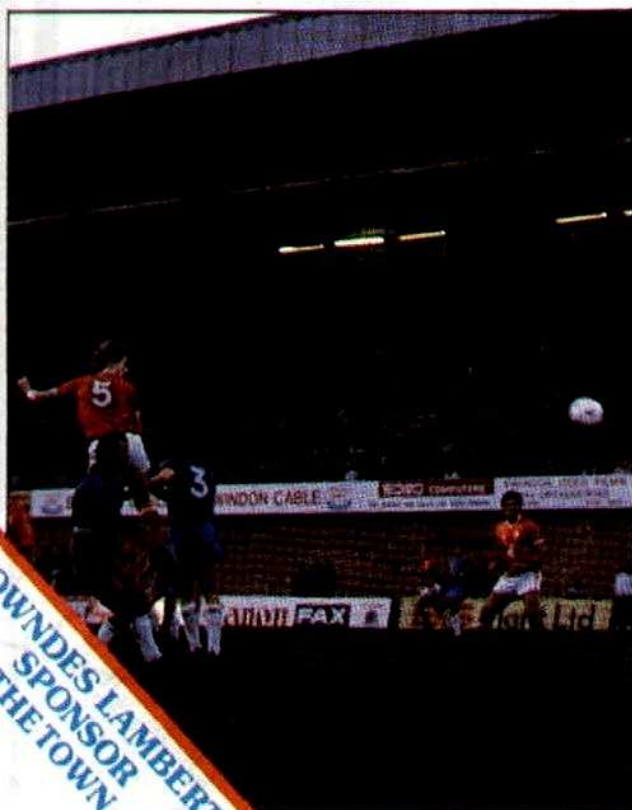
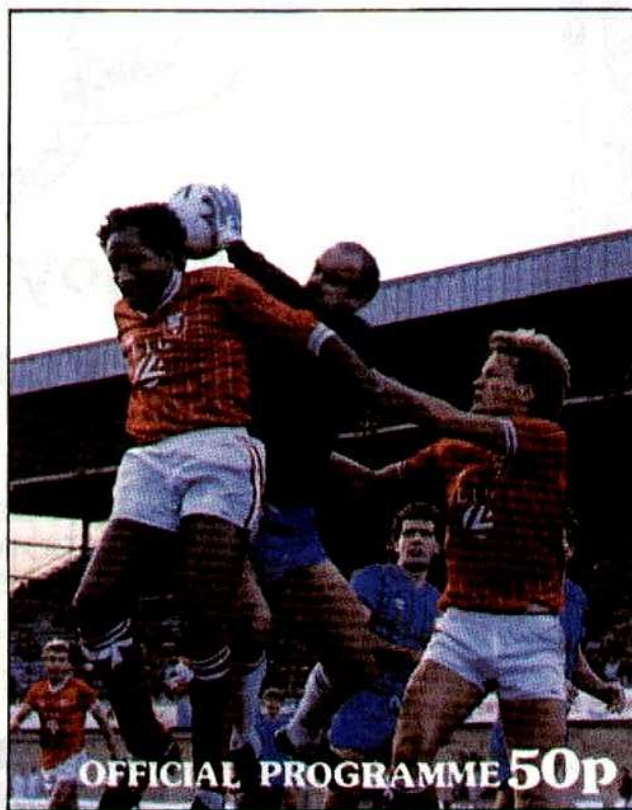


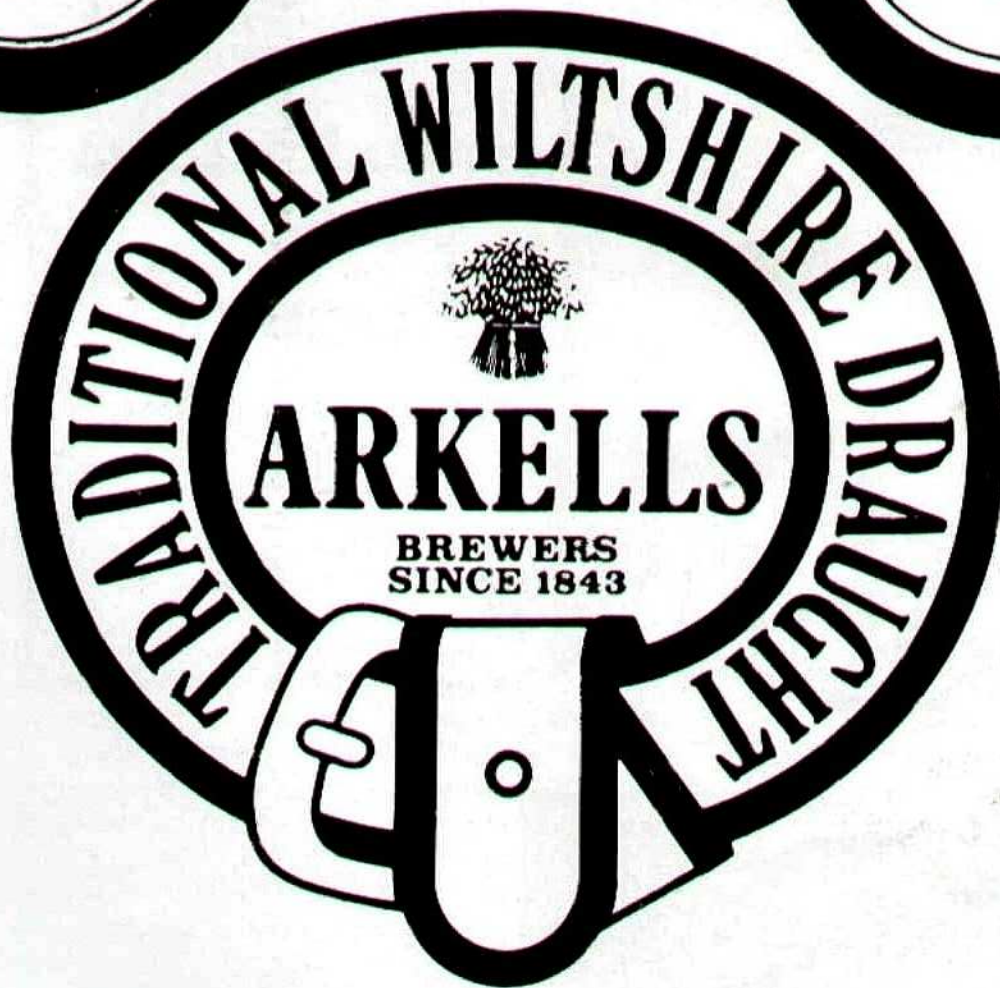
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Chairman's Chatter

This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Burnley Football Club for what we hope will be an enjoyable and memorable afternoon for us after winning our last seven matches with six in a row away from home, a tremendous achievement.



