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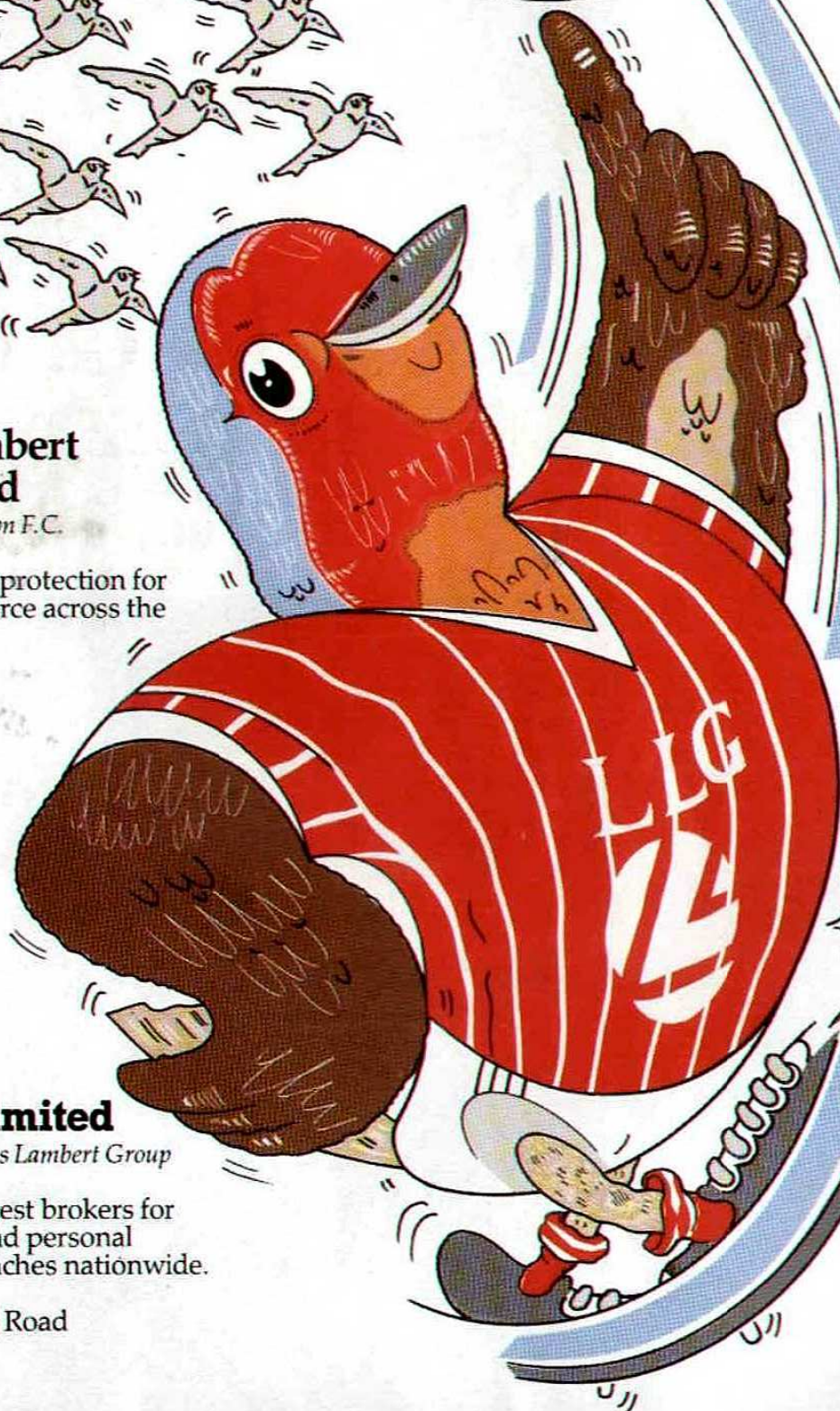
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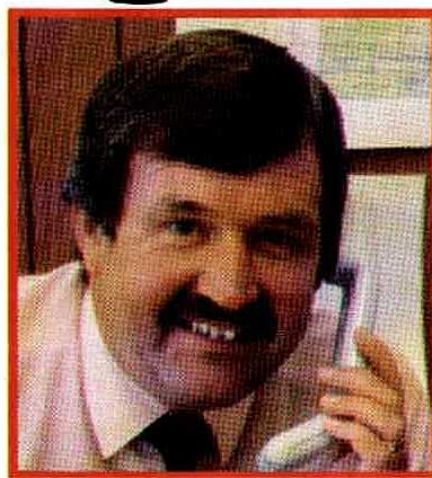
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Despite our initial disappointment of losing our first Barclays League match of the season, I am sure you are all looking forward to this afternoons match with a great deal of anticipation.

We welcome our visitors, Sheffield United, to the County Ground. The Yorkshire club could not have been surpassed by any Second Division club as more worthy opponents with which to begin our home programme.

The players, officials and supporters of United are most welcome visitors.

It is also my pleasure on behalf of the Club to welcome the Mayor of Thamesdown to the County Ground today. Councillor Peter Owen, J.P., will present a memento to Swindon Town Football Club on their achievement in winning promotion from the Third Division last season.

I would like to bring to your attention the strenuous efforts being made

by Chris Lapham, Doug Wiltshire and John Edmonds to improve our 'Moonraker Radio' link with you. It will take them a couple of weeks or so to familiarise themselves with the facilities and the improvements still being introduced. I am sure you will see a higher standard of presentation with news, views and results being broadcast.

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Last season we began with a victory and this season a defeat. You are probably all wondering what my reaction was following our 2-0 defeat at Bradford.

Simply, it was no different following the 2-1 win at Bolton last season. It is one match in many and experience tells me that it is foolish to take any guideline from the first match. In fact, from the first few.

New players have to settle and gain match fitness. Talking of new players. I would like to introduce the new lads to you and my thoughts on them.

Jon Gittens was the most expensive signing and his performances for Southampton, limited as they were, attracted my attention. Not the best of markers, he needs to concentrate harder on this aspect before he will become the ideal defender. Jon has shown that he has the ability to play an anchor role in midfield in training and this may be the better role for him to play at present.

Steve Foley is a player with the knack of scoring vital goals at this level. Both Steve and Jon will have to adapt to a higher degree of fitness at Swindon than they have been accustomed to previously.

John Kelly is a useful all round performer who will prove a useful addition. John scored twelve goals for Chester City last season and I shall be looking for him to score goals from midfield for us this season.

Kieran O'Reagan, from Brighton, wanted to join Swindon Town at all costs. That speaks volumes for his application and Kieran should also provide keen competition for positions in midfield or full back.

For Nicky Hammond, Terry Merriman, Gary Marshall and John Kennedy the door is open, not necessarily at senior



level but to gain a foothold in professional football. Gary is out of action at the moment and on trial here. He should not be deterred, he will be given ample time to prove whether he is worth a full contract. John is on a monthly contract and can earn a longer period if he makes the required progress. Both Nicky and Terry are on one year contracts and it is up to them to make their way in the professional game.

