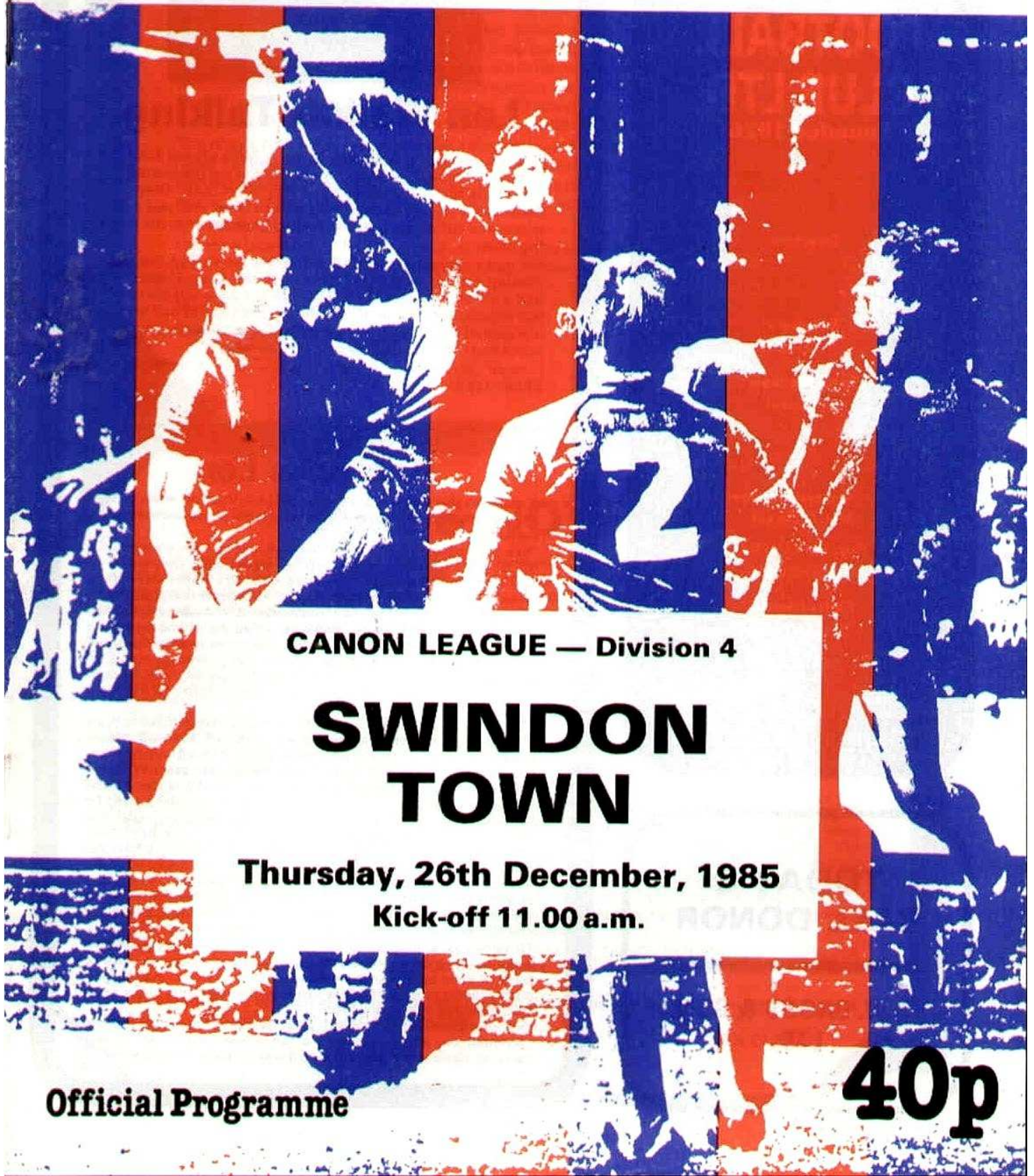


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SWINDON TOWN

Thursday, 26th December, 1985

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Division Four

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Tuesday, 22nd April, 1986

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Tonight we welcome the Directors, Officials and Players of Swindon Town who have already clinched the 4th Division Championship, and we are sure that you would all like to show your appreciation when their Team takes the field by expressing our congratulations in the usual manner.

