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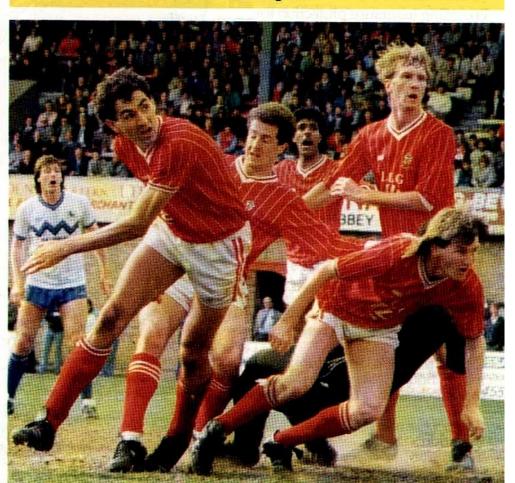
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A special welcome this afternoon to Reading Football Club. The Elm Park Club are once again welcome to our fixture list. Having lost our two Derby matches with the Bristol Clubs it is satisfying to know that we have renewed friendships with the men from Berkshire.

Therefore we would like to greet the Directors, staff and supporters of Reading F.C. to the County Ground. Although we failed to take a point from our visit to Ipswich last Saturday, it was a match where I thought we finished much the stronger team. The only problem being that we could not find the net to take a point from our visit to East Anglia. We left Portman Road slightly disappointed. that is a measure of the progress we have made in the last two seasons.

On a slightly inksome note it was noticeable that the local newspaper. the 'Evening Advertiser', contained a letter of discontent from a gentleman who appeared to want to

attract others into criticising this Club. Both on and off the field Swindon Town have made considerable progress in the last two seasons against innumerable odds.

Money which could have been spent on and off the field has had to be guided into areas where the safety team have felt we have to be seen to be making this ground safe for public events. Any comments regarding turnstiles, crowd figures etc. are not worth commenting on and a slur on the integrity of those employed here. Considering the amount of coverage the local newspaper is afforded by the Club it is somewhat disturbing that the Sports Editor does not refer these people to the Club.

Either myself, our Manager Lou Macari or the Club Secretary Dave King, are always willing to answer queries of all aspects concerning the Club. The 'Evening Advertiser' cannot answer on our behalf.

The local newspaper can only act as a publicity platform for those seeking to see themselves in print. Swindon Town Football Club is the heartbeat of events. We have not done too bad these past two seasons on your behalf and you have my personal assurance that the progress will be maintained.

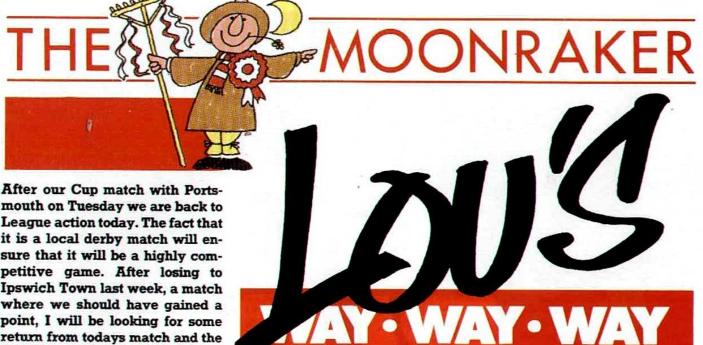


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mouth on Tuesday we are back to League action today. The fact that it is a local derby match will ensure that it will be a highly competitive game. After losing to Ipswich Town last week, a match where we should have gained a point, I will be looking for some return from todays match and the one at home to Shrewsbury Town next Tuesday.

The match at Ipswich was marred by the fact that John Kelly was sent off for an unnecessary action. When the final whistle blows the game is finished for players and being an experienced professional he should have known better. We will now lose his services for a period.

Our draw in the new Simod Cup was disappointing to say the least. We shall have to ensure that we pass through this round by knocking out the current cup holders and it is Swindon Town and not Blackburn Rovers that pass into the Second Round.