We obtained our first win of the Season on Tuesday when we defeated our near neighbours Bristol City 3-0. It speaks volumes for the confidence of Jimmy Quinn that he could make a hash of taking a penalty and then proceed to score a hat-trick!

It will be a nice feeling going to Ashton

Gate next Tuesday with the cushion of a three goal lead. I was not happy with some aspects of our game but it is early days and these matters will be put right. I was quite pleased with the performances of three of the new lads, Kieran O'Reagan, Jon Gitten and John Kelly. Phil King has one of his better games since his move from Torquay United.

I decided to let Alan McLoughlin move to Torquay on a months loan last week and it was pleasant reading to see that he had scored twice in their outstanding 6-1 win against Wrexham. Have you noticed David Cole has scored in both of their first two matches?

It is back to League action today and it is important that we begin to set a standard and collect three points. It will be a long season and we must quickly develop that difficult to beat at the County Ground look about our home record.

See you Tuesday at Ashton Gate?

Jon Marshall

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The link forged with the Stroud Valley Club will hopefully ensure that any likely prospect will be brought to the attention of John Trollope. The Paganhill Manager John Chudleigh will be assisting the Club in this capacity. Paganhill will be playing in Town colours in the Stroud League to help foster the link between the two clubs.

Can we appeal to you all? ..

A circular sent to all Football League Clubs prompts them to educate their supporters in their early arrival at the ground rather than their adopting a 'last minute' attitude. Can we ask you all to please take heed?

England v Turkey, October 14th 1987

The above European Championship match will be played

at Wembley Stadium on a Wednesday.

Seats are priced at £12.50, £10.00, £8.00 and £6.00. Standing £5.00.

Anyone wishing to apply for tickets for this match can do so by contacting the Club Reception Office no later than Tuesday September 1st. Anyone who orders tickets through the auspices of the Club does so on the understanding that they are liable for the full cost irrespective of whether they collect the tickets or not.

Many thanks...

Swindon Town Football Club would like to thank both the Travel Club and the Supporters Club for their kind donations to the Club Medical Room. Physio Kevin Morris is now able to display a new fitness bicycle harnessed with a rowing action while a Medical Inspection Lamp purchased with the Travel Club donation will be a big asset when emergency stitching is needed.

Please note...

From the original fixture list issued there have been some amendments. They concern the League Division Two fixture with

Huddersfield Town originally scheduled for last Tuesday evening but now re-arranged for **Tuesday October 13th, kick-off 7.45 p.m.** and the League match concerning **Barnsley** at the County Ground which will be played on **Friday December 11th, kick-off 7.45 p.m.** while our away match with today's opponents **Sheffield United** will be played at **Bramall Lane** on **Sunday December 21st** kick-off 3.00 p.m. Also make a mental note that our Bank Holiday fixture with **Hull City** on August 31st has a 7.45 p.m. kick-off at the County Ground.

Of you who are still hesitating

If you are still contemplating whether to purchase a season ticket, don't forget it also entitles you to a seat or admission to the ground in the event of an all ticket match. That is a distinct possibility this season with some of the more glamorous names to visit the County Ground. For instance the **Leeds United** fixture is a **compulsory** all ticket affair. Although the ground limit is increased this season to admit 16,222, the visit of a leading club will quickly attract more attention.

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Monday August 3rd

Bryan Wade's injury is diagnosed as damaged knee ligaments and the Town striker is expected to be out of action for three to four weeks. Bryan joins a growing list of players who are under treatment from Town physio Kevin Morris. Also visiting the medical room for daily treatment are Town midfielder player Mark Jones (knee) and Town newcomers Jon Gittens (instep), Steve Foley (ankle) and John Kelly (thigh).

A late second half recovery enables the Town to salvage a 2-2 draw from their visit to Worcester City. Goals from Fitzroy Simpson and Steve White pull back from a 2-0 deficit. Terry Merriman (Double Vision) and Steve Foley with a re-occurrence of his ankle trouble are first half casualties.

Tuesday August 4th

Gillingham enquire about the availability of Town striker Dave Bamber while fellow Third Division Club Southend United renew their interest in midfielder player Steve Berry. Bryan Wade's knee injury stops any immediate interest the Roots Hall Club may have in his future. Chris Ramsey discusses his future with Town boss Lou Macari. Chris is still on a week to week contract with the Town after rejecting a renewed offer from the Club. Former Brighton and Hove Albion midfielder player Kieran O'Regan makes a surprise appearance in a youthful Town eleven that defeat Malmesbury Victoria 7-0 in a friendly at the Wiltshire League Clubs ground.

Wednesday August 5th

Your Club needs you! Yes, it's time to enrol again as Town boss Lou Macari prepares his lads for more cold water treatment as he finalises plans to visit a Wiltshire Army Camp for a few days.

The Town gave their finest pre-season display when they defeated a depleted Oxford United 3-1 at the Manor Ground. United, minus first team regulars Ray Houghton, Trevor Hebbard and Tommy Caton, succumbed to two goals by Jimmy Quinn and one from Jon Gittens. A youthful Town team defeated Mangotsfield United 2-1 with goals from Dean Casserly and trialist Ray Kennedy.

The Town's membership scheme sets off to a flying start with over 800 members enrolling on the first day.

Thursday August 6th

Only minutes into the returning to action from injury unlucky Town midfielder player Mark Jones is stretchered off in the Town's 2-1 win over Southern League Gloucester City. After diagnosis at Gloucester Royal Hospital, Mark is transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital with a suspected torn cartilage. Dean Casserly and Fitzroy Simpson are the Town goalscorers.

Chris Ramsey travels to Southend United for transfer talks while the Roots Hall Club continue their interest in Town striker Dave Bamber. Former Brighton midfielder player Kiernan O'Regan joins the Town on a free transfer.

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Friday August 7th

To add to the injury worries of Mark Jones and Bryan Wade it is learnt that last seasons leading goalscorer Steve White is sidelined for two weeks with a foot injury.

Dave Hockaday is sent off for a foul and abusive language in the Town's 3-1 defeat at Salisbury. Former Town player Denny Munde hits a brace. Town officials attend the Leagues centenary celebration dinner at Grosvenor House, London.

Sunday August 9th

Lou Macari and his players receive their mementos from the Supporters Club in a presentation dinner at Blunsdon House Hotel. Decanter and glasses are presented to Town Chairman Mr. Brian Hillier for the Boardroom.

Monday August 10th

The Town crash to a 4-0 defeat at Basingstoke despite including the experienced Chris Ramsey, Steve Berry and Kieran O'Reagan in their line-up. Two trialists John Kennedy and Obqi Dajo are given their chance in a virtual Reserve team line-up.