It was back in October at Burnley that we gained our first away victory of the ten achieved so far. This afternoon finds us chasing a club record of fourteen successive home league victories which would be another great achievement. I am sure you will all join me in wishing the Manager and Players Good Luck.

During our long lay off from football here at the County Ground there have been many rumblings once again from the First Division Clubs of a so called 'Super League' if they do not get their own way with financial benefits and voting rights. At the moment we have a situation whereby no one can agree on propositions to be put to an extraordinary general meeting.

At the moment we have not been successful in re-arranging any of our four home postponed matches but we are endeavouring to do this as soon as possible.

You may have read in the local press of the retirement of one of my colleagues Mr. Bill Dore after serving ten years as a Director. We thank Bill and wish him well.

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What odds would you have been offered, if you had ventured to seek out a bookmaker on Friday January 17th, seeking to gain a small fortune by risking your hard earned wages on the Town winning their next six away League matches at Wrexham, Northampton Town, Stockport County, Preston North End, Exeter City and Rochdale and therefore establish a new Club record? Those odds would have been quite considerable and few Town regulars could possibly have hoped for a return of maximum points. Although dreams do sometimes come true!

During recent seasons we have seen Swindon Town capitulate all too easily on foreign soil. Not anymore though and for the band of supporters who trudged into the night air at 9.10 p.m. from Exeter City's St James Park, they had seen that dream come true! The Town had set a new Club record which was stretched to six consecutive away wins in League matches at Rochdale last Saturday.

Swindon Town supporters had every reason to feel proud of their Manager and team following that record breaking fifth consecutive away win in League matches. They had seen KENNY ALLEN, foil every attempt to beat him in all five matches, CHRIS RAMSEY subdue any left wing attack, DAVID COLE prove time and again what an improved and under-rated player he is. The colossus of COLIN CALDERWOOD take on an even mightier mantle, the competitive PAUL ROBERTS confirm Lou Macari's faith in giving him the troublesome full back position. With and in front of that solid back four DAVE HOCKADAY once again showed how versatile a player he is, by so ably filling a midfield role and also playing in both full back positions due to the unavailability of Chris Ramsey and David Cole in two of those matches, with displays that no one had a right to expect.

There remains no adjectives to describe the role that CHARLIE HENRY has filled so admirably in his new found position. The industry and skill of LEIGH

BARNARD has been reminiscent of his first season at the County Ground. His lost confidence now replaced by super faith. Now recovered from injury CHRIS KAMARA has shown what a lot he has to offer the Town, under provocation he has never wilted and his spirit at Stockport was an unextinguishable flame that night.

PETER COYNE, also returned from injury to replace the departed Dave Bamber and with goals at Preston and Exeter showed that his return to action was both welcome and well timed. Up front BRYAN WADE has always been willing to chase lost causes, his running and strength on the ball often bringing welcome relief for the Town defence.

During this period COLIN GORDON has found a welcome return to form, showing that his form of last season was more than a fleeting phase, scoring at Wrexham, Stockport, Preston, Exeter and Rochdale, no one could have asked for more.

With thirty-three points taken from the thirty-nine available in their last thirteen matches, Lou Macari walking virtually unscathed from an horrendous mishap. Someone up there is smiling benevolently on Swindon Town this season. Although the Town have been more than adept at helping themselves this season. But who would refrain from accepting the help of 'Lady Luck' and 'Dame Fortune' until May is over? They will be more than welcome to aid Swindon Town's 'messiah'.

After several seasons of struggle, Swindon Town Football Club is now making notable progress. It was a pleasure to see the happiness on the faces of Town Directors Brian Hillier, Gary Herbert, Cecil Green, Dick Mattick and Robert Stephenson as the final whistle blew at St James Park. It is easy to forget that they are also supporters at heart. But above all, you long suffering away travellers now have a team to be proud of thanks to Lou Macari, his backroom staff and those magnificent players of steel. To them all - thank you from all of us.

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The Dinner Dance will commence at eight o'clock and the cost will be £12.50 per head.

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Peter Lango

FULL NAME: Peter Hugh Alexander Lango
BIRTHPLACE: Swindon
BIRTHDATE: October 28th 1968
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 11st 4lb
MARRIED: No
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun and News of the World
PLAYERS MOST ADMIR-RED: Glenn Hoddle, Gary Stevens, Graham Souness, Michel Platini.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Spurs and West Ham United

FOOTBALL HERO AS A BOY: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and Swimming
FAVOURITE SPORTS PERSONALITY: Jimmy Greaves
BEST TEAM EVER SEEN: Liverpool under Bob Paisley
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing English Schools Gillete Trophy against Sheffield 4-1
LIKES AND DISLIKES: Winning/Injuries and bad performances
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Diana Ross, U.B.40, Atlantic Star, Maddona.



FAVOURITE ACTOR: Eddie Murphy, Burt Reynolds, Lee Marvin.
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Eastenders, Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show, Just Good Friends, The Bill.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Mums Sunday Dinner, Indian and Chinese Curry.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Britvic Orange and Lemonade.
AMBITION: To make the grade and have a lot of success with Swindon Town.
FAVOURITE HOBBY: Listening to music and watching comedy video's.

