM - Swindon Town highest ever gate receipts from a home match

TORQUAY - Swindon Town's biggest ever League defeat

respond to Lou's appeal to help us increase our membership (now approaching 200) to get your new recruit to put their application on the form below or if you do not wish to spoil your programme make sure all the necessary information is given. Please include your own name so I can include it on Lou's list.



Kirsten Gleed of Dorean School, who was one of the original members of the Junior Robins presents Town Player-Manager Lou Macari with a cheque for £107.52 which she had collected for the Player Appeal Fund.

Our second Newsletter of the season is now out. Can I ask those of you who

n The Ball

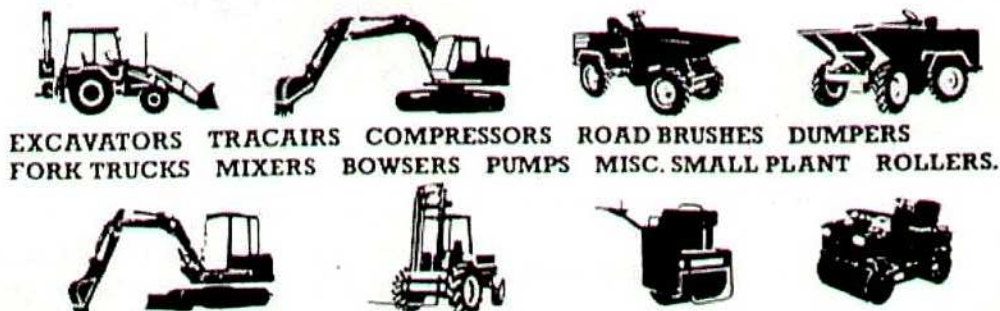
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23rd Mar Port Vale	Mr. Ted Roberts of R.A.F. Swindleby
31st Mar Aldershot	Bath Road Garage
12th Apr Scunthorpe	John Monk, 272 Ermin Street, Swindon.
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The Town Crier Fact File on Town Men

Leigh Barnard

FULL NAME: Leigh Kenneth Barnard

BIRTHPLACE: Eastbourne

BIRTHDATE: 29th October 1958

HEIGHT: 5' 8"

WEIGHT: 73 kg

MARRIED: Yes to Lynn

LEAGUE RECORD:

Portsmouth 79/8 Goals,
Peterborough United (on
loan) 4/-, Swindon Town
23/15

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Frank Burrows/My Grandfather

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:
Daily Express

PLAYER MOST ADMIRER:
Pele

FAVOURITE TEAM:
Portsmouth

FOOTBALL HERO AS A
BOY: Nobby Stiles

FAVOURITE OTHER
SPORTS: Golf, Fishing,
Squash, Tennis.

FAVOURITE SPORTS
PERSONALITY: Daley

Thompson/Confidence
matches his ability

BEST TEAM EVER SEEN:
Brazil in Mexico 1970

BIGGEST
DISAPPOINTMENT: Not
ever playing in 1st or 2nd
Division

FAVOURITE AWAY

GROUND: Fratton Park

LIKE AND DISLIKES:

Walking my dog Rolf/

FAVOURITE SINGERS:

Billy Idol, Van Morrison

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:

Eastenders, Taxi

FAVOURITE FOOD AND

DRINK: Roast dinner on
Sunday/Water

AMBITION: To get out of
the Fourth Division

WHAT ADVICE WOULD
YOU GIVE TO A

YOUNGER PLAYER: Enjoy
total involvement in
football.