Tuesday August 11th

Kevin Morris is now at battle stations with the Club's injury list. The list of casualties reads as follows, Mark

Jones (cartilage), Bryan Wade (knee ligaments), Steve Foley (ankle injury), John Kelly (thigh strain), Peter Coyne (toe injury), Steve White (foot injury) and Chris Kamara (hip injury).

To compensate, Peter Coyne settles his differences with the Club and signs a new contract.

Wednesday August 12th

Town full back Dave Hockaday receives a two match ban following his sending off offence at Salisbury. Chris Ramsey travels to Southend for further talks with the Roots Hall Club. In the final pre-season friendly a young Town eleven draws 1-1 with Great Mills Western League team Bristol Manor Farm 1-1. John Kennedy is on the mark for the Town.

Thursday 13th August

Almost on the eve of the new season and transfer news is abound. Chris Ramsey finally joins Southend United, the fee will be settled by a Football League Tribunal Committee. Alan McLoughlin joins Fourth Division Torquay United on a months loan. Dave Hockaday re-affirms his written request for a transfer.

Friday August 14th

It is decision day for the Safety Committee their verdict on whether

the County Ground is now suitable to commence the new season is O.K. with certain provisions which have to be completed before the Littlewoods Challenge Cup tie with neighbours Bristol City.

Terms are offered to trialist John Kennedy who was formerly with First Division Luton Town. It is Soccer Fun Day at the County Ground where young boys are invited to attend a day to improve their skills under the supervision of Town Assistant Manager John Trollope. Those attending range from several of the Counties bordering Wiltshire.

Saturday August 15th

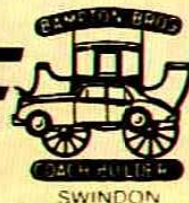
It's the first day of the new 'Barclays League' season. An unhappy start for the Town as they tumble to a 2-0 defeat at Bradford City. Chris Kamara receives his second booking of the season in the Town's return to the Second Division. Our South East Counties League team get off to a flying start with a 6-1 win over Reading at Lydiard Park.

Monday August 17th

It's full action stations at the County Ground with a race against time to stage the Littlewoods Challenge Cup tie with Bristol City. A final check is due the following day.

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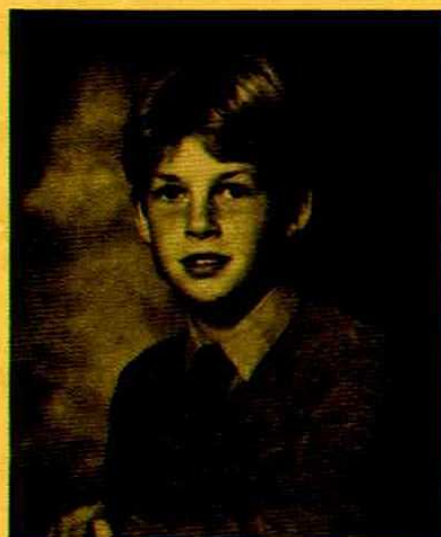
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If you wish to be a ballboy for the coming season, please contact John Timms on Cirencester 861710.

By kind permission of the Borough of Thamesdown we shall be holding our monthly meetings in the 'Alamo' Club.

A Junior Robins Notice Board will soon be erected allowing space for all our coming events. This can be also used as a General 'Market' Board for all members, so if you have anything

Both Christine Weavers and Sandra Coburn do a lot of voluntary work for the Junior Robins and we would like to show our appreciation of their efforts by asking all of our members to contribute towards a memento to present to these ladies. Any member who has a suitable suggestion should write to the leaders and we will consider their proposals.

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For those who knew Tim Parkin at Bristol Rovers it was difficult to understand his indifferent form in the first half of last season. For Tim had been in magnificent form for several seasons with Rovers. Luckily for the Town he recaptured that consistency in the latter half of the 1986/87 season.

"I knew I was not playing well when I first came here, I was left out of the first team and I also had a rib injury. The different style of play also affected my form". Tim knew the answer, "Perseverance, and I felt that after Christmas this paid off for me, it was not easy, but I stuck at it".

The arrival of Jon Gittens at the County Ground this summer could pose a threat to the settled defensive partnership of Tim and Colin Calderwood, how did Tim view this added competition? Tim replied with an open mind, "I knew the Manager would strengthen the squad, he needed another central defender and it will keep all of us on our toes".

Tim commenced his career at Blackburn Rovers and during his period with the Ewood Park Club he played under such Managers as Gordon Lee, Jim Smith and Howard Kendall. Progress with the Ewood Club was limited due to the consistency and form displayed by Derek Fazackerly and Glen Keeley. Tim saw no future there and moved to Sweden to join Malmo.

It was the season after they had appeared in the 1979 European Cup Final. It was a big step to take, but it widened Tim's horizons and he made rapid progress under Bob Houghton, who later became Manager of Bristol City.

Eventually his contract came to an end with the Swedish Club and Tim



TIM PARKIN

felt he wanted to try his luck with an English Club. He wrote to several Football League Clubs and was invited to Bristol Rovers for a weeks trial by former Rovers Manager Terry Cooper. One week led to over two hundred appearances but Terry Cooper left only six weeks after Tim's arrival, there was no connection, it had more to do with a 5-1 win by Swindon Town at Eastville!

Bristol Rovers flirted with promotion during Player Manager David

Williams reign, his last season with the Club began to take a turn for the worse and several experienced players were allowed to leave during a worsening financial crisis. It was time for Tim to move on. He moved to the County Ground and it is not a move he has regretted.

"This is a very well run club with a lot of potential, for instance it can command much higher gates than Rovers and I am talking of their Eastville days."

Tim had definite views on Town Manager Lou Macari, "He works harder than any Manager I have known and he is shrewd in his knowledge of the game and individuals".

It was inevitable to ask Tim how he thought the Town would cope in a higher sphere. "If the same principles are applied, we work hard on our fitness and play for each other, we will do well. It is a step up into the unknown but Lou will work us hard". Tim added, "Derby and Oxford have moved up in a couple of seasons, so why not Swindon Town?"

Gentleman Tim departed, it was time to drive home to Bristol. I have yet to meet anyone who does not have a lot of time for Tim Parkin, a thoroughly honest and likeable professional.