This competition is important to Clubs such as ourselves, the cash generated is no less than that gained by the eventual winners of the Freight Rover Trophy and a guarantee to help Managers, such as myself, that they will have more cash made available for team strengthening. As I have stated before with regard to the Freight Rover Trophy, it is an excellent opportunity for players to make a Wembley appearance. Swindon Town will be looking to make considerable progress in this new competition. Any doubters among



stay away from Ewood Park in November.

While our regular first team goalkeeper Fraser Digby has been earning some well deserved recognition in recent matches for his fine displays, I have also been very impressed with the improvement of Nicky Hammond. Since coming to the County Ground he appears to have grown physically and is improving his game. His ability at shot stopping is equal to Fraser and if he continues to progress he lould well put him under pressure for his first team place.

Our two goal lead to take to Portsplayers or spectators may as well mouth in the Second Leg of the

Littlewoods Cup could so easily have been three but for the late goal we conceded. Despite that setback we performed to our capabilities with Jimmy Quinn again emphasising his liking for this competition with yet another hat-trick! If you don't shoot you do not score and this has helped Jim's good start to this season. Nobody should underestimate the task we face at Fratton Park and we shall need all of your support on October 7th.

Get right behind the lads again today, for every point we take in this early part of the season can be so vital when the season draws to a close next May. That applies whether you are at the top of the division or the bottom of the League.

Keep cheering and see you again on Tuesday night when we play Shrewsbury Town?

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Tommy ... Head Coach ...

played for both the Town and today's visitors Reading in the 1970's? Well Tommy departed for America after his playing days in English soccer Were over

Tommy is still in America and is now Head Coach with Seattle Storm

Below is how the American Club introduced Tommy in their opponents programme on a pre-season tour of England

A professional player for 16 seasons. London native Tommy Jenkins was named to succeed Jimmy Gabriel as Storm Head Coach late last season after serving the Club over the previous two years as Storm Assistant Coach and Director of the Club's Olympics program.

Jenkins opened his career in 1967 with Reading F.C of the English Third Division. He was snapped up soon after by Southampton and played in the English First Division until 1973. Following three seasons with Swindon F.C., he crossed the Atlantic to play for NASL Seattle Sounders in 1976 and spent five season in the Seattle midfield. lenkins bowed out with three seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League with the Pittsburgh Spirit and Phoenix Inferno, then moved back to Seattle to join the FCS program.

Before taking the Storm helm. Jenkins mapped out and directed the FCS's 12-team soccer program for the Washington State Special Olympics, marking the first time that soccer was player in this state-wide program. He also worked in FCS soccer camps and clinics designed specifically for disadvantaged athletes

Says Jenkins 'I don't know if this has ever happened before: a team of amateur players from America playing professional Clubs from England and Scotland. At the time we go over, it will be near the end of their pre-season training, so they're

going to be going at it. There will be Remember Tommy Jenkins who some lads fighting for their jobs. And they're going to be judging American soccer by what we do. Obviously, I'd love to beat some of these teams but I think we'll represent Amercia well Our players will be getting invaluable experience on this tour. I would hope that each and every player will come away as a better player.

> Continuing Our Theme From Overseas the Club received the following letter from Malta

Robins Supporters' c/o 'Haccenda' Stagno Street Oormi

Friday 28th August 1987

Dear Secretary.

We're two Maltese lads writing to you and we are both Swindon Town F.C supporters Although we live here in Malta far away from our beloved Swindon and the County Ground we really love 'the Robins' and so follow the fortunes of the Clubs three teams very seriously.

We are writing to you on this occasion because we really wish to find some (hopefully many) female pen-pals aged 17-30 and preferably from Swindon and the whole of Wiltshire that like ourselves are Town' followers. Apart from following the 'Town' and football in general

our other interests are music, swimming and travelling abroad. Now please could you do us a really big favour and pass on our letter to the editor of the Club's official programme and please tell him to try and publish (if possible) our female pen-pals request in the programme for the 'home' match with Birmingham City on Saturday 12th September

We really dont know how we are going to thank you for reading our letter and we hope that with your help and kind assistance we will manage to get in touch with some Swindon girls that are real fans of the 'Robins'

Thanks for everything 'Robins Suporters' Oormi Malta

Editor. The letter was easily passed on because the Secretary and Programme Editor is the same person and all I can do is print the letter as requested and if any young lady wishes to put pen to paper would they please do so and write directly to Malta and not to the Club. It was not possible to print the letter in the Birmingham programme due to the late arrival of the letter. Anyway we have done our best

In our Recent Match with Hull City

... we collected more disciplinary points than we had in seven previous matches! The total ... a stunning 14 In a match that was never more than competitive ...