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Malta

Dear Sir,

I am a 23 year old Maltese lad and I really follow British football especially the fortunes of my favourite club Swindon Town F.C. Although I live here in Malta far away from my beloved Swindon I really love the 'Robins' and follow the fortunes of the club's three teams very seriously. I also regularly spend all my personal holidays in Britain to be able to travel to Swindon and visit the County Ground to watch my favourites in action.

I am writing to you because I really wish to find some female pen-pals aged 17-24 that like myself are Swindon Town supporters. Apart from football my other interests are swimming, music, sports and travelling abroad. Please could you pass my pen-pals request to Dave King (the club's programme editor) and tell him to try to publish my request in the home programme on February 8th for the match against promotion rivals Chester City or on February 15th for the match against Crewe Alexandra if this letter will be late for the Chester programme.

Well I really don't know how I am going to thank you for reading my letter and I hope that with your kind assistance I will manage to contact some girls that are real Swindon Town supporters. Wishing you, all the playing staff and the rest of the Swindon Town administration staff a memorable and successful year on and off the field.

It is a very pleasing thing to see the 'Robins' doing so well under Lou Macari in the Fourth Division. The Club is really going places and the future is very bright with all that talent coming through the club's junior team.

Thanks again,

Yours sincerely,
Anthony Bonnici, Malta.

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Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful if you would help me find one of your supporters who may have got the coach to the recent away match at Tranmere by printing what I have written in the square in a forthcoming programme.

If she did get the coach is there any way you could find her going by my description because there was only about 4 coaches.

Could any of the Swindon fans standing outside Tranmere's main entrance between 2 and 3 o'clock help me find a young girl Swindon fan, brown hair (permed?) grey coat with boots, light blue jeans. I was inside with a black/green coat on (carrying a teapot) when she saw me. If she remembers or anyone knows or saw her could she/they write so I can write to her.

Could you send me any cost of this and the programme with which you put it in. I would be very grateful indeed for it means a lot to me.

All the best for the rest of the season.

Carl Barrow

RECORDS! RECORDS! RECORDS!

* For the first time in sixty-five years of Football League membership we have won six consecutive away matches. Thus breaking the previous club record set in season' 1937-38 and 1957-58. A remarkable achievement during the first five away matches, was the fact that we did not concede a single goal!

* We have now recorded ten away victories this season to establish a new club record in League matches, having surpassed the previous record of nine away victories established during our triumphant season of 1968-69 when we won the League Cup and finished as Runners-Up in the Third Division to champions - Watford.

What other records do we have the opportunity to surpass this season?

* The most obvious is that if we win today, we will create a new club record of fourteen straight home wins in League matches.

* If we manage to collect the Fourth Division Championship this season, it will be the first time that Swindon Town Football Club will have collected a Football League title.

* We need to win nineteen League matches here at the County Ground to surpass the previous highest number of home wins recorded in League matches during any one season. For it was during the seasons' of 1962-63, 1968-69 and 1974-75, when we won eighteen League matches here at the County Ground that the previous club record was set.

* The highest number of wins we have recorded during a season of League matches was in 1968-69 when we won 27 of our forty-six League fixtures, so we are well on course to pass that total this season.

* The lowest number of goals that we have conceded in away League matches during a season is 25, a record set during the 1924-25 season. With only eighteen goals conceded so far this season and five away matches left, we could well see another new club record set.

* On an individual basis - Colin Calderwood could complete this season by making the maximum amount of League appearances - 46. For the first time in his short career.

* While goalkeeper Kenny Allen needs to keep the opposition at bay on three more occasions in League matches this season to establish a new personal record. For Kenny kept a total of fifteen 'clean sheets' for A.F.C. Bournemouth during the 1980-81 season in Division Three. This season the reliable giant has not conceded a goal in thirteen of our League matches.

* After collecting only seven points from twenty-four available in our first eight League matches - we have since proceeded to take sixty-three of the seventy-two available in the twenty-four League matches that we have played since! A truly remarkable achievement.

* During those twenty-four League matches we have prevented the opposition from scoring in thirteen of those matches and conceded only seventeen goals and scored forty-three.

* One record that escaped - was the Manager of the Month Award for February. The Bells Whiskey Award went to Mansfield Town's Ian Greaves. I ask you to ponder on the record of both club's during that month. Neither club played at home due to the severe weather conditions, while both clubs played three away League matches. Both clubs returned the maximum nine points, Mansfield Town scored four goals and conceded one from matches on February 1st at Wrexham (2-1), 8th - Exeter City (1-0), 15th - Orient (1-0). While we scored six goals and did not concede a single goal from matches on February 1st at Northampton Town (1-0), 3rd - Stockport County (2-0) and Preston North End (3-0)! The merit of victories in the space of three days at Northampton and Stockport was a major achievement in the amount of limited matches played during that month. The only logical clue to that award going to Ian Greaves is that in chronological order M comes before S in the alphabet.

Sorry you did not get the reward that was due to you Lou but obviously the bottle had been opened before it left the Football League Headquarters. In our eyes you did win it and our eyes were not glazed.

Photo Call

Lou Macari



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The Pleasure of

The date of March 15th is one of the most significant in the history of our Club, for it was exactly seventeen years ago that we celebrated our momentous League Cup Final victory of 1969, when we defeated Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley. It was also a personal date to remember for one Swindon Town fan - John Menham. For it was a day when John forged a strong link with the Club he has since come to love. It was the first game that John had seen Swindon play. He could hardly have selected a better day, could he?

Those of you who know John, will join me in saying that Swindon Town do not possess a more loyal or devoted fan. It was fitting that John should be at Wembley that day, for it was his eleventh birthday. He started supporting the Town on a regular basis in September 1969 and John has been to every home match since, for both League and Cup matches. At the completion of this current season he will have seen 288 consecutive League matches, home and away plus all the cup matches.

Those of you who do not know John personally, may know of Town supporters who can surpass the total of matches. But no one can possibly have done so from the confines of a wheelchair. Twenty-seven-year-old John gives inspiration to all humanity with his boundless energy. The sheer enthusiasm and warmth of this incredible man is a comfort to all who know him. His love of our national game is unchallenged and his knowledge of the sport he loves so dearly is astonishing, for John can relay all of Saturday nights results after just one hearing!