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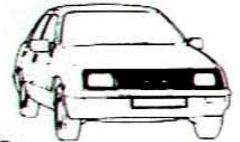
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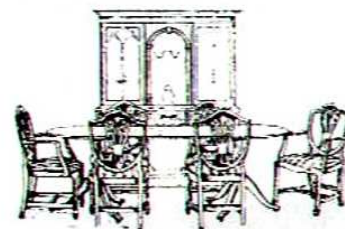
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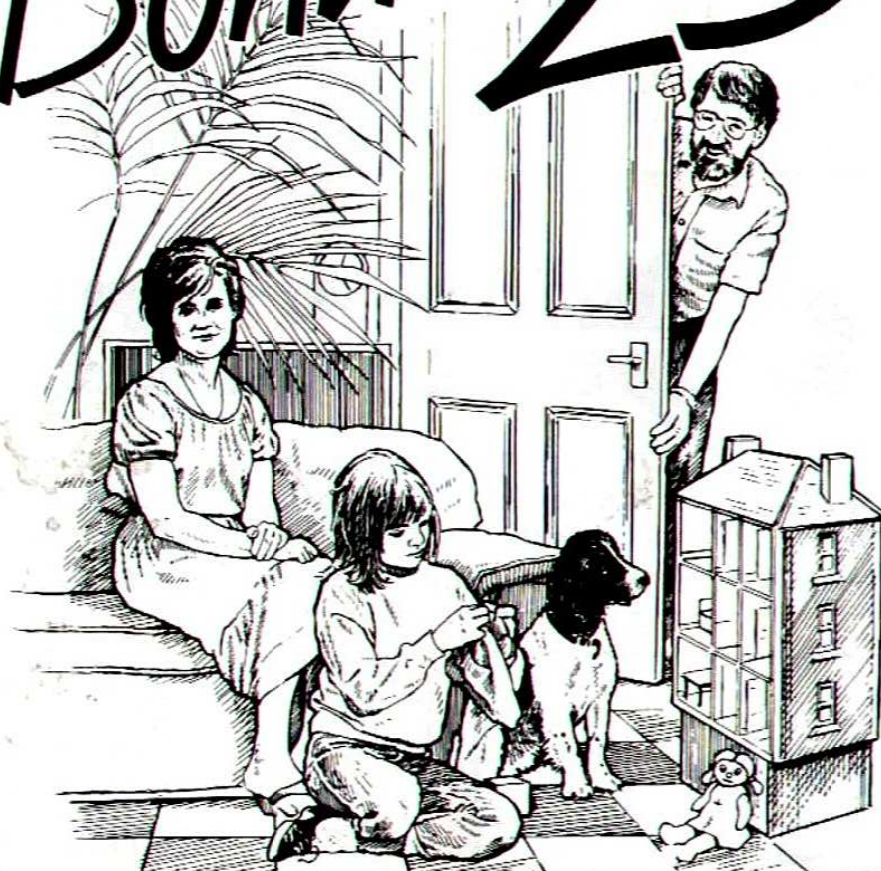
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Founded in 1889, Sheffield United were elected to the Second Division three years later and in their first season finished as runners-up to Small Heath.

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During this forty-one year span the club enjoyed tremendous success – one championship title and twice finishing as runners-up. And five times they reached the F.A. Cup Final and only once tasted defeat.

Success coming in 1899, 1902, 1915 and 1925. Only in 1901 were they beaten, Spurs winning after a replay, but United gained ample compensation the following year by winning the Cup after a replay 2-1 against Southampton.

Relegated to the Second Division in 1934, two years later they reached the F.A. Cup Final for a sixth time but lost to the mighty Arsenal 1-0.

From 1939 to 1976 the Blades fluctuated between the First and Second Division at regular intervals. They won the Second Division title in the season 52/53 and three times finished as runners-up.

Relegation from Division 1 in 1976 heralded the start of a rapid decline in the famous club's history.

Within five years they had nose-dived into the Fourth, but quickly bounced back.

They won the Fourth Division title at the first attempt in the 1981/82 season with 96 points finishing ahead of Bradford City and Wigan. Marksman Keith Edwards being mainly responsible for the success with 36 goals.

Two years later, Edwards with 33 goals helped the Blades to promotion back to the Second – but it was very close, only goal difference gave the Blades third spot in the Third table behind Oxford and Wimbledon. Last season United finished ninth in Division 2 and will no doubt, under Manager Billy McEwan, be striving this time to regain the First Division status lost eleven years ago.

Welcome

SHEFFIELD UNITED

By Dave Eaton

MEET THE PLAYERS AND MANAGER

Billy McEwan (Manager)

Appointed at team manager in April 1985, after a successful period in charge of the junior team. His playing career included spells with Hibernian, Blackpool, Brighton, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Peterborough United and Rotherham United. He won Scottish Under 18 and Under 23 honours.

Andy Barnsley (Defender)

Born in Sheffield in 1962, began his professional career with Rotherham United in 1984/5, and got into the first team in 1985/86. Sheffield United bought him in the summer of 1986, and he has played regularly in the first-team either as a full back or central defence.

Peter Beagrie (Forward)

A native of Middlesbrough, born in 1965, he was signed by his local club in 1983/84, and made seven first-team appearances for Middlesbrough in 1984/85. In the following season, he became a regular first-team player, with 28 League appearances, including an outstanding performance against Sheffield United, which tempted the club to buy him in the summer of 1986.

Richard Cadette (Striker)

Signed recently from Southend United for £130,000. Has been a prolific scorer in the past two seasons, with 25 goals in 1985/86 and 31 in 1986/87. Relatively small at 5'8" and 11 stone 2lb, but is quick and elusive, and United hope he will boost the team's goal-scoring potential.

Mark Dempsey (Midfield)

Born in Manchester in 1964, and served his apprenticeship with Manchester United. He joined Sheffield United on loan in the summer of 1986, and was quickly transferred completely. Has commanded a regular first-team spot since his arrival. Spent a short period on loan with Swindon in the 84/85 season.

Geoff Eckhardt (Central Defender)

Another product of local football, was born in Sheffield in 1965. He joined United straight from school and became a professional when he was 18. Made his League debut in a second Division match at Crystal Palace in 1985.

Martin Kuhl (Midfield)

Born in Frimley in 1965 and joined Birmingham City in 1982/83. In the following three seasons, he was a regular member of the Birmingham first-team. A strong midfield ball-winner, he was signed by Sheffield United in March 1987 and was immediately made team captain.

Andy Leaning (Goalkeeper)

Born in York in 1963, he joined York City in 1984 and became a first-team regular in the 1985/86 season. Was transferred to Sheffield United a few months ago.

Colin Morris (Attacker)

A north-easterner, born in Blyth in 1963, he spent two years with Burnley and four with Southend United before being transferred to Blackpool for £175,000 in 1980. Two years later, Sheffield United paid £100,000 for his transfer and he has been a regular member of the first-team ever since.

Tony Philliskirk (Striker)

Born in Sunderland in 1966, is a former England schoolboy international and was once a junior player with Sunderland. He joined Sheffield United as a junior and made his first-team debut in 1983/84. Always hovering on the fringe of the senior squad, he has not yet been able to command a regular first-team place.

Martin Pike (Defender)

Another north-easterner, Martin was born in South Shields in 1964. He played 126 League games for Peterborough United before being signed by Sheffield United in the summer of 1986. A stylish left full back, he has comfortably held his place in United's first-team since his arrival, and was the club's only ever-present player last season.

Paul Stancliffe (Central Defender)

Born in Sheffield in 1958, he is a vastly experienced defender with nearly 450 League outings to his credit. Was apprenticed to Rotherham United, where he graduated to first-team duty at the start of the 1975/76 season. He held a regular place for seven seasons before moving to Sheffield United in 1983. One of the Blades' most consistent players, he has held his first-team place throughout his four seasons with the club.