Listed below are tonights teams. Unfortunately the Swindon programme had been printed before the game was postponed earlier this season. Please accept our apologies.

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N. P. LESLIE
(Worthing)

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(Hounslow)

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R. L. SAUNDERS
(Upminster)

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Colours: Red and Blue

- 1 Grant LUNN
- 2 Barry BLANKLEY
- 3 Phil FERNS
- 4 Andy MASSEY
- 5 Colin SMITH
- 6 Phil COLEMAN
- 7 David BARNES
- 8 Gary JOHNSON
- 9 Paul McNENEMY
- 10 Colin FIELDER
- 11 Ian McDONALD
- 12

Manager: Len Walker

SWINDON

Colours: Black and White

- 1 Kenny ALLEN
- 2 Paul ROBERTS
- 3 David HOCKADAY
- 4 Leigh BARNARD
- 5 Dave COLE
- 6 Colin CALDERWOOD
- 7 Dave BAMBER
- 8 Charlie HENRY
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Manager: Lou Macari

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Len Walker Talking

Today's visitors — Swindon Town — have shown how it is possible to move from the lower reaches of the League table to one of the top two positions in a very short time. They were below us a couple of months ago, but have enjoyed a very successful run of League victories to push them to the top of the table.

We had a very good win (3-1) at Preston North End, our goals coming from Paul Shrubbs, Paul Staff and Colin Fielder. We had a lot of the game in the first half but were unable to turn our superiority into goals, yet during the second half we lost our way a little but defended very well, breaking clear twice to score two very good goals and win the match.

I hope you enjoy today's match — and a very Happy Christmas to you all.

LEN WALKER

Ken Asks Len

A question this week from Tim Russell (Ash Vale) on when will we see a youth team at Aldershot, and what is the policy towards youth football?

"We don't have a youth team at the Club, but we have six boys on a Y.T.S., and I signed an apprentice four weeks ago. They are all 16 and have just left school. They work with the pros for most of the week, and in the afternoons either John Anderson or I take them. They play for different teams at the weekend, and what will happen from now on is that every two weeks or so we will be arranging games against reserve League teams, and two or three of them will be thrown in to play in these games. They need bringing on gradually as they would struggle physically against these types of side, and they need bleeding with some of the pros. I think it will help them come on.

"The other side of things is that 18 months ago we decided to open a 'School for Excellence' for schoolboys under 15. We tried to think ahead for the good of the Club and decided to start a group last year for the under 13s, and they have developed very well. What we wanted to do was to have three groups — Under-13, Under-14 and Under-15 — but due to what happened here some of it had to be knocked on the head. We carried on last year with the Under 13s (who are now the Under 14s) and five of those boys have been selected to go to the Southern Area trials for the Lillishall National Coaching School. I'm not saying they will all get there, but if we have one selected it will be a tremendous achievement. We do it in an Army gymnasium and the boys have come on really well. What we are trying to do is to bring the boys within the Club, as most of them go to Arsenal, Southampton or Portsmouth.

"It did not get much publicity, but it is probably the highlight of their week to come down here, and they thoroughly enjoy it. Two or three of them have shown tremendous improvement over the last eight months or so, and if they can keep on improving at the same rate, then they can be anything".

Only one question this time as it was one that many people seem to comment on, and it deserved a full answer from Len. It was certainly news to me, and I'm sure it was to many of you as well.

SHOTS CHAT SHOW

Hope you are all enjoying the Christmas break — and it's good to see you all here for a traditional Boxing Day game.

With about half the season over, I thought I might try out my Roland Rat crystal ball and try and see who might be picking up the silverware come the end of the season. After just two defeats at the half-way stage, Manchester United seem to have their best chance for years to secure the League Championship they last won way back in 1967. In the Second Division, Norwich seem to have come from nowhere and are my tip to take the title — but watch out for Sheffield United!

With our dear friends Reading still miles ahead at the top of the Third Division, it is unlikely anybody can catch them, but I have a funny feeling Dale Banton's York City could fill one of the promotion places. The Fourth Division is a little more open — with any four from about sixteen who could go up. Our visitors today, Swindon (under the guidance of one of my heroes — Lou Macari) have an impressive home record and should go up. As for the other three places, I go for Southend, Orient and Ian Greaves' Mansfield, with the Shots to end up fifth — again!