FACTS AND FIGURES WITH THE TOWN CRIER

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	GOALSCORER	ATTENDANCE
SAT AUG 17	WREXHAM	H	0-1		4,195
TUE AUG 20	Torquay Utd (Milk Cup 1)	A	2-1	Moss, Hockaday	1,266
SAT AUG 24	Hereford Utd	A	1-4	Calderwood	4,049
MON AUG 26	TORQUAY UTD	H	2-1	Coyne, Henry	3,378
FRI AUG 30	Southend Utd	A	0-0		4,037
TUE SEP 3	TORQUAY UTD (Milk Cup 1)	H	2-2	Coyne, Pugh OG	2,846
FRI SEP 6	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	3-2	Coyne 3(2 Pens)	3,879
SAT SEP 14	Peterborough Utd	A	0-3		2,946
TUE SEP 17	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-2		1,699
TUE SEP 24	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	A	3-2	Rowland, Coyne Pen	14,204
SAT SEP 21	PRESTON NORTH END	H	Postponed		
SAT SEP 28	Hartlepool Utd	A	0-1		2,727
TUE OCT 1	EXETER CITY	H	2-1	Gordon, Calderwood	3,118
SAT OCT 5	ROCHDALE	H	4-0	Coyne, Cole, Wade, Hockaday	3,086
TUE OCT 8	Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	H	3-1	Rowland, Wade 2	9,111
SAT OCT 12	Burnley	A	2-0	Gordon, Coyne	2,927
SAT OCT 19	Chester City	A	1-0	Gordon	3,109
TUE OCT 22	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-0	Coyne	7,172
SAT OCT 26	Port Vale	A	0-3		5,073
TUE OCT 29	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Milk Cup 3)	H	1-0	Coyne	12,110
SAT NOV 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-1	Barnard, Wade	4,358
WED NOV 6	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H	1-0	Henry	5,489
SAT NOV 9	Scunthorpe Utd	A	2-0	Henry, Wade	1,902
SUN NOV 17	BRISTOL CITY (F.A. Cup 1)	H			
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H			
SAT NOV 30	Orient	A			
SAT DEC 7	F.A. Cup 2				
SAT DEC 14	HALIFAX TOWN	H			
SUN DEC 22	HEREFORD UTD	H			
THU DEC 26	Aldershot	A			
SAT DEC 28	Torquay Utd	A			
WED JAN 1	COLCHESTER UTD	H			
SAT JAN 4	Tranmere Rovers	A			
SUN JAN 12	SOUTHEND UTD	H			
SAT JAN 18	Wrexham	A			
SAT JAN 25	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H			
SAT FEB 1	Northampton Town	A			
MON FEB 3	Stockport County	A			
SAT FEB 8	CHESTER CITY	H			
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H			
SAT FEB 22	Preston North End	A			
SUN MAR 2	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H			
WED MAR 5	Exeter City	A			
SAT MAR 8	Rochdale	A			
SAT MAR 15	BURNLEY	H			
SUN MAR 23	PORT VALE	H			
FRI MAR 28	Colchester Utd	A			
MON MAR 31	ALDERSHOT	H			
SAT APR 5	Cambridge Utd	A			
SAT APR 12	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H			
SAT APR 19	Mansfield Town	A			
SUN APR 27	ORIENT	H			
FRI MAY 2	Halifax Town	A			

CORKS ABOUT TO FLY!!



Come on Andy - one more goal. Did you know that Andy Rowland our longest serving professional is now just one goal away from recording - 100 goals for Swindon Town?

That total is made up of - 80 goals in League matches - 8 in the Milk Cup - and 11 in the F.A. Cup. Going - going - gone?



THE TOWN CRIER

BACKTRACKS WITH MIKE SKINNER

Today sees our first F.A. Cup meeting with City, although our competitive meetings stretch back over eighty-eight years when we met in the Southern League First Division. However, in our eight meetings in that League we managed only one victory, winning by the odd goal in three on the last Saturday of the century. Two others were drawn, both at home, but the rest ended in defeat. Not surprisingly City during that period were rather successful, finishing as runners-up in three of the four seasons that they competed in the Southern League. Then, at the end of the 1900-01 season, City gained a place in the Football League Second Division, so we didn't meet again until 1922-23. By that time we were members of the Third Division, with City having been relegated. But the inaugural League meeting ended in defeat for us by 3-1 at Ashton Gate, Eddie Dawe getting our consolation on Boxing Day. Twenty-four hours later City won the return with the only goal of the game.

City then spent another season in the Second Division before once again being relegated, allowing us to gain our first success over them on 2nd May 1925 when goals from Jack Johnson, Cyril Daniel and 'Tober' Weston gave us a 3-0 margin. But it was to be another nine years before we again collected maximum points from a game with City. Inbetween time we had suffered two 5-1 reverses away from home. In fact, it wasn't to be until our thirteenth visit to Bristol that we managed to beat City on their own ground. Two goals from Alan Fowler produced a 2-1 victory on 28th April 1937. A season earlier City had gained their biggest win over us, winning 5-0 on 8th February 1936.