Mark Todd (Midfield)

Recently transferred from Manchester United, the 19-year-old is one of the smallest professional footballers being only 5'6 1/4" tall and weighing only 9 stone 8lb. He has already won an Irish Under 18 cap and was recently selected to train with the Under 23 squad.

Chris Wilder (Defender)

Although born in Sheffield in 1967, Chris began his football career with Southampton but he joined Sheffield United in the summer of 1986 on a free transfer after an impressive trial period. He made his first-team debut in an F.A. Cup tie in January, 1987 and has held his place ever since.

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Peter Withe (Striker)

Born in Liverpool in 1951, he has had a distinguished career, including eleven international caps for England. After an undistinguished start with Southport and Barrow, he moved into a higher grade of football when he joined Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1973/74. He subsequently played for Birmingham City,

Nottingham Forest, Newcastle United and Aston Villa before joining Sheffield United in the summer of 1985. His move from Nottingham Forest to Newcastle United commanded a transfer fee of £200,000. During his stay with Aston Villa, he won a League Championship medal and scored their winning goal in the 1982 European Cup Final.



Sheffield United Football Club (1987/88)

Back Row: Simon Copeland, Geoff Eckhardt, Peter Withe, Andy Leaning, Paul Heald, Paul Stancliffe, Andy Barnsley, Martin Pike.

Centre Row: Chris France, Mark Dempsey, Brian Smith, Chris Wilder, Phil Henson (Coach), Ian Bailey (Physio), Tony Philliskirk, Simon Grayson, Clive Mendonca, Chris Downes.

Front Row: Danny Bergara (Coach), Colin Morris, Mark Todd, Peter Beagrie, Martin Khul, Chris Marsden, David Frain, Richard Cadette, Billy McEwan (Team Manager).

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At The County Ground

11.10.1969	W2-1	Noble, Rogers	21.770
19.12.1970	W3-0	own goal, Rogers pen., Horsfield	14.505
03.11.1979	W3-2	Rowland 2, Tucker	11.839
14.02.1981	W5-2	Miller, Rowland 3, Williams pen	6.308

At Bramhall Lane

09.02.1970	W2-1	Trollope, Horsfield	22.711
22.08.1970	L1-2	Noble	18.718
18.08.1979	L1-2	Mayes	11.923
06.09.1980	L0-3		12.089

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Football League Cup

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Last season our South East Counties League team could boast one of the most prolific goalscorers in Nicky Hughes. Released at the end of last season it was difficult to imagine someone taking his role this season. However, it would appear the Town have secured a player in the same mould in first year trainee, Paul Hunt.

Paul hit a hat-trick in the Town's resounding 6-1 victory over Reading at Lydiard Park last Saturday morning. Not uncommon to most Town teams they had to overcome an early setback when Reading's Paul Goodenough hammered a good shot past Town 'keeper Damien Cullen in the thirteenth minute.

The Town went close to equalising on several occasions before Fitzroy Simpson levelled the scores in the twenty-fourth minute. Fitzroy, who is also in his first full year with the Club, beat Reading goalkeeper Cummings with a good shot on the turn. The equaliser obviously unsettled the Elm Park Club, for two minutes later they went behind. Paul Hunt opened his account when he volleyed home a splendid shot. The Town went further ahead in the forty-first minute when Paul netted his second goal.

That half time lead was further increased in the second half when Nigel Packer put the Town 4-1 ahead in the sixtieth minute. Fitzroy Simpson scored his second goal of the month two minutes later to put the match beyond Reading's reach.

The Town team, who included

newcomer John Kennedy from Luton Town in their line-up, completed the rout with two minutes left for play.

It was the effervescent Paul Hunt who completed his hat-trick when scoring the Town's sixth goal. A most encouraging start for the Town youth team which left coach Terry Wollen well satisfied with the overall performance.

Team

Swindon Town: Cullen, Hughes, Viveash, Packer, Bell, Casserly, Kennedy, Barnett, Hunt, Simpson, Hammersley. SUBS: Quinn and Foulkes (not used).

Our Football Combination team were due to open their season with a trip to London to meet Charlton Athletic last Wednesday. We will bring you details of this match in our next issue. Town fans will have their first opportunity to see the Town Reserves in action next Tuesday afternoon when we entertain Chelsea at the County

Ground with a 2 p.m. kick-off.

Injuries to Mark Jones, Steve White, Bryan Wade and Gary Marshall will have obviously depleted the strength of the initial Town Reserve line-ups but all four will eventually make their way back to full fitness. Their early absence will obviously give opportunities to some of the Town's younger players.

The Club now have nine trainee players on the staff and they are as follows:

First Year: Paul Hunt, Tony Hammersley, Fitzroy Simpson and Richard Morgan.

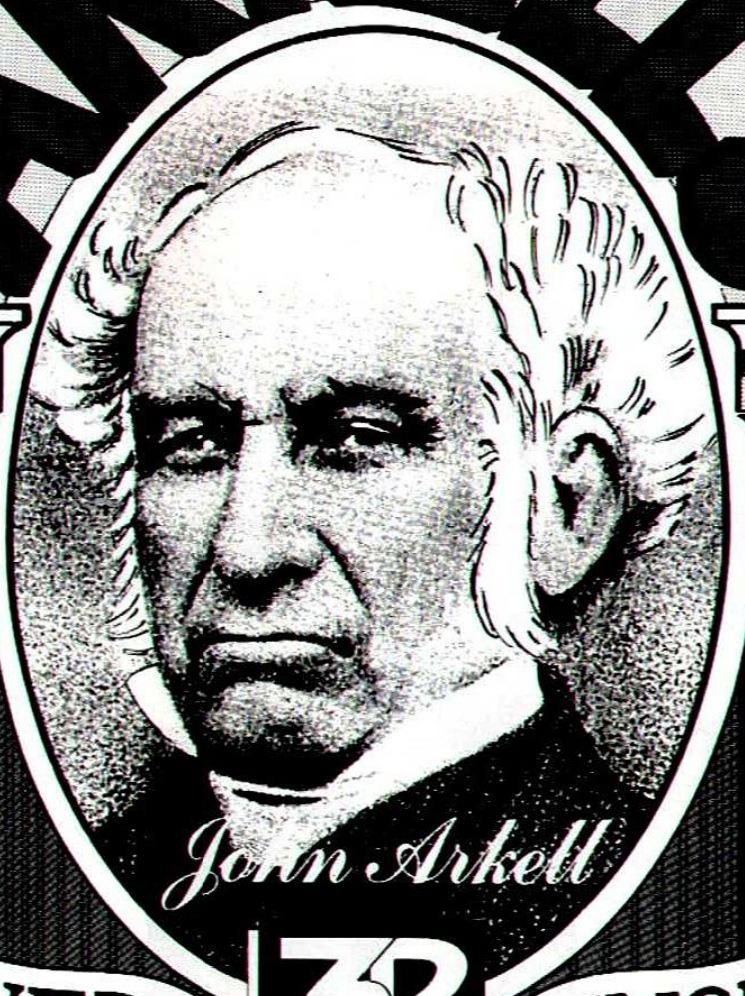
Second Year: Dean Casserly, Nigel Packer, David Barnett, Philip Bell and Adrian Viveash.