The magic of the F.A. Cup paired little Rochdale with Manchester United at Old Trafford — and let's hope the lads from Spotland do the Fourth Division proud. There are some good footballers and some good teams in this Division, and I don't think they get the recognition they deserve. As for an eventual winner next May, I have a feeling in my water West Ham will not be far away.

**** Football Funny ****

I heard a lovely story the other week about Highbury being burgled. When the Police asked Arsenal boss Don Howe whether any cups had been stolen, he replied: "No — they didn't get as far as the kitchens."

Nice one, isn't it!

Enjoy the rest of your holiday.

DAVID HALL.

KEN'S NOTES

Up to the beginning of this week I intended to travel with the team for the match with Preston on the Saturday, but all this changed with a telephone call to Len late on Thursday night. As there were no floodlights at all at Preston, the kick-off had to be brought forward to 1.30 p.m. — which meant that we could not travel on the Saturday and play a match that day as it would mean a ridiculously early start from Aldershot, so it meant that we would have to have a stop-over for this match.

I arrived at the Ground on the Friday for a 1 p.m. start and we got away at 1.20 p.m. Len was delayed for a few minutes with an interview for *County Sound* and a call to the local press. Although the coach was extremely comfortable, any form of travel takes something out of you, and on talking to the players some of them are better travellers than others.

On the way the players played cards and 'Trivial Pursuits' and also read. We made one short stop on the M6 and finally arrived at the hotel about 5.45 p.m. After settling in our rooms, we met in the restaurant for dinner at 6.30 — it had to be that early as the hotel was busy and had many parties booked in for dinner as well.

When the meal was over the players spent their time talking, playing pool or just relaxing in their rooms before retiring to bed. I spent the evening talking to them and have a long conversation with Len. He told me that, during his playing days with Aldershot, most of the matches were 'stop-overs' and not many were travelled to and back on the same day. Money was not so tight then, and most teams did it. These days, when money is in short supply, not many clubs can afford it, and for some of them it can mean an 18-hour day from front door to front door. The players enjoy it as it is only on three occasions this season when they do stop for the night — the others being Blackpool and Hartlepool.

It was a unique trip for me, and I found it all very interesting, talking to them, and finding out things about the game that I had never thought about. I will conclude this report in the next issue.

All that remains is to wish all of you the best for Christmas and the New Year — and let's hope that it is a good year for the Club in particular.

KEN CLARKE.

TODAY'S SWINDON TOWN

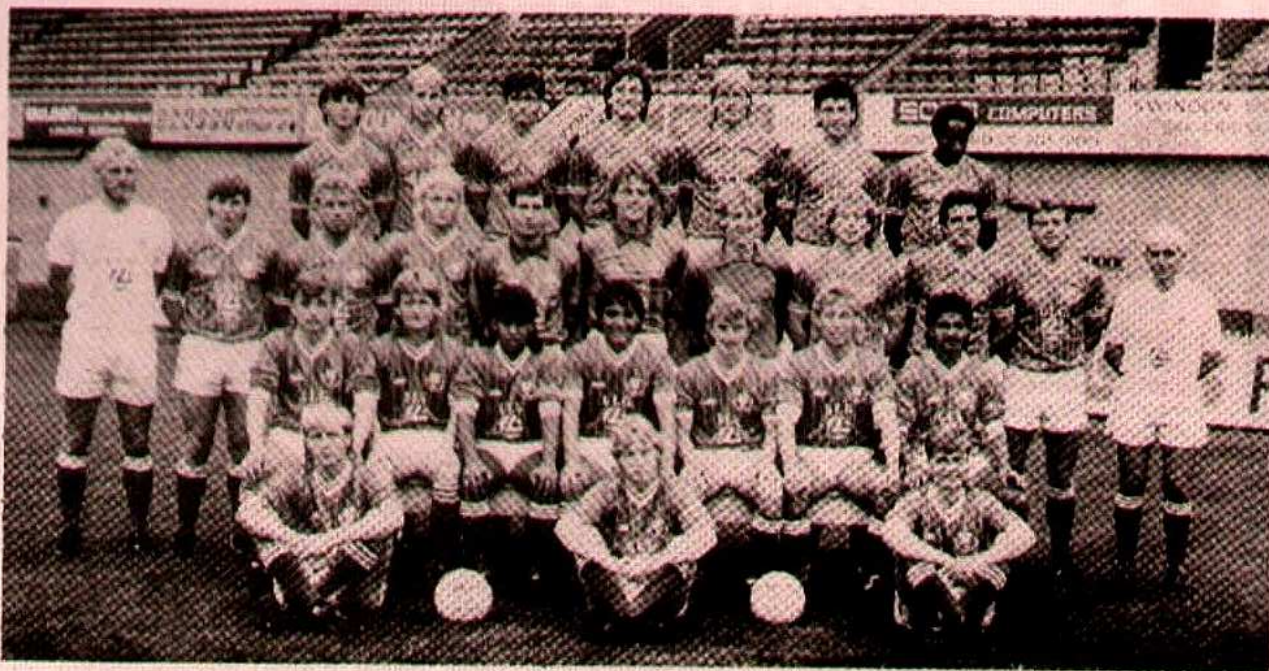
After causing an upset or two in Cup ties this season, Swindon are now free to concentrate on the business of moving out of the Fourth Division — which has occupied their time since 1982.