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MONDAY

Monday September 14th

Lou is pondering over the report submitted to him by injured Town midfield player Mark Jones who was sent to spy on tomorrows opponents Barnsley in the previous Saturdays match at Aston Villa. Ten-man Villa held the current League leaders to a goal-less draw. Sending Mark to Villa Park is a way of keeping him involved in the swing of events at the County Ground. Mark was very impressed with the work-rate of the Yorkshire Clubs players.

Alan Merrick, now Football Director of Minnesota Kicks, had been an interested spectator at our match on Saturday with dollars to spend. Alan had been looking for likely players but had left the County Ground the previous Saturday, not impressed enough to spend some of his American masters money.

travel north to Oakwell in place of Peter Coyne who, along with senior players Jon Gittens, Steve Berry and Steve White, faced Watford in a Combination match at the County Ground where money was spare for the Vicarage Road line-up included the million pound talent of Luther Blissett, late of AC Milan, and quarter of a million pound summer signing Richard Hill from Northampton Town. With Manager Dave Bassett watching they cruised to a 2-0 win, but missing countless opportunities in the process.

A 1-0 win at Barnsley surprised all the pundits who thought that the high flying Yorkshire team would emphasise their early season form with an emphatic home victory, they were proved wrong. A sixty-fifth minute header from Dave Bamber proving enough to give the Town their third away win of the season. A typical Town team effort was enough to give them a merited win.

TUESDAY

Tuesday September 15th

Lou calls off his intended trip to watch Queens Park Rangers and Arsenal Reserves and travels with the team to Barnsley instead. Charlie Henry is added to the squad that

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday September 16th

The Football League confirm that they have obtained a sponsor for the Simod Cup which ensures that the competition is financially sound for the next three seasons. The draw for the First Round is due the following day.

The English Schools Association ask for permission to stage their

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International trial at the County Ground on Wednesday, November 4th. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

John Kennedy ends his first month at the County Ground and is offered a further months contract.

The main talking point around the County Ground was the result at Barnsley. It was almost two years ago that the Town had won 2-0 at Burnley in a Fourth Division match. Since that October day they have played 47 away League matches. Of that total they have won thirty-seven of them. Outstanding form by anyone's standards.

THURSDAY

Thursday September 17th

The Town are due to pay Torquay United £5,000 now that full back Phil King has made twenty-five first team appearances. This was part of the transfer agreement when Phil moved to the County Ground from Devon.

Alan McLoughlin is due to return to the County Ground after Torquay United's forthcoming Saturday match at home to Bolton Wanderers.

Lou makes arrangements to take the players away to an Army Camp once again in preparation for next Tuesday's Littlewoods Cup match with First Division Portsmouth.

Bryan Wade returns from the F.A. Rehabilitation course at Lilleshall and resumes training and should therefore make his first competitive appearance of the season at Ipswich next week in a 'Sunday Mirror' Football Combination fixture.

The Town are informed that if the Youth team are successful in their Southern Junior Floodlit Cup First Round match at Southampton, they will be at home to the winners of the Millwall/Chelsea first round tie.

The Club agree to stage the E.S.F.A. Trophy Competition Second Round match between Swindon Boys and Redditch at the County Ground Saturday 3rd October with a 11.00 a.m. kick-off.

Agreement is also reached to host the England Schoolboys International trial at the County Ground on Wednesday November 4th, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

It was a disappointing draw for the Club in the Simod Cup in which we are drawn away to the Cup holders Blackburn Rovers. At least it gives the Club the incentive of disposing of last years winners immediately!

FRIDAY

Friday September 18th

More details are made available about the newly formed Simod Cup.

In all ties, should the scores be level at the end of 90 minutes, an extra 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, the tie shall be decided by a penalty kick competition.

Sponsorship for the Cup is worth £250,000 although Manchester United, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal refuse to be tempted even by the carrot of £60,000 for the winners of the new look cup which is backed by an Italian sports firm.