For the five second year trainees this is an important season as they strive to earn a full contract at the end of their spell on Y.T.S. The same criteria applies to Fitzroy Simpson, although only in his first year with the Club, he is too old to be retained for a second year. Dean Casserly appears to have established at Reserve team level and it will be interesting to see if he can make the transition to senior level. Fitzroy Simpson has made several appearances at Combination level and it is hoped that he can retain his enthusiasm of last season. If he can, then he could be a surprise choice at Senior level sometime during this current season.

John Kennedy, who is on a monthly contract with the Club, was highly regarded by the coaching staff at Luton Town. It was only due to their surfeit of right sided midfield players that they did not offer him a full contract. John now has that opportunity at the County Ground.

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A to Z

OF SWINDON TOWN

By Michael Scott



'Chic' Bates

The arrival of 'Chic' Bates in 1978 for a two year spell brought the dawning of the County Ground's most eloquent terrace chant of the modern era - 'Chico, Chico'. The blood curdling rumble of the big mans name seemed at times to give Swindon and extra man. The scorer of 15 goals in 50 appearances, top scoring in 1978/9 with 14, 'Chic' was a player who came late to the professional game, but once there worked hard to prove himself as a successful lower division player.

After leaving the 'Town' he joined Bristol Rovers, but was unable to find the spark he had at Swindon and so left for Shrewsbury, where he is now Manager.

It was from Shrewsbury that Danny Williams signed 'Chic' though his comments on signing may not now bring too many smiles from Gay Meadow now. "The set up at Swindon is much bigger and more professional. Also you feel that you are in a football team. Back in Shrewsbury you were lucky if there was a brief mention of the football team in the local paper". Harsh words from a future Club Manager!

As he grows in managerial stature 'Chic' will continue in his quest to transform Shrewsbury into a soccer hot bed, an unenviable task, but one that only a big man like 'Chic' has any hope of achieving.



He finished his career at Aldershot in 1975 after making 31 appearances for the Recreation Ground Club and can now be seen as a taxi driver around Swindon, surely often recognised as the quiet worker of many 'Town' sides who loyally served the Club.

Jimmy Barron

Jimmy Barron was signed in August 1974 by Danny Williams in an attempt to add experience and class to his beleaguered relegation side.

In his 2 years with the Club, Barron made 79 appearances in the Football League, missing only 16 matches.

He ousted regular 'keeper Jimmy Allan on his arrival with displays of agility and saving ability, particularly when faced by long range shots.

An injury in the game against Sheffield Wednesday in September 1975 brought Colin Prophet into a temporary role between the posts and later saw Jimmy Allen installed for his longest spell during Jimmy Barnes stay - this being a mere eight games.

An outstanding memory of Jimmy Barron though, will be a save that he didn't quite make, as a faultless display was betrayed by a post in the F.A. Cup Replay against West Ham in 1974/75, Patsy Holland's goal disappointing a packed County Ground.

Barron left for Peterborough in August 77 where he ended his career at the age of 36, twenty one games later in 1980.

Joe Butler

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His fearless attitude to the game and Swindon Town in particular brought its rewards in the Wembley mudbath, with a League Cup Winners medal in 1969.

His testimonial in 1975 brought Derby County to the County Ground as Joe was saluted by players, supporters and officials of the Club he thought was a cockney outfit ten years previously.

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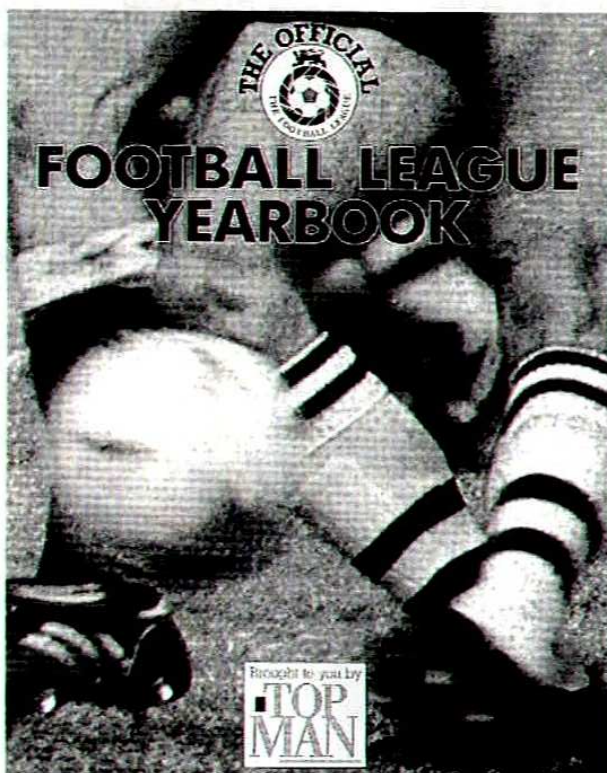
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One of the problems of finding a successor was that a lot of material for this season has been printed with Today on it and most companies had allocated their budget for the year.

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Everton bonanza

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In demand

Football League newcomers Scarborough Town had to order 10,000 programmes for their first League fixture

last Saturday, such was the demand. Dealers and collectors, fully aware of the curiosity value in the programme trade, were making sure they did not miss out.

Scarborough were at least prepared this time. They were caught unaware by a similar demand for their last programme as a non-League side. They printed 3,000, the biggest print in their history, and they had sold out half an hour before the kick-off. They made sure they would not be caught napping this time.

On the playing front they have added Rolling Stone, Ernie Moss, 38, to their staff.

Their manager, Neil Warnock, believes his team will finish in the top half of the Fourth Division. "The gap between League and non-League is small and we're good enough to handle anything in this division."

Last Saturday a crowd of 7,000 saw the League newcomers open the campaign with a 2-2 draw against Wolves. A match marred by crowd problems.

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Local debut ...

Keith Cooper, the 36-year-old Swindon based referee, took charge of his first League fixture when he refereed the Fourth Division match between Hereford United and Rochdale on the first day of the new season. Keith's next match is scheduled for August 29th when he is due to take charge of the Crewe Alexandra v Wrexham match.

Keith is also due to run the line in the European tie on 16th September between Suma Wanderers (Malta) and V.S. Stroda (Russia). All at the County Ground send Keith their best wishes for a successful Football League career. Wonder if we shall see Keith gracing Wembley at some future distant date? His promotion to the Barclay League must act as a spur to local officials.