With the out-break of war in 1939 football was restricted to regional leagues and it was in this competition that came our largest success over the City club. On a foggy day in December 1939 we put seven past the visitors defence with only two in

reply. Harry Bowl got a hat-trick for us after City had taken a 5 minute lead, and it was reported that we could have reached double figures if it hadn't have been for some good saves from 'keeper Watts. However, with both sides including 'guest' players its hardly an 'official' result, although we repeated this margin in a 'proper' League game in 1953. On that occasion Maurice Owen got us started in the 26th minute with a fine header, and went on to supply the passes for another two goals. Mickey Bull, Jimmy Cross, Ken Lambert and Harry Lunn got the others to chalk up a 5-0 score-line.

At the end of the following season City again gained promotion, and we didn't meet again until 1960-61 when we took three points off them, drawing 1-1 away and winning 3-1 here thanks to a 'Bronco' Layne hat-trick. For a change, it was our promotion two years later that again saw us part company, meeting again in the Second Division for the 1969-74 period when we managed just two victories. In November 1970 we won here 2-1 thanks to Arthur Horsfield and Peter Noble and on 26th August 1972 two goals from Steve Peplow resulted in the same score-line.

Since our relegation in 1974 we have met City just eight times. In 1981-82, for a Third Division clash, we gained only our third away success when Gary Emmanuel (2) and Howard Pritchard gave us a 3-0 win. The following season we both found ourselves in the Fourth Division for the first time, and we won 2-0 here in May thanks to Pritchard and Leigh Barnard, drawing 1-1 away. We also met in the Milk Cup, losing 3-2 on aggregate after having won 2-1 here in the first leg. 1983-84 saw us held to a 1-1 draw here and lose 1-0 away - a victory that ensured promotion for the City side.



The Town Crier sees Bristol

We welcome Bristol City to the County Ground this afternoon for our First Round F.A. Cup tie, with the knowledge that the Ashton Gate Club have won only one away match this season. That was a Third Division encounter at Ninian Park when they defeated Cardiff City 3-1. This is the first meeting between the two clubs in the most illustrious of knock out competitions, the F.A. Cup. So there is no previous guideline from which anyone can draw a mythical prophecy on the eventual outcome of this afternoon's match. It is simply a case of wait and see.

Terry Cooper the Ashton Gate Club's Manager brings the following players along the M4 for this afternoon's intriguing encounter:-

Sunderland born, KEITH WAUGH joined City on a free transfer from Sheffield United during the close season. The twenty-eight year old goalkeeper, played three games on loan to City last season. The Bramall Lane Club had signed Keith from Peterborough United for £90,000 in 1981. He had originally joined his home town club as an apprentice but without making a League appearance for the Roker Park Club he moved to Peterborough.

Three players have occupied the full back berths during this season. Bristol born ANDY LLEWELLYN joined City as an apprentice, the nineteen year old defender who has been capped three times at Youth International level by England, made twenty-two League appearances last season. The other full back position has alternated between twenty-one year old ROB NEWMAN and our former player BRIAN WILLIAMS this season. Although Brian has also appeared in an early season midfield role. London born, Rob has now made over 140 League appearances for the Ashton Gate Club. Not adverse to moving forward as often as possible. Rob often figures in City's dead ball situations.

Although he has scored only once this season. When his first half goal at Ashton Gate was equalised by Derby County's Bobby Davison in a September encounter. While Brian has recently lost his place in City's team after being sent off twice this season! He was sent off on the opening day of the season against Walsall and was banned for one match. A second sending off against Notts County meant that Brian who had joined City on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers, missed two more matches. Ironically Brian played against Rovers recently in a 3-2 victory in the newly formed Macbar League. Thirty-year old Brian celebrated his birthday on November 5th! His League record now reads Bury 159/15 goals, Q.P.R. 19/-, Swindon 99/8, Bristol Rovers 172/20 before his move to Ashton Gate.