The rest of the First and Second Division aim for the Wembley final on March 27th. Eight Clubs have been seeded and will not enter the competition until the third round. They are Everton, Norwich City, Wimbledon, Luton Town, Nottingham Forest, Watford, Coventry City and Southampton.

With no reserve match this coming Saturday Lou is able to take his full complement of staff to Portman Road to meet Ipswich Town. Strange how the destiny of Clubs can change. Just two seasons ago both Clubs met in a Milk Cup tie. Ipswich were then a First Division Club while the Town were in the Fourth Division. Tomorrow they meet on equal terms.

Bryan Wade and Mark Jones are the only two players unfit for consideration. Teenage full back Dean Casserly is the latest addition to the casualty list with Achilles tendon trouble. The date for the Second Round Littlewoods Cup is altered, on Football League instruction, to Fratton Park on Wednesday October 7th at 8.00 p.m. due to the fact that Southampton are playing Bournemouth on Tuesday the 6th.

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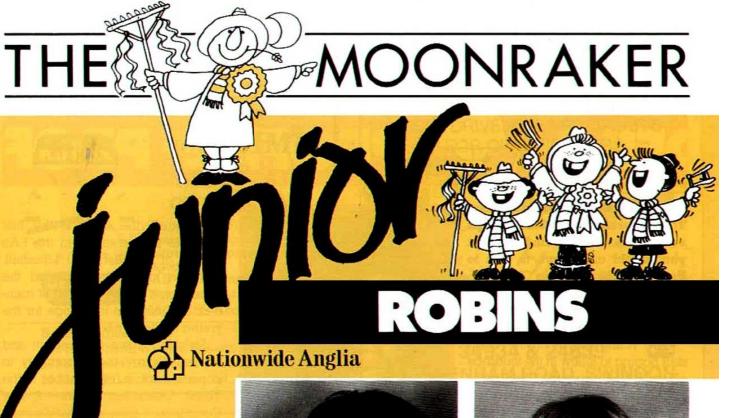
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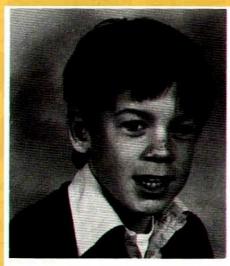
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The first Junior Robins Meeting of the season proved an extremely enjoyable event. This was largely due to Peter Coyne and Phil King. who kindly came along and talked about their careers as footballers and their experiences with Swindon Town. Anyone who came along to the meeting would have soon become aware of how tough the life of a professional footballer is. Certainly the next time I see the Town Squad to jogging past the classroom window I shall look on them with a new respect having found out that the front runners, usually Steve White and Chris Kamara, cover upwards of 6 miles at 6.30 a mile. Anyone who thought football was a ninety minute a week game would also have had a shock on learning that those players who do not have a match on the Saturday come in and train on Sunday to keep up their fitness levels. All in all it added up to the old saying 'Soccer success is ten per cent inspiration and 90 per cent perspiration'

Chris Weavers has now taken over membership applications and has asked me to say she will try to get any outstanding membership applications dealt with in the next week. You will probably find your photos follow a little later, especially if you have asked for Frazer Dibgy. He certainly seems to be very popular with the Junior Robins.



Todays Mascot from Reading

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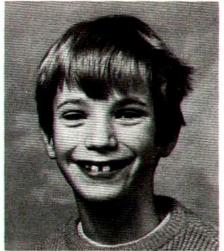
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Todays Mascot from Swindon

| Name Graham Boxall |
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| Address 59 Tydenman Street, Swindon, Wilts. SN2 5AX |
| Age 10 years |
| School Gorse Hill Junior School |
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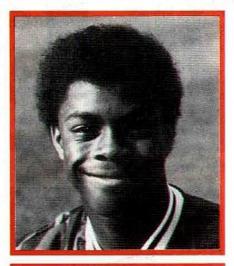
One young player on the Town staff hoping to follow in the footsteps of Paul Rideout is young Town hopeful Fitzroy Simpson. The majority of you may not have seen the young coloured trainee in action, for his football is restricted to action in the South East Counties League with more than a few appearances in the Football Combination team.