John supports not only the League team but also our reserve team and youth team whenever possible. It's not surprising that John is soccer mad, for he comes from a family with the best of connections with football. His great-grandfather played in goal for Everton in the 1897 F.A. Cup Final! Below is a copy of the programme showing the teams on that momentous occasion. John's father also played for Bath City, so the family connection with

our national game is strong.

To his credit, John's love and knowledge of the game is not insular, as his attendances at many International matches proves. Sadly, he was deprived of watching last year's European Cup Final, by the scourge of society - the mindless idiots who infiltrate football and mar the game of it's overall spectacle. For John and his father went to watch the European Final between Liverpool and Juventus, it should have been an exciting night for John, but unfortunately they were only a few yards from the trouble that ensued and they wisely left the ground.

Every summer when John and his family go on holiday. The first priority is to find the local football grounds and scrutinise them. Even if it is only through locked railings! John was in luck when he visited Aberdeen as he was able to go inside Pitodrie Stadium. It was another momentous occasion for John, for after Swindon Town, the Scottish Premier Club share his affections alongside Manchester United.

If you ever have the time or opportunity to take a walk to Shrivenham Road, the County Ground extension or wherever the Town are training one morning, it is odds on, that John will be nearby, watching the Town players train. Football is his life and a more engaging conversationalist you will not meet than the Town devotee. John likes his pint of beer and has many good friends in the squash club. In fact everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club has the greatest admiration for John and none more so than Town Manager, Lou Macari and the Club's players.

Today seems to be a day of coincidence, John's birthday, the seventeenth anniversary of that Wembley success, a Club record now equalled and waiting to be broken. While ironically, our opponents today are none other than Burnley who provided such doughty opponents in the epic Semi-Final that preluded that Wembley Final.

your Company

We shall not know until 4.40 p.m. this afternoon, whether the gods have smiled favourably on Swindon Town's efforts to establish a new club record. Whatever the outcome we can always take heart from one

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Colin Calderwood

The absence of Chris Ramsey, when we visited Stockport County on February 3rd left Colin Calderwood as the only Town player with a complete one-hundred per cent record of having appeared in all of the Club's League matches this season. His outstanding form at the heart of the Town defence this season has contributed to the Club having one of the best defensive records in the Division.





The Town Crier sees Burnley

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors, Burnley, who visit the County Ground this afternoon. Burnley aided our promotion challenge last Saturday in defeating our nearest challengers - Chester City 1-0 at Turf Moor.

Apart from hoping that we shall be able to establish a new club record of fourteen consecutive home wins in League matches, we shall also be hoping to complete the double over the Lancashire Club. For on our visit to their impressive Turf Moor Stadium on October 12th, we returned home with maximum points from a 2-0 win. Which was due to a first half goal from Colin Gordon, followed by a second half effort from Peter Coyne.

Burnley have made steady, rather than spectacular progress, since that autumn day. Former Manchester United Assistant Manager Tommy Cavanagh is now at the helm, having replaced another former Old Trafford stalwart - Martin Buchan, who resigned his post as Burnley Manager only hours before our October visit.

The Turf Moor Club have won three away matches this season at Aldershot 2-0, Cambridge United 4-0 and Southend United 3-2. They have also managed to share the points on visits to Hereford United 2-2, Peterborough United 0-0, Halifax Town 2-2, Scunthorpe United and Stockport County 1-1 and more recently again in a 1-1 draw at Port Vale.

Included in what has remained a settled team for Burnley in recent matches are:- Goalkeeper JOE NEENAN, who reaches his twenty-seventh birthday on Monday, began his career as an apprentice with York City. After 62 first team appearances with the Bootham Crescent Club, he joined Scunthorpe United where he made 204 appearances in a five year stay, before

joining Burnley initially on loan last season.

Former Blackburn Rovers and Leeds United defender, KEVIN HIRD (31) joined Burnley in the summer of 1984 and scored 22 goals in a midfield role. Kevin once the subject of a £375,000 transfer when he left Ewood Park for Elland Road, has scored eight League and Cup goals this season, including three penalties. Central defender VINCE OVERSON (23), was the subject of a watching brief by Birmingham City Manager, John Bond recently. Vince who joined Burnley as an apprentice, has now made over 200 first team appearances. RAY DEAKIN (26) began his career as an apprentice with Everton but it was upon joining Port Vale in 1982 that he made his League debut. After 27 first team matches at Vale Park, Ray then joined Bolton Wanderers, making 116 first team appearances before joining Burnley at the start of this season. Ray scored his only goals this season, in the space of two days in early January, at home to Wrexham on New Year's Day and at Southend forty-eight hours later. Full back DARREN HEESOM (18) has progressed through Burnley's Youth Scheme and made his debut earlier this season after commencing the season in the Turf Moor Club's 'A' team! Darren scored his first League goal in the 1-1 draw at Stockport in December.

This season has seen PHIL MALLEY (20) establish a regular midfield role of late, after brief spells with Sunderland and Hartlepool United. Phil scored his only League goal in Burnley's second away match of the season at Hereford United in a 2-2 draw. The diminutive PETER DEVINE (25) joined Burnley from Blackburn Rovers in the 1984 close season. A former Leeds United apprentice, he made his League debut with Bristol City before moving to Ewood Park. Peter's only goal

arrive in town



of this season came in Burnley's 4-0 win at Cambridge in November.

Winger NEIL GREWCOCK (23), had the distinction of scoring on his League debut for Leicester City against Cardiff City at Filbert Street on March 23rd 1979 while still an apprentice! After only eight League matches, Neil was allowed to join Gillingham on a free transfer. After thirty-four matches with the Kent Club, he slipped into non-League football with Shepshed Charterhouse before linking up with Burnley in 1984. Neil has scored twice this season, in the 5-2 home win against Wrexham and in the 4-0 away win at Cambridge United.