Central defenders KEITH CURLE, LEE ROGERS and newcomer DAVID MOYES are competing for the two central positions in City's back four. Twenty-one year old Keith is a Bristol born lad who started with City as a schoolboy but joined Rovers as an apprentice in 1980. He signed full time professional forms for Rovers but was transferred to Torquay United in late 1983. After only three months with the Plainmoor Club he returned to Bristol to join City. Keith appeared in 40 League matches for City last season. Bristol born LEE ROGERS joined City as an apprentice making his League debut in the opening day 2-0 win at home to Wigan Athletic last season. The eighteen year old defender has recently gained a regular place in City's defence with Keith Curle moving to midfield to accomodate newcomer DAVID MOYES from Cambridge United. David a former Glasgow Celtic defender who appeared in 24 League matches for Scotland's Premier League club moved to Ashton Gate for a £10,000 fee last month, after making over eighty League appearances for the Abbey

City arrive in town



Stadium Club. Although the 23-year old defender has struggled to establish himself in City's line-up after his torrid debut when City conceded ten goals in a ten day period.

The Ashton Gate Club's midfield section has received a boost in recent matches following the introduction of former Blackpool apprentice DAVID TONG from Cardiff City. The 30 year old, Blackpool born player made 78 League appearances for the Bloomfield Road Club before joining Shrewsbury in 1978 for a £25,000 fee. The midfielder went onto play 160 League matches for the Gay Meadow Club before moving to Ninian Park in 1982. Dave had made one hundred and nineteen League appearances to the end of last season for the Welsh Club.

Club Captain BOBBY HUTCHINSON joined City on a free transfer from Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 1984. Glasgow born, thirty-two year old Bob, has made the following League appearances for his Scottish and English Clubs. Montrose 41/8 goals, Dundee 88/25, Hibernian 67/13, Wigan Athletic 35/3, Tranmere Rovers 56/10, Mansfield Town 35/3, Bob made thirty one appearances for City last season scoring 4 goals.

The Ashton Gate Club play both HOWARD PRITCHARD and ALAN WALSH in wide positions in attack. Cardiff born, 26 year old Howard is in his second spell with City, he played in 65 League matches for us in his two year stay here at the County Ground scoring eleven goals after signing for us in 1981. Howard had played 123 League matches during his two spells with City to the end of last season scoring seventeen goals. Twenty eight year old Alan joined City from Darlington for £18,000 in the summer of 1984. With a tremendous shot in both feet he had scored 110 goals in two hundred and ninety League appearances at the end of last season. He is City's leading goalscorer this season with six goals.

STEVE NEVILLE and GLYN RILEY have formed City's spearhead in recent matches. Steve (27) joined City from Exeter in December 1984 and scored eight goals from his 28 League appearances last season. He has four to his credit so far this season.

Livewire Glyn has now scored 53 goals in nearly one-hundred and fifty League appearances since his move from Barnsley in 1983 on a free transfer.