Under the guidance of player-manager Lou Macari (the former Celtic and Manchester United forward who was capped 24 times for Scotland) Swindon are trying to recapture the momentum which took them in the late 1960s into the Second Division.

Injuries have hit their plans somewhat this season, and personnel changes have been frequent indeed. More recent additions have included striker Dave Bamber (on loan from Portsmouth) — a former Blackpool, Coventry and Walsall player who first came to notice while playing for Manchester University.

Last season's two top marksmen — Colin Gordon and Peter Coyne — have also been absent, and the 32 goals they managed in the League between then last term bear testimony to their ability. Gordon was snapped up from Oldbury United, while Coyne was similarly recruited from non-League circles with Hyde United, though he had been a League player earlier in his career, having begun with Manchester United before moving into non-League football with Ashton United from where Crewe Alexandra signed him.

The close season was a busy one for Swindon with the arrival of several players including Colin Calderwood, Chris Kamara, Jake Findlay, Derek Hall, Brian Wade and David Moss. Calderwood was formerly with Mansfield and is a central defender, midfielder player Kamara was back for a second stint at Swindon after playing with Brentford and Portsmouth, while goalkeeper Findlay had served with Aston Villa and Luton and had loan spells with Barnsley and Derby County. Hall (winger of midfielder player) was originally on apprentice forms at Coventry before being transferred to Torquay after a loan spell, while Moss (another winger) is in his second spell at the County Ground following seven seasons with Luton. Wade (a former Trowbridge United forward) has already made his presence felt in attack.



Back Row (l. to r.): Mark Hughes, Peter Lango, Andy Wollen, Charlie Henry, Colin Gordon, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey.
Middle Row (l. to r.): John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Brian Wade, Leigh Barnard, Mark Gardiner, Scott Endersby, John Findlay, Alan Churchward, Derek Hall, Andy Rowland, David Huckaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).
Front Row (l. to r.): Sean Prowse, Peter Coyne, Sheldon Lee, Lou Macari (Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Martin Davidson, Mark Payne.
Seated on ground (l. to r.): Gary Gillette, Nick Hughes, David Law.

VISITORS

Tony Evans was another new face at Swindon, having spent last season with Wolves. Previously he had played for Blackpool, Cardiff, Birmingham and Crystal Palace.

More recent additions have included Nick Coleman (on loan from Millwall) in defence, and experienced goalkeeper Kenny Allen — formerly with Bath, Bournemouth, Bury, Peterborough and Torquay.

Centre back David Cole was signed from Swansea last season, while forward David Hockaday was formerly with Blackpool. Right back Chris Ramsey was signed from Brighton, while midfield player Leigh Barnard was formerly with Portsmouth.