Striker LES LAWRENCE (28), has made a welcome return to Burnley's first team in recent matches after missing most of the season through injury. The former Shrewsbury Town, Torquay United, Port Vale, Aldershot and Rochdale striker has scored five goals for Burnley in their last

six matches including a point saver two minutes from time at Port Vale three weeks ago and the only goal of last Saturday's match with Chester City.

Former West Ham United striker ALAN TAYLOR (32), is Burnley's leading marksman this season with 19 League and Cup goals. The former Rochdale, Norwich City, Cambridge United and Hull City striker has now scored 64 League goals during his career. Alan came to fame with two goals in the all London F.A. Cup Final of 1975, when West Ham United defeated Fulham 2-0.

Experienced PETER HAMPTON (31), moved to Burnley on a free transfer in 1984 from Stoke City. After starting his career with Leeds United as an apprentice, he made 68 League appearances at Elland Road before moving to the Victoria Ground. While with the 'Potteries' Club he made 166 first team appearances.



BACK ROW STANDING: (Left to Right): Ray Deakin, Alan Taylor, Andy Kilner, Peter Hampton, Donald Duncan.

MIDDLE ROW STANDING: (Left to Right): Wayne Biggins (now with Norwich), Geoff Palmer (now with Wolverhampton), Joe Gallagher, Joe Neenan, Jim Heggarty, Vince Overson, Les Lawrence.

FRONT ROW SEATED: (Left to Right): Kevin Hird, John Keen, Phil Malley, Martin Buchan (no longer with Burnley), Mark Rowstron, Peter Devine, Neil Grewcock.

The Town Crier Backtracks on Town v Burnley

It is perhaps ironic that today, on the seventeenth anniversary of our Wembley triumph, we entertain Burnley. For it was the Turf Moor side that we beat in the semi-final. Away in the first leg, Swindon gained a fine 2-1 win through Stan Harland and Peter Noble but slipped up by the same score in the home leg, forcing a third game at the neutral Hawthornes. A 20,000

crowd saw John Smith give us a seventh minute lead, a lead that was held until, with just 25 seconds of normal time left, David Thomas forced the equaliser. Then, with extra-time just one minute old, Frank Casper put Burnley in front. But the Town fought back through an own goal before Peter Noble scored the goal that took Swindon to Wembley, and fame.

Summary of League meetings:

	P	W	D	L	F-A
HOME	4	0	0	4	1-7
AWAY	5	3	1	1	7-3

Summary of Cup meetings:

	P	W	D	L	F-A
HOME	5	2	1	2	8-7
AWAY	6	3	1	2	12-12



Swindon's Peter Coyne opens the scoring in the Town's fine win at Exeter by slotting home Bryan Wade's cross.



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	0-0		10,468
WED NOV 20	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 1 Replay)	A	2-4	Ramsey, Barnard	8,979
SAT NOV 23	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	2-1	Coleman Pen, Wade	4,784
TUE NOV 26	Ipswich Town (Milk Cup 4)	A	1-6	Yallop O.G.	12,083
SAT NOV 30	Orient	A	0-1		3,120
SAT DEC 7	PRESTON NORTH END	H	4-1	Henry 3, Coleman Pen	3,945
SAT DEC 14	HALIFAX TOWN	H	3-2	Coleman 2 Pens, Henry	4,516
SUN DEC 22	HEREFORD UTD	H	1-0	Henry	7,364
THU DEC 26	Aldershot	A	Postponed		
SAT DEC 28	Torquay Utd	A	1-0	Gordon	1,702
WED JAN 1	COLCHESTER UTD	H	2-1	Cole, Wade	8,802
SAT JAN 4	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-3	Gordon	
SUN JAN 12	SOUTHEND UTD	H	2-1	Gordon Pen, Ramsey	7,619
SAT JAN 18	Wrexham	A	1-0	Gordon Pen	1,767
TUE JAN 21	Bristol Rovers (F.R.T.)	A	1-2	Barnard	2,357
SAT JAN 25	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	Postponed		
TUE JAN 28	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 1	Northampton Town	A	1-0	Henry	4,449
MON FEB 3	Stockport County	A	2-0	Henry, Gordon	
THR FEB 6	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 8	CHESTER CITY	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	Postponed		
SAT FEB 22	Preston North End	A	3-0	Ramsey, Henry, Coyne	3,361
SUN MAR 2	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H	Postponed		
WED MAR 5	Exeter City	A	3-0	Coyne, Gordon, Ramsey	2,291
SAT MAR 8	Rochdale	A	2-1	Gordon, Henry	
TUE MAR 11	HEREFORD UTD (F.R.T.)	H	1-1		
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			

PETERBOROUGH UNITED (H)

TO BE ARRANGED

Aldershot

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THE TOWN CRIER WITH JUNIOR ROBINS

The lack of a home match made it very difficult for us to let everyone know about the last Junior Robins meeting. Given this the attendance, although smaller than usual was very pleasing. We are very grateful for the sponsorship of the meeting by Hulford Motors and to Kenny Allen for coming along to talk and answer questions about goalkeeping. The winners of the Goalkeeping Quiz held during the evening were Daniel Allen of Clarence Street School and Carl Webster of Churchfields.

Today, as part of the Canon League Invitation Scheme we welcome pupils from Bishopstone and Broad Hinton Schools. We hope they will enjoy their visit and that many of them will decide to join the Junior Robins. Our membership continues to grow and it is good to see so many of you have obviously responded to Lou Macari's appeal to enrol 1 new member. Can I appeal to all of you who do this to get the person who you recruit to put your name on the bottom of their form.

Newsletter for March will be given out during the next week and those of you who are not on the mailing list can collect one from the Office after the Port Vale match next week.

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Friday 4th April 1986
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Closing date for entries to THE TNT FUN DAY Sunday 23rd March (Port Vale match).

Please fill in the entry forms attached and return together with the £1.00 entrance fee to Swindon Town Commercial Department, County Ground, Swindon. Payment can be made in person at the Commercial Department during normal office hours of 9-5 Monday to Friday. Entry forms attached.