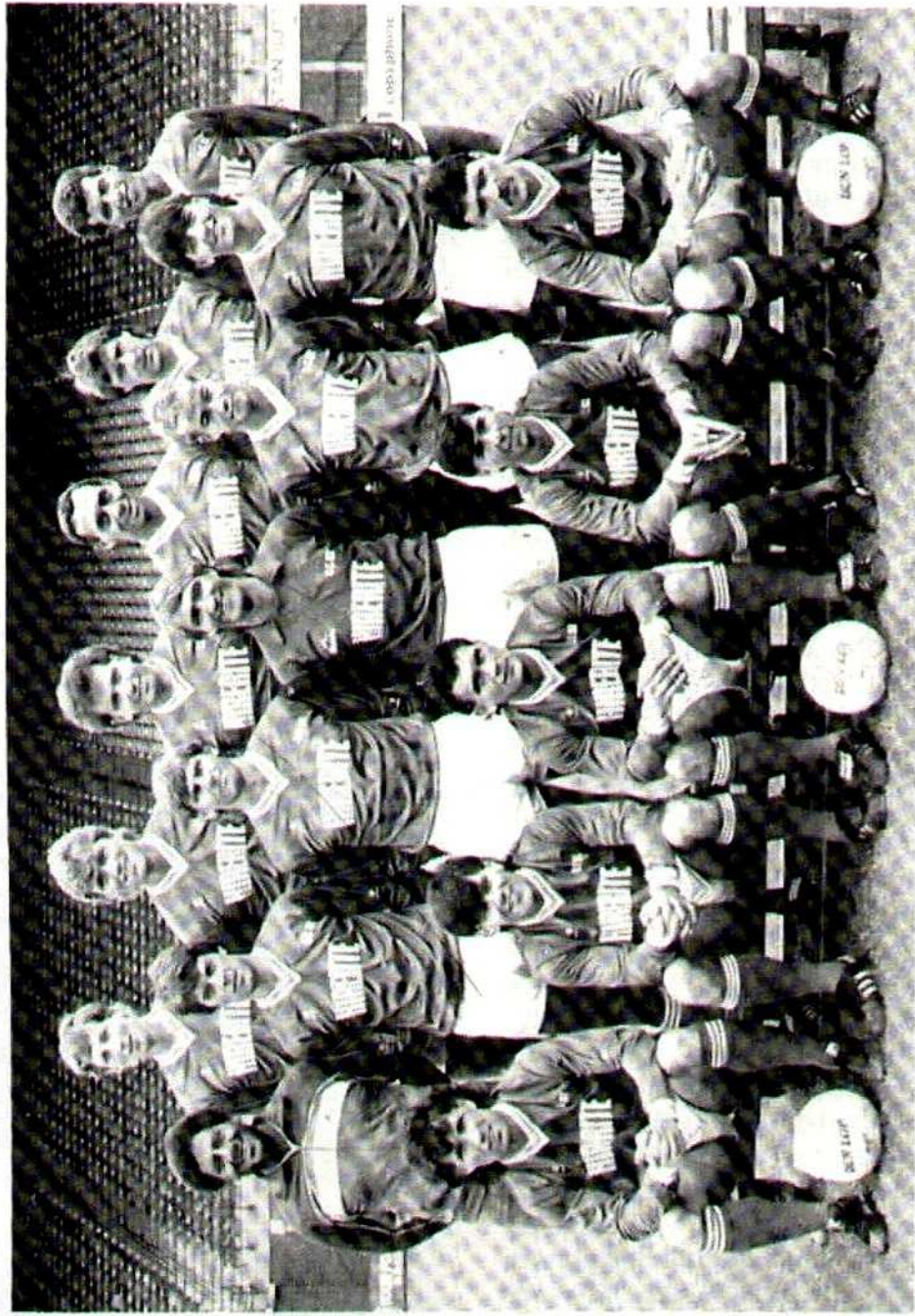
Liverpool born STEVE JOHNSON has been kept out of the City team by Glynn and Steve in recent matches. After joining the Ashton Gate Club in the latter half of last season for a £20,000 fee. Steve's only goals this season have come in the Milk Cup ties with Hereford United. His League record before his move to Bristol read Bury 154/52 goals, Rochdale 19/7, Wigan Athletic 51/18.



Our photograph shows our former midfield player Brian Williams when he was a familiar figure in Town colours. Lou Macari showed some interest in Brian before he joined City in the summer from their arch rivals Rovers on a surprising free transfer.



BRISTOL CITY TEAM PHOTOGRAPH



Back Row: Lee Rogers, Rob Newman, Mark Hughes (on loan to Tranmere Rovers), Steve Johnson, Howard Pritchard, Keith Curle.
Middle Row: Alex Lockhart (Physiotherapist), Gary Marshall, Alan Walsh, Keith Waugh, David West (now with Torquay United), Nigel Smith (now with Cheltenham Town).
Front Row: Steve Neville, Andy Llewellyn, Bobby Hutchinson, Martyn Hirst (on loan to Rochdale), Brian Williams.

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THE TOWN CRIER HAS YOUTH ON OUR SIDE

Our Youth Team maintained their form of this season in keeping in contention for the League title with a 2-1 home win against Southend United at Shrivensham Road. After a customary slow start, the Town gradually increased their effort to put the Roots Hall Club under pressure. With Sheldon Lee going close with a header. Although it was Southend who took the lead in the thirty-first minute when McPherson scored with a looping header from a corner over 'keeper Alan Churchward who was caught off his line.

The 'Seasiders' maintained their first half lead until the sixty-sixth minute when Paul Blakeley equalised after the impressive Peter Lango had combined with Nicky Hughes to create the opening.

Alan Churchward made two important saves before Lango brought the ball out of defence in the seventy-fifth minute before crossing for Nicky Hughes to score the Town's winning goal.

