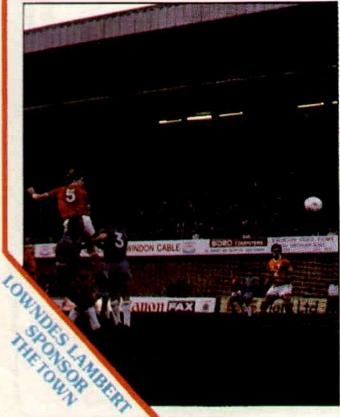
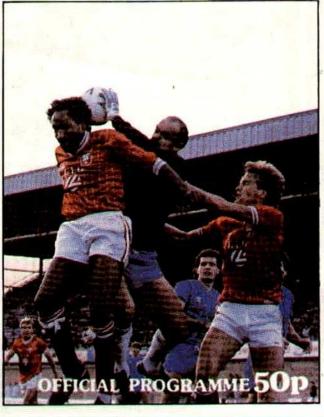
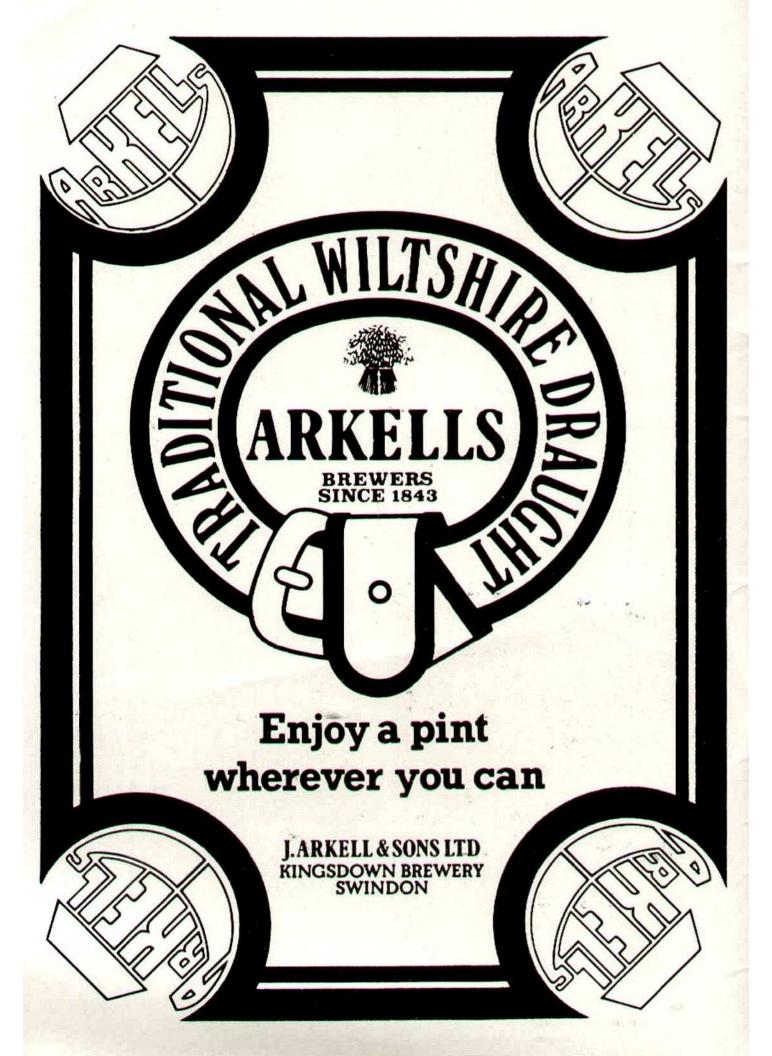
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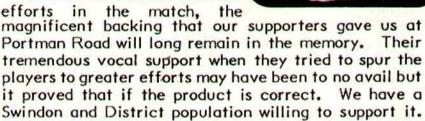
F.A. Youth Cup Finalists: 1964

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Chairman's Chatter

All good things must come to an end. Such was the outcome of our Milk Cup campaign which came to such an unfortunate end at the expense of Ipswich Town. We were never able to ourselves *iustice* do therefore suffered our heaviest reverse since we first entered the competition.

With little to recall from our efforts in the match,



Despite the disappointment of one evening, it should not be forgotten that the players provided us with a Cup run that was perhaps beyond our wildest dreams early this season.

For the second season in succession we made our exit from the F.A. Cup in the First Round. Last season we fell at the first hurdle to Dagenham and of course this season to near neighbours Bristol City. While many of you feel that we are now deprived of Cup action. May I remind you that we still have the Freight Rover Trophy to provide us with perhaps our most realistic opportunity of reaching Wembley.

The often derided competition saw a crowd of 39,897 attend the Final last season at Wembley. A match in which Chris Kamara was included in the Brentford lineup that lost to Wigan Athletic.

Your support to urge us on to promotion and hopefully a successful run in the Freight Rover Trophy will prove a crucial factor in the outcome of this season.