Swindon Town Football Club and Swindon Town Junior Robins would like to thank

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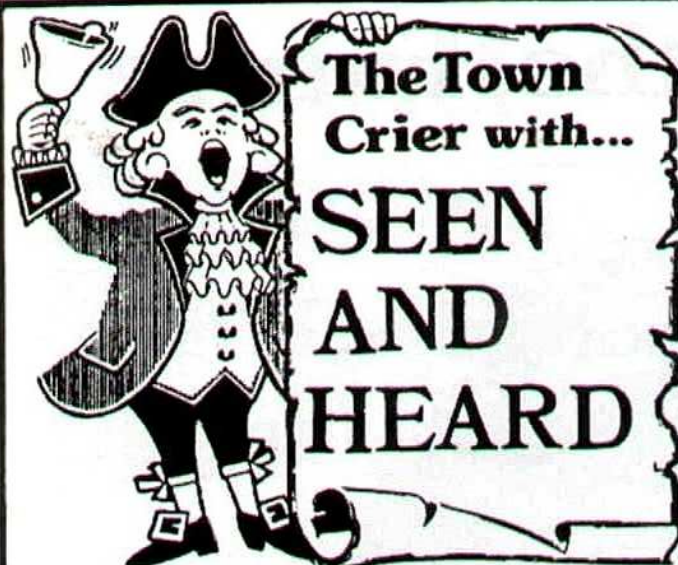
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School _____

I would like my child to participate in the TNT SAMEDAY Swindon Town Fun Day. I understand that course members will be supervised but that no liability can be accepted by the club or its agents for any injury or loss sustained accidentally or if they are acting outside of or in contradiction of instructions. I enclose £1.00.

Parents Signature _____



REF RACKET!.....

Intrigued by the large number of referees attending football matches free...Spanish Police have uncovered a printshop turning out forged credentials...Police said they detained 31 false referees as they showed forged credentials to attend recent Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid matches...They later arrested three forgers.

LOWNDES LAMBERT.....

You may well have noticed that your match-day programme is now being sold to you by the Lowndes Lambert girls who have succeeded the previous sellers...In welcoming some of the staff of our Club sponsors to a permanent position with the Club...We would also like to pay tribute to Jeff Lewington and his counterparts for their assistance over many years...Certainly a hail and farewell situation.

WERE THEY SERIOUS?.....

How the mighty have fallen...When the preliminary rounds of the Freight Rover Trophy came round...Did you notice how some of the leading clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions lost form?...Reading lost 5-0 at Bournemouth...Derby County lost 0-2 at home to Gillingham...Chester City lost to Rochdale and Wigan Athletic in the space of two days after previously looking unbeatable...Food for thought?...Maybe...But with the F.A. Cup fixtures scheduled at the same time there is a case for both Reading and Derby County being pre-occupied...If Chester City have a pre-occupation there are no prizes available for the correct answer.

THEY WERE SERIOUS!.....

Not so long ago...One of our Fourth Division counter-parts came on the telephone asking if it was possible to have...One of our leading goalscorers on loan!...Although it may seem somewhat cheeky...There was a perfectly plausible reason...Earlier this season that particular player had been one of three players whose name had been circulated to other clubs as available...Lou now assures all, that the player in question is not available for a fee!...Certainly not the sort that Fourth Division Clubs could afford...If Ron Atkinson...Howard Kendall...or Kenny Dalglish were interested...Well...The Goodison Park chief did in fact watch one of our reserve team matches last season...I hasten to add it was primarily an opposition player that prompted his journey southwards though.

YANKS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS!.....

Following the Super Bowl Final in America...A crowd estimated at 10,000 celebrated in the streets...Overturning rubbish bins...Kicking the sides of cars...And hurling beer bottles...About a dozen fans were arrested...Most on charges of disorderly conduct...And we thought it did not happen in America!...Obviously the louts of this country have been shown on film across the Atlantic.

OVERHEARD.....

Although it was reported that Bristol Rovers full back Phil Bater damaged a hamstring in our Freight Rover tie at Eastville in January...While Phil was receiving treatment on the touchline...His wife was busily telling her friends in the stand...That Phil had been busy the previous evening applying a packet of frozen peas to the exact spot the previous evening...mmm!

COLLECTORS.....

Anyone who is interested in buying not only Swindon Town programmes of past seasons...But also F.A. Cup Final programmes among many others of value...Should contact Sandra Cobern in the Reception Office...Fifty per cent of the cost is donated to the Lou Macari Players Appeal Fund...The collection was kindly donated to the Appeal Fund by Mr. Steve Lusty of Stroud, Gloucestershire...Whose late father was a devoted supporter of Swindon Town Football Club...Thank you, Steve.

A Date for the Future



Swindon Town Directors are pleased to announce that a Testimonial match has been awarded to former Swindon Town goalkeeper - Jimmy Allan. The match against First Division opposition will be staged at the County Ground in early May. Swindon Town Manager Lou Macari is hoping to bring the best available opposition to Swindon and knowing Lou he

will endeavour to do just that.

Jimmy gave unstinting loyalty to this Club and his career was unfortunately curtailed in service to his one and only League Club. Therefore Swindon Town supporters will be able to pay credit to this magnificent servant. The Town Crier will keep you informed of further developments.

Don't FORGET - KEEP this May Date.

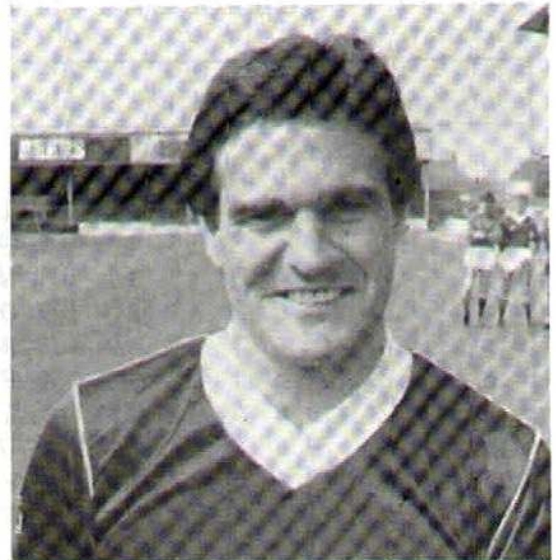
Behind Every Successful Man!