TEAM: Churchward; Lango, Bell, Barnett, Hammersley, Marshall, Gillette, Casserley, S. Lee, Blakeley, Law. SUBS: Hughes (for Barnett), Rickard.

Last Saturday we visited Reading where the Juniors retained their unbeaten League record with a 4-1 win. The Town took a third minute lead through Nicky Hughes, who added a second in the twenty-fifth minute from a corner. Paul Blakeley increased the Town's lead by heading home from another Dave Barnett corner to give the Town a three goal interval lead. Facing the rain and a strong wind in the second half, saw the Town concede a consolation goal to Davis before Nicky Hughes completed his second hat-trick of the season in the 80th minute.

TEAM: O'Dwyer; Rickards, Bell, Blakeley, Hammersley, Marshall, Barnett, Casserley, Hughes, Viveash, Law. SUBS: Colin Hughes, Nigel Packer (for Viveash).



THE TOWN CRIER IN RESERVE

What an amazing match our Reserve Team participated in last week at Upton Park. Visiting West Ham United our young Reserve Team bolstered by only Derek Hall and Tony Evans with any proven experience were on the receiving end of a 9-3 scoreline. Incredible though it may seem the Town were level at three goals a piece after earlier trailing by three goals in the first fifteen minutes. Amazingly Tony Evans and Mark Gardiner with two goals put the Town level.

West Ham took the lead just before half-time. Their superior play during a one sided second half saw the floodgates open as they added five more goals to inflict our heaviest Combination defeat of the season 9-3.

TEAM: Churchward, Davison, Hall, Prowse, Wollen, Roberts, Payne, Evans, Gardiner, Reynolds, Lee. SUB: Lango.

On Tuesday afternoon Arsenal visited the County Ground in which the Town were held to a 2-2 draw. A match which saw Andy Wollen emerge as a hero and villain. For after giving the Town the lead, Andy conceded a penalty for hands from which Michael Thomas equalised for 'The Gunners'. Arsenal went in to a 58th minute lead through David Rosecastle. Thomas then conceded a penalty by bringing down Mark Gardiner who netted from the ensuing penalty giving Arsenal 'keeper Rhys Wilmot no chance. A well earned point, but with the Town still left looking for their first win of the season!

TEAM: Churchward, Henry, Coleman, Hall, Rowland, Roberts, Payne, Wollen, Evans, Gardiner, Reynolds. SUB: Davison.

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There's no concealing the joy of Charlie Henry after scoring the only goal of the game against Cambridge.



Swindon's David Cole and Andy Rowland showing their aerial power against Cambridge.

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Leigh Barnard receives his October 'Player of the Month' Award from Selwyn Cound of the Oxford Hotel, Swindon. Selwyn kindly initiated the Award which will be presented to a Town player each month during the season.



As a result of a sponsored five-a-side football match, Town fans Maxine Haneman and Steve Cleverley present a £600 cheque and a trophy to Swindon boss Lou Macari towards his appeal.



SWINDON TOWN CRIER

Ipswich Town, over the past few seasons, have struggled in the First Division. In 1980-81 and 1981-82 they finished runners-up to Aston Villa and Liverpool respectively, but then in 1982-83, 1983-84 and again in 1984-85 they found it hard going to keep up with the clubs in the Premier Sector.

Indeed, in 1983-84 although at the death they took 12th place in the table, they were only five points off relegation and last season after another uneasy passage, they avoided the drop by just a point, finishing on 50 points, one more than doomed Norwich City.

This term Ipswich Town haven't had a good start. Currently lying second from the bottom of the First Division. Winning only two matches and scoring only seven goals in the process.

It's early days yet and a lot of things can happen between now and mid-May. But BOBBY FERGUSON, who took over the managerial hot-seat from BOBBY ROBSON in July 1982, knows full well that the First Division is by far the toughest of its kind anywhere in Europe. He is slowly- and it is slowly- putting together a squad spattered with Youth and experience and it has not been easy!

The experienced players at Portman Road this season include former Birmingham City keeper PAUL COOPER and defender TERRY BUTCHER who has been absent through injury and KEVIN STEGGLES, midfielder TOMMY PARKIN, along with ex-Albion star ROMEO ZONDERVAN.