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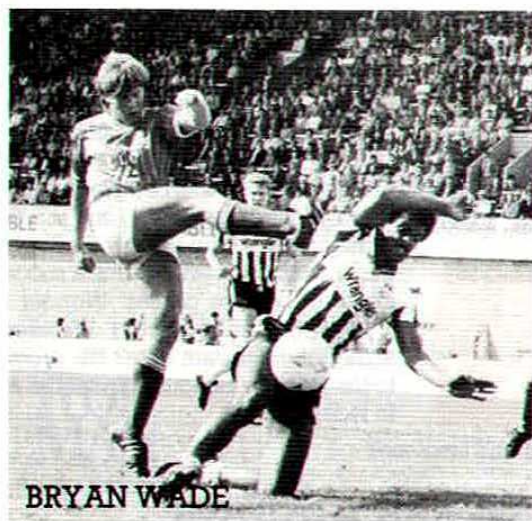
'I'VE MIXED WITH THE BEST'

... Says Steve

Recent Town signing Steve Foley will always be able to look back and claim that early in his career that he was part of the great Anfield tradition.

Our photograph shows a happy Steve celebrating Liverpool's Central League championship win in 1980-81 for the 11th time in 13 seasons!

Only Ronnie Whelan remains at Anfield these days but what a collection of names to have in a Reserve team line up! Regarded as big money spenders this summer, following the signings of England Internationals Peter Beardsley and John Barnes, they had a conveyor belt of home produced talent at the beginning of the decade. Steve Foley was one of those talented few. In amongst the medals he helped coach Roy Evans keep up that special Liverpool tradition.



BRYAN WADE

UNLUCKY MARK!

We are sure that all Town followers will join in hoping that Town midfield player Mark Jones returns to County Ground action as soon as possible.

Now recovering from his recent cartilage operation it has been an unlucky pre-season for the diminutive Mark. Under treatment for most of the build-up, following a training accident with Town skipper Colin Calderwood, his knee injury was sustained in the 2-1 win over Southern League Gloucester City.

Mark, one of the most genuine of players who never fails to give less than maximum effort, will be out of action for an expected 6 to 8 weeks.

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR 'WADEY' TOO

Also absent from early season action is Town striker Bryan Wade. The former Trowbridge Town striker damaged knee ligaments in the pre-season build-up against Cheltenham Town.

Bryan is expected to be back in Town colours in September. A pre-season target for Southend United, their interest obviously waned following Bryan's injury, and they quickly moved to secure the transfer of Notts County's Richard Young for a reported £25,000 when they learnt of Bryan's period of enforced inactivity.



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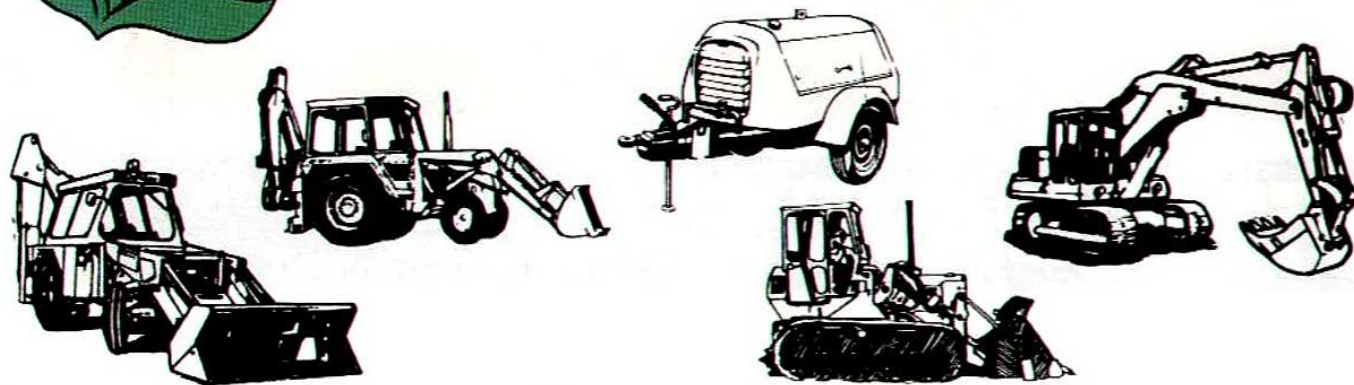
EW WITH DAVE EVANS



The happy Central League squad after the presentation of winners' tankards at Anfield. Back row (left to right): Richard Money, Steve Ogrizovic, Colin Irwin, Avi Cohen, Howard Gayle, Alan Harper, Ian Rush, Ronnie Whelan. Front row: Eric Vascoe, Bobby Savage, Colin Russell, Roy Evans (coach), Steve Foley, Kevin Sheedy.



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THE MOONRAKER PAPER



Our visit to Oxford United for Gary Briggs' Testimonial brought some interesting comment from Jon Murray of the 'Oxford Mail' on our 3-1 win against our near neighbours. Jon described the Town in comparison to United like this:

United found the step up in class of their opponents from the Sunday equivalent of Hofors to a fit mobile and very alert Swindon just too much.

Jon added Oxford United Assistant Manager Ray Fraydon's comment to his article which summed up the difference between the teams.

"Probably the main difference was their appetite for the game. Their's was much better than ours".

That telling a comment is all too prevalent today, for the paying customer naturally expects players to give maximum effort at all times.

Our opening day 2-0 defeat at Bradford City last Saturday was seen by the Press like this.

Ian Trueman, of the 'Sunday Express', began his match report by saying

Little Lou Macari's Scottish fighting spirit was stamped all over his side as they made their come back to the Second Division, but sadly for Swindon the experience of Bradford proved to be the decisive factor.

Meanwhile Stan Liversedge of 'The People', saw our display as one of bombardment.

Swindon, especially 'keeper Digby, defied everything Bradford could throw at them for an hour.

Stan could see little light for the Town as the game progressed.

talk!!

As the game wore on it developed into a rearguard action for Swindon whose central defenders Parkin and Calderwood were given a testing time by Futcher and Hendrie while the lively McCall was always ready to shoot on sight.

At a more local level, Paul Hickson, of the Western Daily Press, began his report with these comments,

Swindon Town have been branded the new 'hard men' of Division Two.

Lou Macari's side were left on the starting blocks by the Yorkshiremen on Saturday - but by the finish, players like matchwinner Stuart McCall were gasping their admiration.

Paul must have found one of the Town's biggest admirers in Stuart who was quoted to have said,

"They've got to be the fittest side in the League", admitted the flame-haired midfielder.

The gushing admiration did not end there, remember his team had won 2-0.

"This is the most difficult game I'll play all season" he declared. "At this rate they'll have no worries about staying up - they'll be up there chasing promotion".

Paul found adverse comment from Lou Macari.

That vote of confidence made little impression on Macari who responded, "He must be dreaming!"

It was back to Stuart McCall's comment for Paul, for they made more pleasant reading for the readers.