Swindon Town Manager Lou Macari would be the first to pay credit to the backroom staff who have helped him to take Swindon Town to the top of the Fourth Division.

While Lou rightly takes most of the credit for the club's outstanding season, he could not possibly have achieved the measure of success without two of the Club's stalwarts, Assistant Manager John Trollope and Club Captain Andy Rowland. Both have played a significant part in the preparation of the team that you watch each Saturday. We often hear constant reference to the continuity of staff at First Division Liverpool. While the Anfield Club have done so well in recent seasons, they do not have a monopoly on loyal service to one club. No Canon League Club can possess a more loyal and devoted servant than John Trollope, his magnificent service to Football and Swindon Town in particular will earn extra reward at the end of this season if we obtain promotion.

After several seasons of regular first team football, Andy Rowland may appear to have disappeared from the County Ground League scene. Nothing could be further from the truth, for Andy is quietly and efficiently, helping Lou and John with the training. Although there to call upon if needed, Andy is forging a new career for himself. Already a veteran in terms of the years he has appeared in a Town shirt, Andy, now seems set to add to those years, with service to the Club in a dual role. Both may not appear in the public eye, but their unselfish work in promoting the Club in all aspects is well known and duly recognised.



Your Fixture List for the

With the season now approaching an exciting climax, it would appear that the promotion positions will be contested by seven clubs - ourselves, Chester City, Mansfield Town, Stockport County, Port Vale, Hartlepool United and Orient. With five of those clubs still to visit the County Ground and our away fixture at Mansfield scheduled for mid-April, our destiny to use the old cliché - is very much in our own feet! For your interest the remaining fixtures of all seven clubs are printed below including today's fixtures.

SWINDON TOWN	CHESTER CITY	MANSFIELD TOWN	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
HOME (9)	HOME (5)	HOME (7)	HOME (6)
BURNLEY PORT VALE ALDERSHOT SCUNTHORPE UTD PETERB'H UTD ORIENT CHESTER CITY CREWE ALEX HARTLEPOOL UTD	PRESTON NE WREXHAM CAMBRIDGE UTD EXETER CITY SOUTHEND UTD	PRESTON NE BURNLEY SWINDON TOWN PETERB'H UTD HARTLEPOOL UTD TRANMERE ROV SCUNTHORPE UTD	STOCKPORT COUNTY EXETER CITY SCUNTHORPE UTD SOUTHEND UTD WREXHAM TORQUAY UTD
AWAY (5)	AWAY (6)	AWAY (7)	AWAY (7)
COLCHESTER UTD CAMBRIDGE UTD ALDERSHOT MANSFIELD TOWN HALIFAX TOWN	PORT VALE COLCHESTER UTD ORIENT SCUNTHORPE UTD ROCHDALE SWINDON TOWN	COLCHESTER UTD STOCKPORT COUNTY CREWE ALEXANDRA ROCHDALE HALIFAX TOWN SOUTHEND UTD	HALIFAX TOWN HEREFORD UTD TRANMERE ROV COLCHESTER UTD MANSFIELD TOWN SWINDON TOWN

The Leading Clubs in Division Four

(upto and including Sat March 8th)

HOME							CLUB	AWAY							GOAL DIFF
P	W	D	L	F	A			W	D	L	F	A	PTS		
1.	32	12	0	1	29	12	SWINDON TOWN	10	1	7	20	18	70		+ 19
2.	35	11	4	3	35	13	CHESTER CITY	6	8	3	31	34	63		+ 19
3.	32	12	4	0	35	11	MANSFIELD TOWN	7	2	7	22	22	63		+ 24
4.	35	9	8	2	31	20	STOCKPORT COUNTY	7	2	7	21	26	58		+ 6
5.	34	10	6	1	35	9	PORT VALE*	5	6	6	20	21	57		+ 25
6.	32	12	3	1	33	13	HARTLEPOOL UTD	4	3	8	18	25	57		+ 13
7.	32	8	4	4	29	15	ORIENT	5	6	5	24	26	49		+ 12
8.	32	8	4	4	27	21	SOUTHEND UTD	5	4	7	20	28	47		- 2
9.	32	10	1	5	27	19	BURNLEY	3	6	7	19	26	46		+ 8
10.	32	6	4	4	27	16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	7	2	9	31	25	45		+ 11

Remainder of the Season

PORT VALE	STOCKPORT COUNTY	ORIENT
HOME (6)	HOME (4)	HOME (7)
TRANMERE ROV CHESTER CITY HEREFORD UTD PETERB'H UTD NORTHAMPTON TOWN ALDERSHOT	ORIENT MANSFIELD TOWN PORT VALE TRANMERE ROV	EXETER CITY NORTHAMPTON TOWN CREWE ALEXANDRA CHESTER CITY BURNLEY TORQUAY UTD HALIFAX TOWN
AWAY (6)	AWAY (6)	AWAY (7)
CREWE ALEXA STOCKPORT COUNTY TORQUAY UTD SOUTHEND UTD SWINDON TOWN HALIFAX TOWN	SCUNTHORPE UTD HALIFAX TOWN ALDERSHOT WREXHAM PETERB'H UTD HEREFORD UTD	STOCKPORT COUNTY HEREFORD UTD PRESTON NE SWINDON TOWN NORTHAMPTON TOWN COLCHESTER UTD ROCHDALE

We are also Top of the Stoppers !

By preventing Exeter City from scoring in last weeks match at St. James Park, we took our total of matches in which we have prevented the opposition from scoring to no fewer than fourteen League games this season.