Thank you for your magnificent support at Ashton Gate and Portman Road and more importantly for attending this afternoon. With so many attractions at this time of year. Your presence is appreciated by all connected with the Club.



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IT'S A FACT

This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground our true supporters. The euphoria of Cup soccer is over and Swindon Town Football Club is left with it's loyal allegiance.

Christmas is fast approaching and attendances generally decline at this time

of the year.

So Swindon Town Football Club say a large

THANK YOU

for attending the Club's 2,569th Football League fixture this afternoon.

Today the County Ground stages the 1,285th League match to be played by Swindon Town Football Club on their own

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You have jumped with delight as the Town have scored 2,476 goals but you have also been near to tears as the Town have conceded 1,347 goals.

You must be rivalling, 'Father Time', but you above all are welcome this

afternoon, Madam or Sir.

Thank you both and the Town Crier reiterates a big, big THANK YOU to each and everyone of you.

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Commercial Comment

By Doug Buswell

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THE MATCH BALL has been donated by Mr. Bob Sears, family butchers of Lease House, Highworth.

OUR MASCOT is Alan Ayres of Kemble near Cirencester. Alan is a keen supporter who hardly misses a match. Enjoy yourself this afternoon Alan.

Our thanks to all for their generosity.

SPORTING DINNER No.7

On Monday 16th December our next sporting dinner takes place in the Rendezvous Club. This will be our seventh dinner of its kind Jackie Charlton is our Guest Speaker and will be supported by Bumble Clark. The dinner which is a sell out is sponsored by Bob Clarke and his friends from Transplant (Swindon) Ltd.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

For November is Colin Calderwood who will receive his trophy before the match today from Mr. and Mrs. Cound of the Oxford Hotel, Drove Road, Swindon, who have generously donated a trophy for each month until the end of the season. Congratulations Colin and thank you Mr. and Mrs. Cound.

CHRISTMAS DRAW 1985

Will be held in the Rendezvous Club on Sunday 22nd December after the match against Hereford. Anyone holding tickets are requested to deliver them to the Commercial Office as soon as possible.

As our programme notes have to be written prior to the draw a full list of winners will be published in our programmes before the match versus Southend United on 12th January, 1986. all winners will be notified.

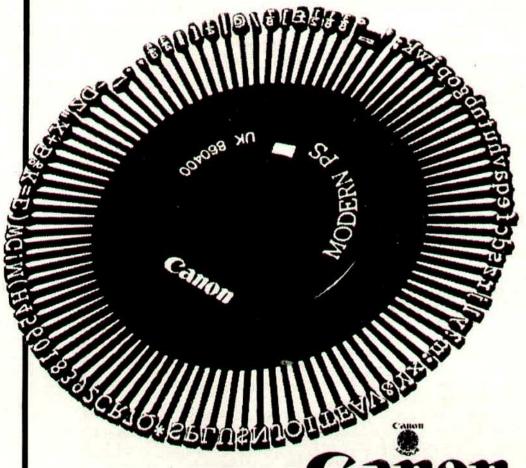


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Putting the record straight



It is a little known fact which has escaped most of the renowned soccer annuals that our goalkeeper Kenny Allen made seven League appearances for Hartlepool United! Only the recent innovation of the Football League Directory records the fact.

Said Ken, 'Yes I know Rothmans and the other annuals do not seem to be aware of the fact. Strangely enough one of those_appearances was at the County Ground in

the late 'sixties''.

Putting that fact to rest. We can assure all County Ground regulars that the match Ken refers to was played on Tuesday, February 4th 1969 in a 1-1 draw. The Town team inevitably included John Trollope who is now the Club's Assistant Manager. The teams for that evening match were as follows:-

SWINDON TOWN: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Rogers, Noble, Jones, Smart and Smith.

HARTLEPOOL UNITED: Kenny Allen, Bircumshaw, Drysdale, Sheridan, Gill, Goad, Parry, Blowman, Thompson, Cummings and Young.

We were then in second position in the Third Division with the League Table reading:-

WATFORD 26 15 7 4 39 13 37 SWINDON TOWN 26 15 6 5 44 22 36 BOURNEMOUTH 28 16 4 8 46 26 36 STOCKPORT C 28 12 10 6 48 35 34 LUTON TOWN 27 14 4 9 40 26 32 The North East Club were experiencing the opposite fortunes by being placed four from the bottom of the League.

4	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
CREWE ALEX	28	9	6	13	36	48	24
HARTLEPOOL U	28	6	11	11	25	43	23
GILLINGHAM	28	8	6	14	37	49	22
SHREWSBURY TN	27	7	6	14	23	39	20
OLDHAM ATH	28	5	5	18	23	56	15

The reliable Peter Noble put the Town in the lead after fifty-three minutes with Thompson equalising for the Victoria Ground Club in the seventy-eighth minute.