But McCall added, "I've already told Harry Redknapp at Bournemouth - who've also come up this season - that there's nothing in Division Two".

Paul Hickson reiterated Stuart's comments with his own summing up.

On the evidence of 90 minutes, Macari's men have little to fear. Division Two football may be new to Swindon and their Manager but they look well capable of adapting.

Clive King of the Evening Advertiser saw last Saturday's defeat in this manner.

For almost an hour, it seemed as though Swindon Town's return to the Second Division after an absence of 13 years, might be a happy one.

But then it all turned sour for Lou Macari's side in a short spell of sad blunders.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.8.87	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	10,553	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Coyne	Parkin	Calderwood	Bamber	Gittens
18.8.87	TUE BRISTOL CITY 7.45	H	6,807	3-0	Digby	O'Reagan	King	Kamara	Parkin	Calderwood	Kelly	Gittens
22.8.87	SAT SHEFFIELD UNITED	H										
25.8.87	TUE BRISTOL CITY	A										
29.8.87	SAT WEST BROM.	A										
31.8.87	MON HULL CITY 7.45	H										
5.9.87	SAT MIDDLESBROUGH	A										
12.9.87	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H										
15.9.87	TUE BARNSELY	A										
19.9.87	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	A										
26.9.87	SAT READING	H										
29.9.87	TUE SHREWSBURY T.	H										
3.10.87	SAT MILLWALL	A										
10.10.87	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H										
13.10.87	TUE HUDDERSFIELD T.	H										
20.10.87	TUE STOKE CITY	H										
24.10.87	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A										
31.10.87	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H										
3.11.87	TUE BLACKBURN ROV.	A										
7.11.87	SAT LEICESTER CITY	A										
14.11.87	SAT PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H										
21.11.87	SAT LEEDS UNITED	A										
28.11.87	SAT A.F.C. BOURNEM'TH	H										
5.12.87	SAT ASTON VILLA	A										
11.12.87	FRI BARNSELY 7.45	H										
20.12.87	SUN SHEFFIELD UNITED	A										
26.12.87	SAT READING	A										
28.12.87	MON IPSWICH TOWN	H										
1.1.88	FRI WEST BROM.	H										
2.1.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	A										
16.1.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	H										
23.1.88	SAT HULL CITY	A										
6.2.88	SAT MIDDLESBROUGH	H										
13.2.88	SAT HUDDERSFIELD T.	A										
20.2.88	SAT SHREWSBURY T.	A										
27.2.88	SAT MILLWALL	H										
12.3.88	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A										
19.3.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	A										
26.3.88	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	H										
2.4.88	SAT LEICESTER CITY	H										
4.4.88	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A										
9.4.88	SAT BLACKBURN ROV.	H										
23.4.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A										
30.4.88	SAT LEEDS UNITED	H										
2.5.88	MON A.F.C. BOURNEM'TH	A										
7.5.88	SAT ASTON VILLA	H										

* Denotes substitute used and player replaced

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M Horsington	34	N Curtis
A Skinner	32	T Cawte
I Szerlowski	31	A Dunmore

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	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Bournemouth	46	19	3	1	44	14	10	7	6	32	26	97	
Middlesbrough	46	16	5	2	38	11	12	5	6	29	19	94	
Swindon	46	14	5	4	37	19	11	7	5	40	28	87	
Wigan	46	15	5	3	47	26	10	5	8	36	34	85	
Gillingham	46	16	5	2	42	14	7	4	12	23	34	78	
Bristol City	46	14	6	3	42	15	7	8	8	21	21	77	
Notts County	46	14	6	3	52	24	7	7	9	25	32	76	
Walsall	46	16	4	3	60	27	6	5	12	30	40	75	
Blackpool	46	11	7	5	35	20	5	9	9	39	39	64	
Mansfield	46	9	9	5	30	23	6	7	10	22	32	61	
Brentford	46	9	7	7	39	32	6	8	9	25	34	60	
Port Vale	46	8	6	9	43	36	7	6	10	33	34	57	
Doncaster	46	11	8	4	32	19	3	7	13	24	43	57	
Rotherham	46	10	6	7	29	23	5	6	12	19	34	57	
Chester	46	7	9	7	32	28	6	8	9	29	31	56	
Bury	46	9	7	7	30	26	5	6	12	24	34	55	
Chesterfield	46	11	5	7	36	33	2	10	11	20	36	54	
Fulham	46	8	8	7	35	41	4	9	10	24	36	53	
Bristol Rov	46	7	8	8	26	29	6	4	13	23	46	51	
York	46	11	6	4	34	29	1	5	17	21	50	49	
Bolton	46	8	5	10	29	26	2	10	11	17	32	45	
Carlisle	46	7	5	11	26	35	3	3	17	13	43	38	
Darlington	46	6	10	7	25	28	1	6	16	20	49	37	
Newport	46	4	9	10	26	34	4	4	15	23	52	37	
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SECOND DIVISION 1986-87

	Goals						
	P	W	L	F	For	Ag.	Pts
Derby County	42	25	8	9	64	38	84
Portsmouth	42	23	10	9	53	28	78
Oldham Athletic	42	22	11	9	65	44	75
Leeds United	42	19	12	11	58	44	68
Ipswich Town	42	17	12	13	59	43	64
Crystal Palace	42	19	18	5	51	53	62
Plymouth Argyle	42	16	13	13	62	57	61
Stoke City	42	16	16	10	63	53	58
Sheffield United	42	15	14	13	50	49	58
Bradford City	42	15	17	10	62	62	55
Barnsley	42	14	15	13	49	52	55
Blackburn Rovers	42	15	17	10	45	55	55
Reading	42	14	17	11	52	59	53
Hull City	42	13	15	14	41	55	53
West Bromwich A.	42	13	17	12	51	49	51
Millwall	42	14	19	9	39	45	51
Huddersfield Town	42	13	17	12	54	61	51
Shrewsbury Town	42	15	21	6	41	53	51
Birmingham City	42	11	14	17	47	59	50
Sunderland	42	12	18	12	49	59	48
Grimsby Town	42	10	18	14	39	59	44
Bristol & Hove A.	42	9	21	12	37	54	39

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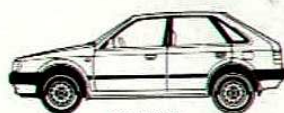
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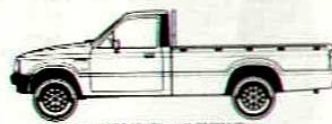
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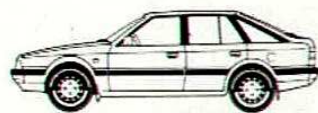
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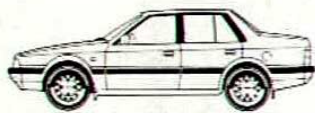
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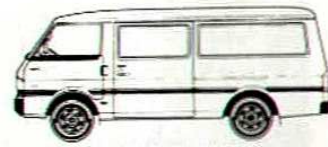
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