CLUB	H	A	TOTAL
SWINDON TOWN	4	10	14
MANSFIELD TOWN	8	5	13
PORT VALE	9	3	12
CHESTER CITY	8	3	11
EXETER CITY	8	3	11
CREWE ALEXANDRA	5	4	9
NORTH'TON TOWN	5	4	9
SCUNTHORPE UTD	7	2	9
STOCKPORT COUNTY	5	4	9
BURNLEY	5	3	8
PETERBOROUGH UTD	8	0	8
HARTLEPOOL UTD	5	2	7

Somewhat surprisingly, ten of those occasions have occurred in away matches. The full list of the twenty-four Fourth Division Club's, with their home and away record, reads as follows:-

ORIENT	6	1	7
ALDERSHOT	5	1	6
SOUTHEND UTD	5	1	6
TORQUAY UTD	5	1	6
TRANMERE ROVERS	4	2	6
CAMBRIDGE UTD	2	3	5
COLCHESTER UTD	4	1	5
HALIFAX TOWN	3	2	5
ROCHDALE	4	1	5
HEREFORD UTD	3	1	4
PRESTON NORTH END	3	1	4
WREXHAM	2	2	4



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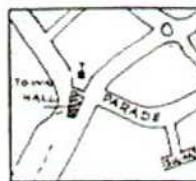
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Well Done Charlie

The outstanding form shown by Charlie Henry, following his successful conversion from full back into a midfield role, has made the popular Town player, the second highest scoring midfielder player in this season's Fourth Division.

Only Wrexham's Steve Charles with nineteen goals, surpasses Charlie in League matches and Steve has had the added bonus of scoring from the penalty spot on no fewer than four occasions.





This must be a season for the Henrys! For Tony, the Oldham Athletic midfield player has scored five goals for the Boundary Park Club in this season's Second Division. The former Manchester City apprentice, enjoyed his best season with Bolton Wanderers in 1981-82 when he scored thirteen goals. So Charlie requires two more League goals to be the highest scoring Henry in a season of League soccer!



There is no concealing the joy of Charlie Henry after scoring his only goal of the game against Cambridge United earlier this season.

	CL	MC	FAC	FRT	TOTAL
1. Steve Charles (Wrexham)	19(inc4p)	-	-	-	19
2. CHARLIE HENRY (SWINDON)	12	-	-	-	12
3. Shaun Brooks (Orient)	7	1	3	-	11
4. Billy Kellock (Halifax)	11(inc2p)	-	-	-	11
5. Richard Hill (Northampton)	10	-	-	-	10
6. Kevin Hird (Burnley)	7(inc3p)	1	-	-	8
7. Noel Parkinson (Colchester)	7	-	-	1	8
8. David Platt (Crewe Alexandra)	6	2(inc2p)	-	-	8
9. Mark Kearney (Mansfield)	7(inc2p)	1	-	-	8
10. John Delve (Hereford)	6	-	-	-	6
11. Steve Pyle (Torquay)	4	-	-	1	5
12. Steve Spriggs (Cambridge)	5	-	-	-	5

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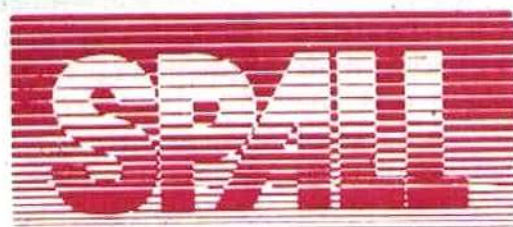
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A Winters Tale of Woe!

By Dave King

The spate of postponed matches throughout the Football League in recent weeks has once again brought into debate the discussion of artificial surfaces and undersoil heating. Only eight Football League Clubs have had the foresight to install undersoil heating: Everton, Liverpool, Manchester City, Coventry City, Leeds United and Oldham Athletic. While Arsenal and Manchester United can be added to that list when their systems are working effectively, both have had their problems this season, awaiting repair or replacement. Incredible when you consider the amount of money that has floated in and out of football in recent years.

Everton paid £70,000 for their system in 1981 and regard it as a sound investment. Since its installation, they have lost just one game to the weather in five years! And that was because of snow and ice on the terraces.

Consider the advantages, in February, while everyone was frostbound, the League Champions entertained Manchester City. They went to the top of the First Division while all their rivals were left kicking their heels in dismay. A match which left the Goodison Park Club with a useful psychological advantage. Undersoil heating also enables matches to take place without the worry of marginal conditions. Players know that the surface is trustworthy and are able to utilise their skills.

Another aspect is that supporters also know that the matches will be on. Breaking the habit of attracting the fan to the ground on a regular basis is costly, as football has found out in recent years. It seems ridiculous that there should be a backlog of fixtures every season caused by the weather. Football and winter have been living in intended harmony for many years now, but rarely in harness!

There can be no doubt that a lot of clubs, particularly the big city and First Division elite, have been living in football folly land. With heating so advanced and

reliable, for what it costs compared with the money that has been spent on players, it surely should have been an absolute must for a lot of clubs?

Mind, not all clubs agree, Leicester City are one club who are against the principle of pitch protection, following their involvement with the huge balloon which covered their Filbert Street pitch until three years ago. Their management now believe that the professional season should be altered to run from March until the end of October.

The logic of that line of thinking is quite prevalent among soccer's fraternity. Statistics show that the majority of postponements occur during January and February. Would crowds increase during summer evenings? We will probably never know the answer to that question for football has always been traditionally a winter game. What changes occur in football, only happen very slowly and although it is often written about and discussed during mid-winter, spring arrives and hibernation comes to an end and with it whatever radical thought that had been conceived. Even the long winter of 1963 failed to arouse any long standing proposal to combat the weather.

All weather surfaces or plastic pitches as they are more commonly known, attract widespread criticism and offer obvious advantage to the home team. While a lot of its critics are justified in their observations, those clubs have at least made a commendable effort to defeat the elements. From a spectators viewpoint, they would prefer the undersoil heating which allows normal conditions. While there appears to be no concerted effort by the League Clubs to alleviate this annual problem, it is astounding that in the First Division at least, that the majority of the clubs have not installed this system.

This has been a season of super league conversation, it would appear that to the paying bystander, he should at least be afforded the luxury, that his super club are able to offer him regular and consistent fare. For winter will be here again next year and for ever more. Winter will always survive but can football keep pace with the more modern trends and accept that they should at least be seen to be trying to keep in step.



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