At the final outcome of that season, while we were promoted, Hartlepool United were relegated to the Fourth Division. Where they have remained since.

Strangely both Hartlepool and ourselves are making strenuous efforts to leave the Fourth Division behind this season.

Those final positions were:

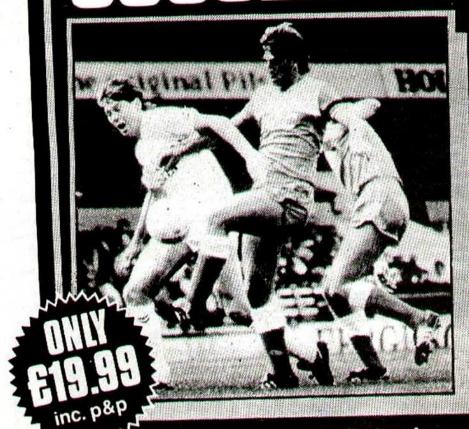
Promoted

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
WATFORD	46	27	10	9	74	34	64
SWINDON TOWN	46	27	10	9	71	35	64
LUTON TOWN	46	25	11	10	74	38	61
BOURNEMOUTH	46	21	9	16	60	45	51

Relegated

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
GILLINGHAM	46	13	15	18	54	63	41
NORTHAMPTON TN	46	14	12	50	54	61	40
HARTLEPOOL UTD	46	10	19	17	40	70	39
CREWE ALEX	46	13;	9	24	52	76	35
OLDHAM ATH	46	12	9	24	50	83	35

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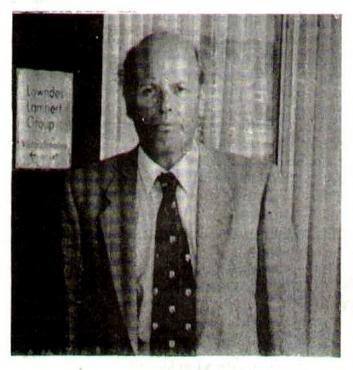
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Meet the Town Directors

NICK ARKELL - Is the youngest of the current members of the Town Football Club Board of Directors. Nick is responsible for the enjoyment that the Town players and supporters have experienced in recent years at Cheltenham Races. A day which has culminated in the Club having a race named - The Swindon Town Handicap Hurdle. Nick of course is a member of the family known throughout Wiltshire for brewing a pint of the Best Ale - Note - The advert on the inside cover of the programme.





DAVID ALDERTON - Who represents the Club sponsors on the Town's Board of Directors.

Lowndes Lambert were mainly responsible for bringing Lou Macari and Harry Gregg to the County Ground in the summer of 1984 in a two year sponsorship deal.

Their agreement with Swindon Town Football Club has enabled the Club to overcome a most difficult period in the Club's history. David is based at the groups Swindon office.

ROBERT STEPHENSON - The former London Businessman returned to the locality in recent weeks to take up his position as Managing Director of the Town Football Club.

Robert previously resided at nearby Ashton Keynes before moving to London. So his connection with Swindon Town which originally began as a supporter stretches back over many years.

Robert seems to be keen to set a family tradition by bringing his small son to Town matches. Having began his association with the Club at a similarly young age.



LEAGUE TABLE

FOURTH DIVISION

	Home			Away				7			
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L		A	
Chester20	7	2	1	20	3	4	5	1	22	16	40
Swindon20	9	0	1	21	8	3	1	6	6	14	37
Southend20	5	4	2	20	16	5	2	2	16	15	36
Mansfield20	7	3	0	24	8	3	2	5	12		The second second second
Orient20	6	2	2	19	7	4	3	3	16	18	35
Hartlepool19	8	1	1	18	8	3	1	5	14	19	35
Port Vale19	6	3	0	24	5	3	3	4	6	7	33
Stockport County 20	3		1	14	12	6	2	5	17	20	32
Northampton21	4	3	3	22	13	5	1	5	26	16	31
Rochdale19	7	2	0	18	8	2	2	6	8	21	31
Colchester Utd19	5	2	2	17	8	4	0	6	17	21	29
Hereford19	6	3	0	22	9	2	1	7	7	16	28
Burnley20	6	0	5	16	14	2	4	3	12	13	28
Wrexham19	4	3	2	16	12	3	3	4	11	21	27
Franmere20	5	0	5	29	16	2	4	4	12	15	25
Aldershot21	- 6	2	3	20	11	1	2	7	8	21	25
Peterborough20	5	4	1	12	7	1	3	6	13	24	25
Exeter19	1	1	4	12	10	0	5	4	8	16	21
Crewe19		3	3	15	12	1	2	6	8	19	20
Scunthorpe20	3	4	3			1	2	7	7	16	18
Halifax20	4	4	2		13	0	2	8	8	22	18
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THE TOWN CRIER WITH JUNIOR ROBINS

We have heard a lot of talk in recent weeks about Super Leagues and Super Clubs. This has given me an idea for a competition. I certainly don't think that Super Clubs are only found in the First Division and I am sure many of you would agree with me. As Lou Macari wrote in the Evening Advertiser even Manchester United would not have had support that Swindon got at Ipswich. Good, clean vocal support even though the team were suffering a heavy defeat. Would many of the so called Super Clubs get the gates Swindon do if they were in the Fourth Division. So what I would like you, the Junior Robins, to do is this: Write in not more than 250 words WHY I THINK SWINDON TOWN IS A SUPER CLUB. How you interpret the word super is up to you. The best three will appear in a future programme and will win their authors a copy of this season's Swindon Town Handbook "Meet Lou Macari and his players".