Ex-England Youth international Andy Rowland is in his ninth season at Swindon, having started his career with Bury. Originally a striker, he has also developed into a central defender at times while with Swindon. He has made over 450 League appearances and scored more than 100 League goals in his career.

Of the local-born products (or those who have had no other previous senior club, none have done better in recent seasons than Charlie Henry. Introduced as a full-back in the 1980-81 season as a teenager, he has since filled in as a striker and hit a hat-trick recently against Preston.

Other youngsters on the staff include Mark Gardiner, Mark Payne, Jim Reynolds and Mark Hughes. All four found a few chances in the League side last season.

Swindon produced a home and away double over Aldershot last season, their win at The Recreation Ground coinciding with our best run of the term — half a dozen games without defeat.

Although Swindon are more renowned for winning the League Cup in 1969 and adding the Anglo-Italian Cup the following year, it should also be recalled that before the First World War they had their moments in the F.A. Cup, reaching the semi-finals of the competition in 1910 and 1912 — in the days before they had even entered the Third Division of the League.

JACK ROLLIN.

When we met before

ALDERSHOT v SWINDON TOWN

Division IV	Home	Away
1982/83	1-1	0-2
1983/84	2-1	2-0
1984/85	0-1	1-2

Division III	Home	Away
1974/75	0-1	2-3
1975/76	0-1	3-6

FA CUP 1962/63 — 4th Round

Aldershot 1 : Swindon 2

FA CUP 1978/79 — 4th Round

Aldershot 2 : Swindon 1

Canon League Table

As at Monday, 23rd December, 1985

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chester	22	8	3	1	23	5	4	5	1	22	16	44	
Swindon	21	10	0	1	24	10	3	1	6	6	14	40	
Hartlepool	21	9	1	1	22	9	3	2	5	14	19	39	
Orient	22	7	2	2	22	7	4	3	4	16	19	38	
Port Vale	21	7	3	0	25	5	3	4	4	8	9	37	
Southend	21	5	4	2	20	16	5	2	3	16	18	36	
Stockport	22	4	4	1	17	13	6	2	5	17	20	36	
Mansfield	21	7	3	0	24	8	3	2	6	14	17	35	
Rochdale	20	8	2	0	23	8	2	2	6	8	21	34	
Northampton	23	4	4	3	24	15	5	2	5	27	17	33	
Colchester	21	6	2	2	22	10	4	0	7	18	25	32	
Burnley	22	7	0	5	17	14	2	5	3	13	14	32	
Tranmere	22	5	0	5	29	16	3	4	5	18	19	28	
Hereford	20	6	3	1	23	13	2	1	7	7	16	28	
Aldershot	23	6	2	3	20	11	2	2	8	11	24	28	
Peterborough	22	6	4	1	16	9	1	3	7	14	26	28	
Exeter	21	6	1	4	14	10	1	5	4	9	16	27	
Wrexham	21	4	3	2	16	12	3	3	6	13	28	27	
Cambridge	23	5	1	6	22	25	1	3	7	10	27	22	
Crewe	21	4	4	4	15	13	1	2	6	8	19	21	
Scunthorpe	21	3	4	3	11	10	1	3	7	8	17	19	
Preston	22	5	2	6	22	23	0	2	7	7	25	19	
Halifax	21	4	4	2	15	13	0	2	9	10	25	18	
Torquay	22	3	4	4	17	21	0	0	11	2	32	13	

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CHAT WITH THE LADS

PAUL STAFF

Paul was born in Durham on 30th August 1962, and has retained his northern accent. Len Walker was very quick to offer his services as an interpreter, as he speaks the same language, but his services were not required. After attending local schools, he started playing for the local Durham and District sides — something he always wanted to do, as the alternative was to work in the pits. "You either made something of yourself or that was the natural place to go."

He got a lot of pushing from his parents, as his father had worked down the pits and wanted Paul to do something else. He left school at 16, and while there was taken down a pit. "They're a lot more modern now than they used to be" he says. He signed for Hartlepool and played his first game for them when he was just 16. Two years later he was selected for the English Youth Squad. He remembers that, while at Hartlepool, it was a lot colder there, and the manager, Billy Horner, was always willing to give the youngsters a chance and did not always select the older players. "Hartlepool is a big area and at the time you would not believe the difference in the crowds. When we were doing well — 6,000, when we were doing badly — down to

1,500 — all in a couple of weeks." He stayed there for six years and, barring injuries, was a regular member of the team. "As a forward you tend to get kicked more than maybe a defender." He decided to move to Aldershot, due a lot to what he had heard about Len Walker inside the game. A fair man is how Len is described.