The youthful representatives are IRVING GERNON (aged 22), IAN CRANSON (21), FRANK YALLOP (no relation to the Aussie Test Batsman) also 21, MARK BRENNAN (19), MICH D'AVRAY (23), JASON DOZZELL (19) and KEVIN WILSON (24) signed from Derby last season.

Town fans may recall that KEVIN WILSON was originally with Southern League Club Banbury United before joining Derby County.

Going through the Ipswich players in more detail we find that PAUL COOPER is fast approaching 500 League and Cup appearances for the Suffolk club. He was in goal for Ipswich when they won the F.A. Cup in 1978 and the U.E.F.A. Cup three years later.

Ipswich transferred full back GEORGE BURLEY to Sunderland earlier this season, his experience has left a void not easily filled in the East Anglian Club's defence.

TERRY BUTCHER, a member of Robsons's England squad and a strong possibility for Mexico next year, was born in Singapore and he has over 30 caps and 300 first XI appearances for Ipswich under his belt.

IAN CRANSON, an England Under-21 international, is a star of the future who has now totalled 35 senior appearances for Ipswich, while IRVING GERNON has also won Under-21 recognition for England as well as playing in over 70 matches for Ipswich, most of them in the Number Three Shirt.



Portman Road Stars Romeo Zondervan with Ian Cranson

introducing Ipswich

FRANK YALLOP has limited first team experience and KEVIN STEGGLES, who has been on-loan to Southend United, has just over 50 outings in his locker.

During the close season ERIC GATES was transferred to Sunderland and that leaves Ipswich with ROMEO ZONDERVAN, MARK BRENNAN, TOMMY PARKIN, STEVE McCALL and TREVOR PUTNEY to run their midfield.

Dutch midfielder ROMEO ZONDERVAN appeared in 95 matches for West Brom before moving to Portman Road where he has added another 55 to his credit.

MARK BRENNAN, an England Youth player, has mustered just 65 senior appearances and TOMMY PARKIN, although 28; and who has been loaned to Peterborough and Grimsby, has managed a mere 60 first XI games in 12 years at Portman Road.

STEVE McCALL, 'Mr. Utility' down Ipswich way, is a versatile performer who can literally play anywhere. He is 24, an England Under-21 star and his record for The Portman Roaders is 242 appearances (10 goals).

TREVOR PUTNEY (27 League games last season) has now passed the 100 mark for the Club and is one of the industrious members of the squad.

In search of goals - and scoring 'em from time to time, - will be KEVIN WILSON, MICH D'AVRAY, ALAN SUNDERLAND and JASON DOZZELL.

These four scored 33 between them last season, but manager Ferguson will be looking for them to double that tally in 1985-86.

KEVIN WILSON scored 41 goals in his 144 games for Derby and last winter after moving to Portman Road, he notched seven in 18 League games for Ipswich - and save them from relegation.

MICH D'AVRAY, a 6ft 1in giant, has registered 25 goals for Ipswich and ALAN SUNDERLAND, during his career has netted well over 130 in a total of 493 League and Cup appearances, including 90 in 279 for Arsenal alone.

JASON DOZZELL made a name for himself last season when he hit four goals in his 16 outings for 'Town's' first XI.



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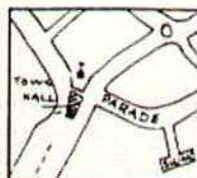
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All told the Town have fulfilled a total of 561 home Second, Third and Fourth Division matches in that time and the average assembly at each one has been just under ten and a half thousand.



The highest single crowd figure since 1960, for a Town home League game has been that of 28,898 against Watford on 29th March 1969 (lost 0-1). The lowest came in the 1983-84 season in a re-arranged League fixture, versus Darlington on 17th April 1984 when a mere 1,681 turned up for the mid-week clash, won 1-0 by the Town.

The best seasonal average over the twenty-five year period came in 1969-70 when the overall aggregate amounted to 416,602, giving an average of 19,835 per match.