I hope those who came enjoyed the Christmas Party and our thanks go to a number of people and organisations who helped to make it a success. Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Ray of Wheatley and the Leeds Permanent Building Society. The Supporters Club kindly donated hats and balloons and the Directors buffet refreshments. Last but by no means least Sandra Coburn and the other ladies who kindly made the food.

The Summer seems a long way away at the present but here is some news on a Junior Robins trip to be made in the Summer. On Saturday 31st May the Junior Robins will be running a coach trip to the England v Italy Schoolboy International. Cost, including transport and match seat will be in the region of £7. These matches usually provide a feast of good football and goals so why not save up for what should be a great afternoon out. An order form for tickets will appear in a forthcoming programme.

Finally 1 intend to institute a system of honorary membership of the Junior Robins.

Each month I would like to hear your nominations of a person who you think, because of their services to Swindon Town should be made an honorary member of the Junior Robins. I hope we will be able to make the first award in January next year. It would be a pity if you missed the presentation because you were in hospital. Sadly that is the fate of many children around Christmas who get knocked over coming home from school on dark evenings. So please be extra careful in the winter weather we want you all to be at the County Ground, fit and healthy.

Dick Mattick Organiser Junior Robins

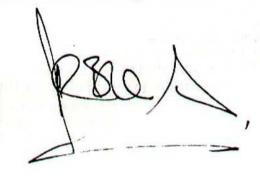
IAN BOTHAM LEUKAEMIA APPEAL

Please accept this cheque for £430.00

The money was raised in a collection jointly made by Swindon Town Football Club and the local Leukaemia Society headed by Mrs. Evelyn Morse.

Contributions were made by the Directors, Players, Stewards and Supporters of the club at their match against Mansfield Town F.C. today, Saturday 23rd November, 1985.

With best wishes and good luck.





FACTS AND FIGURES WITH THE TOWN CRIER

	DATE		OPPONENTS	VENU
SAT	AUG	17	WREXHAM	н
	AUG		Torquay Utd (Milk Cup 1)	A
			Hereford Utd	A
			TORQUAY UTD	н
			Southend Utd	
	SEP			H
	SEP			H
CAT	SED	14	Peterborough Utd	A
THE	CAD	17	Crewe Alexandra	Â
			Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	A
CAT	SEP	21	PRESTON NORTH END	н
			Hartlepool Utd	A
	OCT		EXETER CITY	Н
	OCT	177	ROCHDALE	1
SAI	001	2	ROCHDALE	H
			Sunderland (Milk Cup 2)	
SAT	OCT	12	Burnley	A
SAT	OCT	19	Chester City	A
TUE	OCT	22	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H
			Port Vale	A
TUE	OCT	29		
		0.525	(Milk Cup 3)	H
	NOA	-	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
			CAMBRIDGE UTD	H
	NOV		Scunthorpe Utd	٨
	NOV			H
WED	NOV	20	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 1	
			Replay)	A
			MANSFIELD TOWN	H
TUE	NOV	26	Ipswich Town (Milk Cup 4)	A
SAT			Orient	A
SAT	DEC	7	PRESTON NORTH END	H
SAT	DEC	14	HALIFAX TOWN	н
	DEC		HEREFORD UTD	н
	DEC		Aldershot	٨
		28	Torquay Utd	A
			COLCHESTER UTD	н
	JAN		Tranmere Rovers	A
			SOUTHEND UTD	н
			Wrexham	A
	-2017/01/2019	100	PETERBOROUGH UTD	н
			Northampton Town	A
MON	PEB	3	Stockport County	A
	FEB		CHESTER CITY	н
			CREWE ALEXANDRA	н
	FEB		Preston North End	A
	MAR		HARTLEPOOL UTD	
		// 2		H
WED			Exeter City	A
SAT		8	Rochdale	٨
SAT			BURNLEY	H
	MAR		PORT VALE	н
FRI	MAR		Colchester Utd	A.
HON		31	ALDERSHOT	н
SAT		5	Cambridge Utd	A
SAT	APR		SCUNTHORPE UTD	H
SAT			Mansfield Town	۸
			ORIENT	H
FRI	MAY	2	Hallfax Town	٨