He lives at Church Crookham with his wife and two children — Dean (5) and Haley (2), and, together with his wife, enjoys it "down here."

Crowds are the same, although here, he says, they seem to expect more. He remembers games where he scored — which is not surprising for a forward. "you score a goal and you would be surprised what a tonic it is." Like a lot of other players I have spoken to, he mentions that the luck is not going Aldershot's way at present. He has hit the post and the bar in recent matches, and seen the ball rebound into play: whereas nine times out of ten it would have gone in, it now has gone the other way.

Outside of football, Paul likes horse racing and goes as often as he is able, and also enjoys a round of golf. "Bet your money if I make a lot of money out of football then I'll get a horse. I've got three greyhounds with my brother-in-law up north."

He also likes visiting the different places around here — including Windsor, which reminds him of his native Durham. When his playing time is over he would like to return to the north and maybe become a player-manager or a coach. "I would naturally like to stay in football: it's been my life all the time up to now."

Thanks for your time, Paul — and let's hope you score a good many more goals for us soon!



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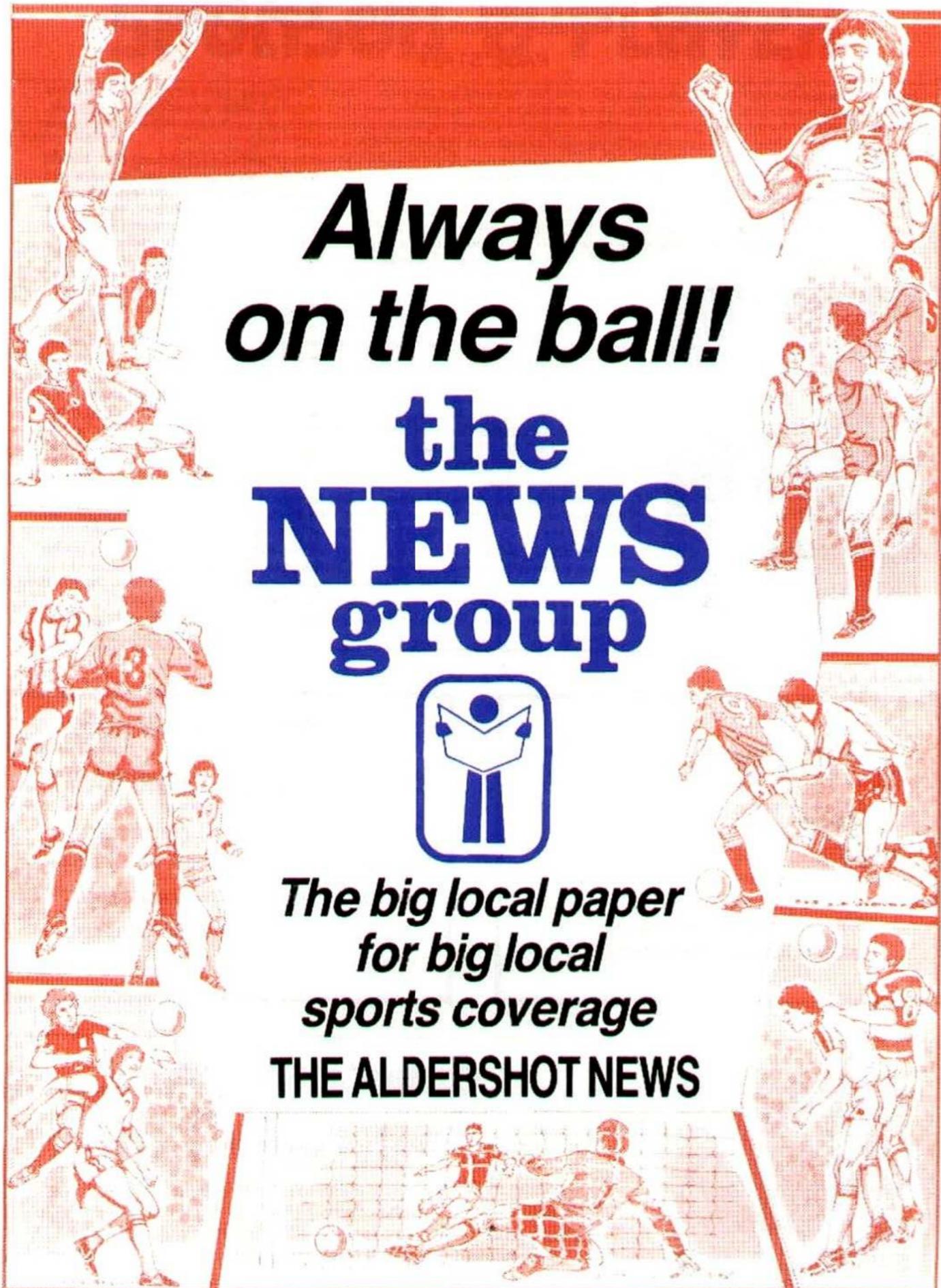
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PETER OTTLEY