The lowest average for a season was last season 1984-85 (Division Four) when the final figure came out at 3,020. The lowest Second Division average was 7,299 (aggregate 153,283) in the 1973-74 season. While the lowest Third Division average was 5,824 in 1981-82 (aggregate 133,972). Here is the full, detailed tables, of the Town's attendance records, 1960-1985:

SEASON	DIV	AVERAGE	AGGREGATE	BEST	LOWEST	GAMES
1960-61	Three	11,025	255,533	16,618	7,904	23
1961-62	Three	9,740	253,659	19,301	6,035	23
1962-63	Three	13,531	311,206	23,239	7,450	23
1963-64	Two	18,266	383,600	28,173	10,824	21
1964-65	Two	14,823	316,300	19,311	10,978	21
1965-66	Three	12,937	297,560	20,409	8,044	23
1966-67	Three	12,296	282,828	21,210	7,780	23
1967-68	Three	13,456	309,488	18,161	9,717	23
1968-69	Three	17,855	410,681	28,898	10,594	23
1969-70	Two	19,835	416,602	23,289	10,491	21
1970-71	Two	15,799	331,786	21,158	11,299	21
1971-72	Two	13,579	285,162	21,383	8,564	21
1972-73	Two	10,267	215,613	15,304	7,010	21
1973-74	Two	7,299	153,283	13,991	2,600	21
1974-75	Three	8,280	190,449	11,892	4,951	23
1975-76	Three	7,713	177,417	13,756	5,117	23
1976-77	Three	8,393	193,048	12,125	4,520	23
1977-78	Three	7,367	169,441	11,054	4,270	23
1978-79	Three	7,975	183,418	16,971	4,352	23
1979-80	Three	8,902	204,745	16,415	6,102	23
1980-81	Three	6,933	159,449	9,710	4,523	23
1981-82	Three	5,824	133,972	9,316	3,872	23
1982-83	Four	3,994	91,862	8,164	2,408	23
1983-84	Four	3,344	76,912	4,695	1,681	23
1984-85	Four	3,020	69,471	4,752	2,215	23
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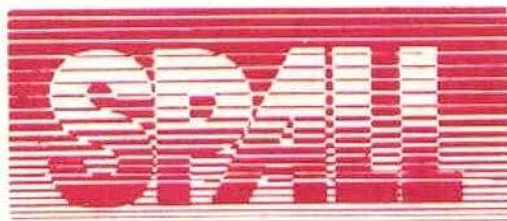
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WITH ROBERT STEPHENSON
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EDITOR: Welcome to your new position as Managing Director of the Town Football Club and on behalf of everyone who is associated with the Club may I wish you the best of luck in your appointment.

ROBERT: Thank you very much, I have been supporting the Town for thirty years and this is a marvellous opportunity for me to become more actively engaged, than just sitting upon the Board of Directors. It is like a dream come true for me personally.

EDITOR: In the first of what will become a regular feature in the programme, can we give our supporters an introductory background of yourself?

ROBERT: I was born in London, but at an early age I moved to Ashton Keynes, subsequently living in nearby Cirencester and South Cerney. For the past eight years I have lived in London. I have just returned to the area to live again.

EDITOR: When did your interest in football begin and in Swindon Town particularly?

ROBERT: I was brought to the County Ground by a family friend at the age of eleven. Although it was my first visit to a professional club 'I fell in love' with the Club, at what you may describe, at first sight and I have been coming here ever since.

EDITOR: Are your impressions of Swindon Town when you were a spectator divorced from your view as a Club Director?

ROBERT: Yes, it is a different view when you are in a priveleged position because the running of a professional football club is more complex than you can imagine as a spectator. This is particularly true with the state of football today.

EDITOR: What do you hope to bring to your position in office that this club has lacked through not having a managing director?

ROBERT: I am particularly aware how important communication and public relations are to all supporters. Especially in the country areas, I was once in that situation and often felt distanced from the club and it's activities.

EDITOR: I know that you are in favour of a question type article than a written one. Can you explain your reasons?

ROBERT: I feel that a question and answer type of feature is of more interest. For instance a number of subjects can be concerned as opposed to in depth information on solely one subject.

EDITOR: Will you be able to introduce any innovations to your position. That may not have been possible if the club had not taken what may be regarded as a somewhat revolutionary step for a Fourth Division Club?

ROBERT: I am hoping to bring fresh ideas to the administration of the club. That can only happen over a period of time. Hopefully they will be beneficial to Swindon Town.



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