RESULT	GOALSCORER	ATTENDANCE
0-1		4,195
2-1	Moss, Hockaday	1,266
1-4	Calderwood	4.049
2-1	Coyne, Henry	3,378
0-0		4,037
2-2	Coyne, Pugh OG	2,846
3-2	Coyne 3(2 Pens)	3,879
0-3		2,946
0-2		1.699
3-2	Rowland, Coyne Pen	14,204
Postpo	ened	
0-1		2,727
2-1	Gordon, Calderwood	3,118
4-0	Coyne, Cole, Wade,	
	Hockaday	3,086
3-1	Rowland, Wade 2	9,111
2-0	Gordon, Coyne	2,927
1-0	Gordon	3,109
1-0	Coyne	7,172
0-3	Y.	5,073
1-0	Coyne	12,110
2-1	Barnard, Wade	4,358
1-0	Henry	5,489
2-0	Henry, Wade	1,902
0-0		10,468
2-4	Ramsey, Barnard	8,979
2-1	Coleman Pen, Wade	4,784
1-6	Yallop O.G.	12,083
0-1		3,120
4-1	Henry 3,	
	Coleman Pen	3,945

YULETIDE BONUS FOR CHARLIE!



CHARLIE HENRY - It was a double bonus for Charlie Henry last Saturday. For not only did the popular Acton born player notch his first ever hat-trick. He also made his one hundred and fiftieth League appearance for the Town against Preston North End.

Well done Charlie, there has not been a more popular or well deserved feat on the County Ground.



THE TOWN CRIER BACKTRACKS WITH MIKE SKINNER

Football's a funny game, as they say, and Swindon's visit to the Shay on 29th September 1962 rather proves the point. 3-1 up with 11 minutes remaining Swindon eventually trudged off 3-4 losers after a lesson in the virtues of 'never say die'.

Swindon, on the crest of an eight game undefeated run, travelled to Halifax as already one of the promotion contenders to meet a managerless side struggling at the wrong end of the table. And, true to form, it was the visitors who took the game by the scruff of the neck, going two up in the first 22 minutes through Cliff Jackson and an Ernie Hunt penalty. Without unduly exerting themselves the young Town side dominated a slow, sluggish Halifax side in the first-half, and appeared to be well on the way to extending that unbeaten run.

The drama, though, was yet to come. Following the interval Swindon never really got back into their stride. Despite Jack Smith making it 3-0 in the 55th minute, it was becoming increasingly clear that the Town were being lulled into a false sense of security by their own confidence. Barry Tait's 70th minute goal should have set the alarm bells ringing, particularly as it was coupled with increasing activity in the Town's half. But, still believing they had done enough to win. Swindon carried on in their relaxed manner.

Tait's second goal ten minutes later visibly shook the Town, the defence starting to get jittery. But Halifax, with tails up, were now going all out for at least a point. This was secured when Tait completed his hat-trick with just three minutes remaining. And with Swindon's defence now in tatters, Brian Redfearn snatched the winner in the last minute to complete an amazing come-back for the home side. Swindon only had themselves to blame, but the lesson was learnt and promotion gained at the seasons end.

Swindon:- Turner, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruff, Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Jackson, Darcy.

Two visits and fourteen years later, Swindon gained what to date has been their only victory at the Shay. With both sides fighting off relegation, 13th March 1976 wasn't expected to produce any attractive football. But the game surprised many, especially as Swindon came off 2-0 winners - only their third away success of the season.

Swindon were in 22nd place going into the game, on 26 points, leading Halifax only by goal-difference. Both teams were trying to buy their way out of trouble, the home side having bought in five new faces during the last two weeks. Swindon, during the same period, had brought back Don Rogers from Q.P.R., and invested in Gerry O'Brien from Southampton and Steve Aizlewood from Newport. The latter two made their debuts in this game, Rogers making his second come-back appearance.

Although the Town were 2-0 victors it could easily have been a different story. Manager Danny Williams gambled on winning with a skillful side, but, during the first-half at least, it was a struggle against an aggresive Halifax side who dominated the first period. The home side's best chance fell to Mickey Bullock after quarter of an hour. But it was Swindon who took a surprise lead. Dave Syrett robbed Albert Phelah in the 25th minute to send Rogers clear on the right. Reaching the bye-line the winger pulled back the perfect cross for Syrett to force home at point blank range.

After the first goal Halifax increased the pressure, but the Town survived and went onto out-class their opponents in the second-half. Syrett crowned a performance with his second goal in the 55th minute. David Moss supplied the ball for Syrett to run 40 yards before chipping 'keeper Alex Smith. Swindon could then have gone on to double the score-line as the confidence, which had deserted them in a run of six games without a win, came back. The performance of the two debutants also impressed - they were to prove valuable as the Town managed to climb to an end of season position of 19th, while Halifax ended it as the 24th place Club.

Swindon:- Barron, McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Rogers, Syrett, O'Brien, Anderson.