Peter lives in Aldershot, is seven years old, and attends Beaumont Junior School, Aldershot.

His favourite players are Ian Macdonald and Paul Staff, and his other favourite team is Manchester United.

His other sports and hobbies are rugby and collecting model cars.

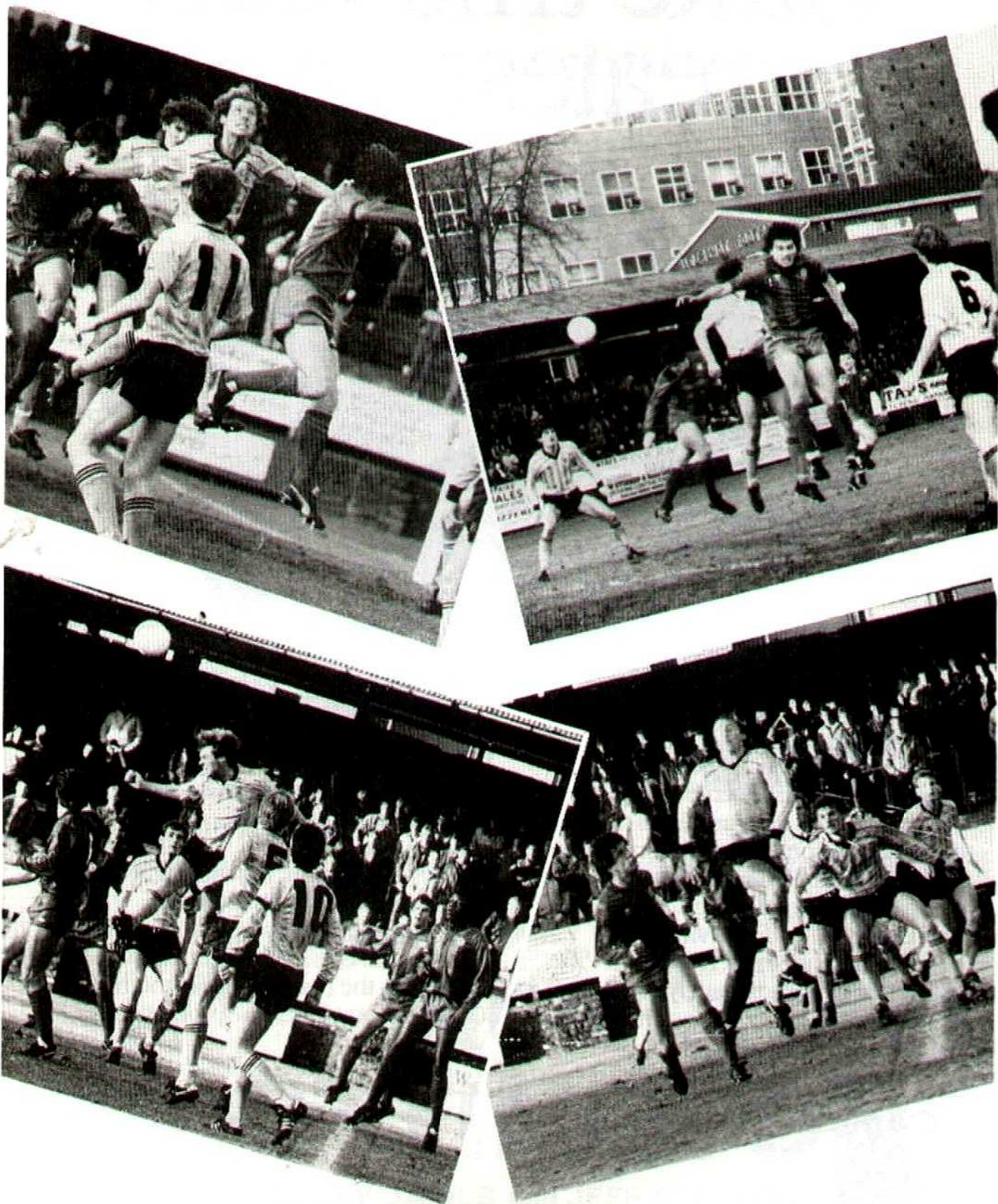


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For Your Information

Since my article in the Chester programme regarding World Cup seedings and gradings, I have read nearly every day in the papers someone complaining of the World Cup — whether it be seedings, the draw, or television. First we read of the absurd statement (obviously misquoted) by Bobby Robson that 'the draw was a fix'. I consider that it was scandalous that the English party of Bobby Robson, F.A. Chairman F. A. Millichip, and Secretary Ted Croker were confronted with such a problem on arrival in Mexico for the draw, through such a misquote.

However, whatever the reasons, England ended up having to play Poland, Portugal and Morocco — all in Monterey — which was the main content of the misquoted statement.

Then we had the row between the European TV network and the Mexico World Cup organisers which threatened television coverage of next summer's soccer tournament. The situation was intensified when the European TV men were refused accreditation for the Cup draw last Sunday (15th December). The European Broadcasting Union were

angered by what they considered exorbitant charges for commentary positions at the draw and at World Cup matches themselves. They printed a semi-boycott of the draw (retaliation). Journalists, cameramen and soundmen from European television stations who turned up at the World Cup Press Centre to get passes for the draw were turned away. The organisers are asking £3,280 for each commentary position for each match compared with £1,142 charged at the 1982 World Cup in Spain. One senior television executive stated: "These charges amount to extortion." So it seems that we in Great Britain are not the only ones with a television problem.

I have read a statement that England would be happy to play wherever it is determined by the draw. We are happy to be in the World Cup and — altitude or no altitude — we have to accept it as just another World Cup obstacle that has to be overcome if we wish to make the finals.