The Town Crier sees Hali.

After recording three consecutive home wins at the begining of the season against Scunthorpe United (2-1), Preston (2-1) and Orient (2-1), Halifax Town had to wait until December 3rd before registering their fourth win of the season. Hereford United providing the Yorkshire Club with solace losing to a solitary goal scored by Halifax striker Simon Lowe.

Their only points gained from away matches have been taken from drawn matches at Chester (I-I) and Crewe (2-2). Losing (I-0) to Exeter City, (2-0) to Mansfield Town and Torquay United, (2-I) to Wrexham and Stockport County. Conceding more goals to Colchester United (3-I) and Port Vale (3-2). While their recent visit to Northampton Town produced their heaviest defeat (4-0).

Among the squad of players Halifax Town Manager Mick Jones will bring to the

County Ground today will be:-

Former Eire International, Manchester United and Brentford, goalkeeper PADDY ROCHE (34), is now in his second season with the Yorkshire Club after appearing in 43 League matches last season following his move from the Griffin Park Club in 1984.

After appearing in 568 first team matches for Bradford City, CECIL PODD (32), joined Halifax Town last season making 41 League appearances. Last season was STEVE THORNBER'S first in League soccer in which the 20-year-old utility player made 31 League appearances scoring three goals.

Hartlepool born, PHIL BROWN (26) left his home town club to join Halifax Town for this season. The former Victoria Ground full back had made 240 first team appearances for the North East Club.

Halifax born, PAUL KENDALL (21) joined his home town club as an apprentice and has now made over 100 first team appearances for 'The Shay' club.

ADRIAN SHAW (19) joined Halifax Town on a free transfer from Nottingham Forest making 21 League appearances last season. His only League goal came in the penultimate match of last season at Stockport County in a 3-0 win. Adrian was on the mark when he scored against Hull City in the Milk Cup earlier this season.

Former Southampton apprentice ALAN KNILL (21) made 44 League appearances for Halifax Town last season. Making his League debut in the first match of the season at home to Blackpool on August 25th 1984. Blackpool also presented Alan with his first League goal in the away fixture at Bloomfield Road in a 1-1 draw on January 5th.

STEVE WARD was a former Brighton apprentice who joined Halifax Town from Northampton after making nineteen appearances for 'The Cobblers'. Twenty-six-year-old Steve has now made over 230 first team appearances for the Yorkshire Club since joining them in 1980.

Twenty-four-year-old GARY NICHOLSON was an apprentice with Newcastle United before joining Mansfield Town for a fee of £10,000, he later moved on to play for York City. Gary moved to Halifax on a free transfer last summer. He scored his first League goal for 'The Shay' club when they defeated Orient 2-1

in September.

Former Bradford City apprentice BARRY GALLAGHER (24) made his one hundredth appearance for Halifax in the home leg of this season's Milk Cup tie against Hull City in August. His fifth goal of this season against Peterborough United on November 9th took his total to 30 for the Club in League and Cup matches. Barry had made 86 first team appearances for the Valley Parade Club scoring twenty-eight goals before joining Halifax.

ax arrive in town



Glasgow born, BILLY KELLOCK (31) is now with his ninth League Club having joined Aston Villa as an apprentice where he never appeared in their League line up. He then joined Cardiff City (42 apps/2 goals) moving onto appear for Norwich City (3/0),Peterborough United (156/48). Luton Town (9/5),Wolverhampton Wanderers (12/0), Southend United (45/6), Port Vale (13/4). Billy added to his total of goals by scoring twice against his former Club Port Vale at Vale Park this season and also in matches with Cambridge United. Aldershot and Burnley for Halifax Town.

Halifax Town's leading goalscorer of last season SIMON LOWE (23) has struggled to reproduce last season's goalscoring exploits. Scoring only his third goal of the season in last weeks 1-0 home win against Hereford United. Simon who joined 'The Shay' club on a free transfer from Barnsley in the summer of 1984, scored 14 goals last season from his

forty-seven first team appearances. He had the pleasure of scoring in his first match at 'The Shay' against Chesterfield in the Milk Cup on August 28th 1984.

Former Nottingham Forest apprentice DAVID LONGHURST (19) has scored six goals for Halifax Town in his first season of League soccer. Dave scored twice against Preston North End in only his fourth League match! He has since added further goals against Orient and Southend United to take his total to four in three consecutive home matches for the Yorkshire Club. He repeated his double act by scoring twice at Crewe in a 2-2 draw on November 2nd.

Goalscorers in League and Cup

David Longhurst 6, Barry Gallagher and Billy Kellock 5 each, Simon Lowe 3, Paul Kendall, Gary Nicholson, Adrian Shaw and Steve Ward one each.



Action Replay





Colin Gordon heads powerfully towards the Mansfield goal during the Town's last home League game.



Liddington Area Y.C. pictured in their new strip - thanks to the Town winning the Fiat Performance of the Week Award.

Action Replay





Bryan Wade in action against Mansfield - after scoring the Town's second and winning goal.



COLIN GORDON - Although the Town striker has been going through a lean goalscoring spell this season it should not be forgotten that Colin played his fiftieth League match in our I-0 defeat at Orient on November 30th. During those appearances the former Oldbury United player has hit the back of the net on no fewer than twenty occasions.

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The Town Crier Fact File on Town Men

Bryan Wade

FULL NAME: Bryan Wade BIRTHPLACE: Bath BIRTHDATE: June 25th 1963 HEIGHT: 5' 8" WEIGHT: 11st 21b MARRIED: No

PREVIOUS LEAGUE

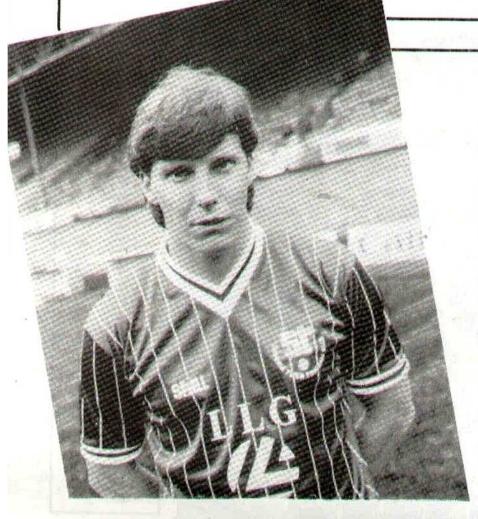
CLUBS: None

LEAGUE RECORD: Swindon Town - (13 app/4 goals)

ČAR: Ford Cortina FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:

The Sun, Evening Advertiser, Western Daily Press.

PLAYERS MOST ADMI-RED: Kenny Dalglish. George Best. FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Derby County FOOTBALL HERO: George Best and Kenny Dalglish. FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, Boxing. FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSONALITY: Muhammad Ali BEST TEAM EVER SEEN: Liverpool under Paisley BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not starting in the professional game earlier.



LIKES AND DISLIKES: Socialising/Having to queue for anything. FAVOURITE SINGERS: Varies FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint Eastwood FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Glenda Jackson FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Benny Hill Show and most sports programmes. FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and Chips FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager or orange squash.

AMBITION: I want to go as far as possible in the game and lead a successful life after playing.

FAVOURITE HOBBY: Watching video films

Supporting the Town

Sandra Cobern Secretary

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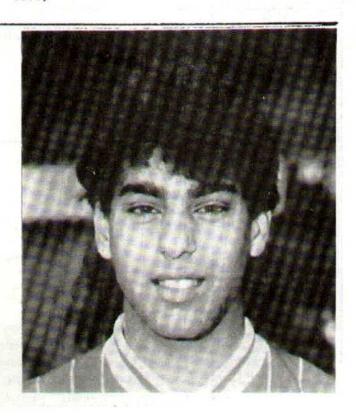
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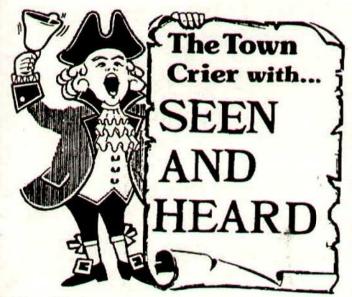
Today we bade farewell to one of our youngest players, for Sheldon Lee is emigrating to Los Angeles with the remainder of his family. From all his friends at the County Ground – our best wishes, Sheldon, to you and your family. Don't hesitate to write and let us know how you fare. We wish you the best of luck.



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City View

Terry Cooper showered credit on number Lou Macari breathing a sigh of relief at the final whistle...Following our First Round F.A. Cup exit...At Ashton Gate...In the pulsating replay..."Lou deserves a lot of praise...He played with four men up front in the second-half and that made it a tremendously exciting game...l Swindon win promotion from the Fourth Division this season because he has the right attitude and team have some experienced and talented players"..." It was a shame one side had to lose after two such wonderful games...The result could have gone either way and there was some super football...My only criticism of our lads was that they tended to mess around at the back when the ball could have been cleared...Otherwise I was delighted with the quality of our play and I am sure the fans went home happy".

Press View On The Same Match?.... Bristol Evening Post...Thursday November 21st 1985...Steve Nevilles hat trick gave Bristol City victory on a night of high drama at Ashton Gate - But the real winners were the fans who watched two magnificent...F.A. Cup battles between the West Country rivals... All Sunday's match lacked was goals...The return match had everything and was the perfect advert for blood-and-guts English football at its best...Six goals...A missed penalty...Two goal-line clearances...Two strong penalty appeals...Two bookings...And several horrendous defensive errors...Ensured there was never a dull moment... Neither

side deserved to lose...Fourth Division Swindon Town looked on course for the Second Round at 2-1 up soon after the interval...And contributed enough to feel unlucky at going out...But it was Nevilles night...The little striker who did everything but score on Sunday, found his goal touch with a vengance... And again proved too hot to handle...For Swindon's pedestrian backfour...Even SO with striker Gordon...Winning everything in the air...They looked capable of coming back.