SEASON TICKETS

The Club are offering Season Tickets for the New Year at the following prices:

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These prices will be offered from the first game in January, i.e. v Rochdale on 18th January 1986.

ENGLAND

As an ex-England International who still wears his International tie when England are doing well — and sincerely hopes to be wearing it quite often during the World Cup Series — I must say my own personal observation of our international side does not leave me with much confidence.

We have not in our build-up been able to settle for a team or a system. Although I am not in favour of rigid systems, and believe that a World Cup football side comes out to line up in, say, a 4-4-2, a 4-2-4 or a 4-3-3 system (or whatever), and with the ability in the side, the team should play their way to their strengths, and, in fact, on a good day will at some time have played all systems.

In World Cup football I am sure you must go out on to the field as the governors, to play your game your way to win — not to play the way in which the opposition tries to commit you. In my humble opinion we in England have not developed a world class player in recent years. When we won the World Cup we could boast of

having four (possibly five) world class players — a great difference to just international class. Also missing are the goalscorers at international level — several at First Division level but not at international level.

I find it hard to accept that we have the players to score consistently against top world class sides. If you ask me why, then that is a different story — on which I have very strong ideas, but at this stage not enough paper. (Perhaps some other time.)

Of course, what I am really saying is that right now we are not good enough (when one talks of World Cup grading), but the authorities who make the seedings have done a good job.

Having said this, I can assure you that I shall still be wearing my tie and rooting like mad during the whole of the World Cup.

ROY BENTLEY.

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