Statistics From That Match?..... CORNERS...City - Seven...Swindon Six...FOULS...City - Seventeen...Swindon Sixteen...OFFSIDES...City Eight...Swindon - Three...SHOTS TARGET...City - Seven (Neville 4...Riley 2...Newman)...Swindon - Eight (Gordon 2...Wade 2...Henry...Barnard...Rowland...Hockaday)...OFF TARGET...City -Four...Swindon Three...SUMMING UP...Neville's hat-trick came from four goal attempts - all on target...Eleven of the 15 accurate shots came during an action packed second-half. Centre back Cole committed six of Swindon's fouls...The Wiltshire Club can take consolation from being in the Milk Cup...And the fact they played a full part in an F.A. Cup tie that will long be remembered.

Record!.....

Our Milk Cup match at Ipswich...Provided the Club with an unwanted record...For it was our heaviest defeat in the Competition...The previous record was our 5-0 defeats at...Notts County on October 17th 1962...And...On September 23rd 1980 when we lost 5-0 at Anfield to mighty Liverpool.

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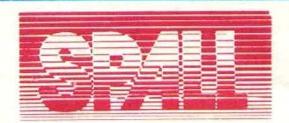
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The Town Crier on the Touchline

WITH ROBERT STEPHENSON THE TOWN'S MANAGING DIRECTOR



EDITOR: You have had approximately three weeks in which to familiarise yourself with your appointment. Can you relate to our supporters, how you see the future of Swindon Town evolving?

ROBERT: The playing side of the Club is so vital, the players are the most important people at any football club. The success that they achieve also brings the same rewards off the field. One team automatically follows another.

EDITOR: Do you consider that you will be able to bring about a situation where as also being a club director, you will bring_ further unification of staff and supporters to boardroom level?

ROBERT: Yes, it is important that we make it 'our' Club. More than at any time in the Club's history. If we can then I am sure that we can look forward to far better times for Swindon Town.

EDITOR: Of course, the cynics can always say that words come easily. Actions less so. Any comment?

ROBERT: I am well aware of that and it did occur to me as I was answering your question. The answer obviously must always be by deed. Given time I hope to make prophesy - fact.

EDITOR: Well, you could not have taken office in more pleasing circumstances, with the buoyant atmosphere currently surrounding the Club. Has that made your initial days somewhat easier?

ROBERT: Certainly, a successful team bolsters the mood of everyone in the Club. Although football is very fickle and a fast

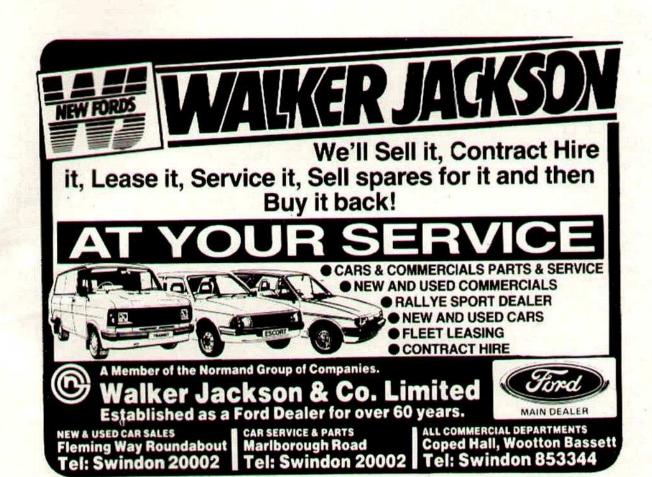
changing business and obviously the good times are an advantage. But there will be less favourable days and I have to be prepared for those as well.

EDITOR: Would you like to explain to the Club supporters what action or discussion there has been to the proposals which have been widely attributed to the First and Second Division clubs regarding the lower divisions of the Football League.

ROBERT: At a recent meeting of the Third and Fourth Division clubs it was a unanimous vote by all that we will fight to retain the existing Third and Fourth as at present. We have conceded an important principle by agreeing to open up the bottom place to a promotion and relegation situation with the Gola League. Subject to the promoted club's ground meeting stringent requirements. Football being the criteria though, with the concerned being of sound financial structure and with the required facilities. We will not be operating a closed shop, which will allow any relegated club to regain league status which has not been the situation in the past except Gillingham.

EDITOR: Are there plans to increase the capacity of the County Ground?

ROBERT: At present we cannot increase the capacity unless safety work is carried out on crush barriers. We have consultancy engineers currently putting recommendations for ground safety to the Club, Police, Local Authority and Fire Service for discussion.





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