Fitzrov hails from Melksham, although he was born in nearby Bradford-on-Avon, His parents originated from Jamaica. "There was no football in my family background and I am the only one to enjoy and play the game." Fitzroy has two older brothers, neither of whom play, "They just found it too warm to run around."

How did his early initiation with our national game begin? "When I was eight years of age I was appearing for an under-11 team in Melksham." From that early start he progressed. "I went on to play for the Mid Wilts and Wiltshire Youth teams."

It was during those teenage years of late school that he was spotted by lock Rae, the Bristol City Chief Scout, and invited to Ashton Gate where he signed Associate Schoolboy forms.

was not a bed of roses for Fitzrov, as was no different.



FITZROY SIMPSON

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he explained. "At that time they did not have a Youth Team in any League and so really I only made a couple of appearances in their Youth set-up and a few appearances for their Western League team." City reserves play in this competition having withdrawn from the Football Combination a few years ago.

Irrespective of this apparent lack of progress with City, due to their fixture restrictions, he was in line to be offered a Traineeship with City, or to be more factual an apprenticeship. There was one place vacant in their scheme. Fate often takes a Life at the Third Division Club hand in life and on this occasion it

Simon Blythe became the first youth to walk away from the FA's School of Excellence at Lilleshall. He was immediately offered the vacant spot on the City list of trainees, and life was to change for the young Melksham hopeful.

Swindon Town stepped in and offered Fitzrov the opportunity to impress, with a few matches in the Youth Team last season. A few Combination appearances followed.

Fitzrov was then offered a traineeship with the Town which he was only too pleased to accept. "It was a chance that I did not think I would have, and it is up to me to make the most of it."

How did he find the transition to full time training. "It was hard at first, but I've got used to it now."

Fitzrov is under the watchful eye of Iean and Barry Crewe, the Clubs custodians of the Shrivenham Road Hostel. He obviously regards them highly. "They are brilliant, the food and the living conditions are great." He was obviously looking towards a good evening meal after his arduous day at the Club.

A trainee's day is taken with various duties not primarily concerned with football. "Each day we have cleaning duties until 10.30 a.m. We then train until 12.30. In the afternoon it's back to more duties around the Club. We have to attend day release at College one day each week as well."

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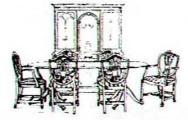
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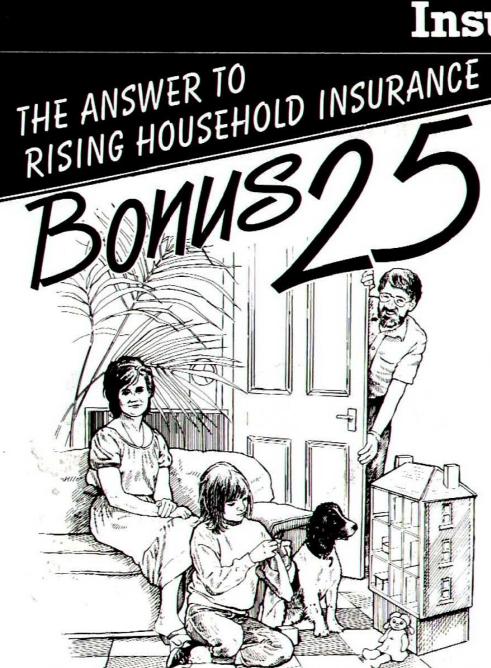


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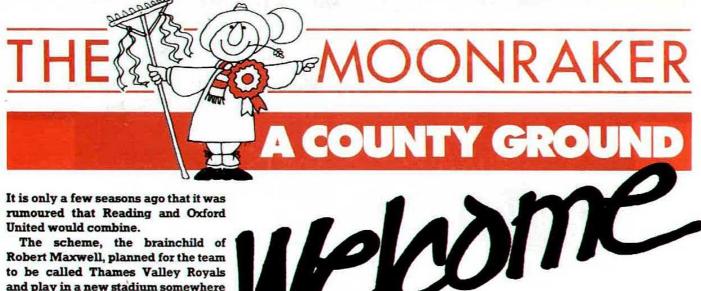








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Robert Maxwell, planned for the team to be called Thames Valley Royals and play in a new stadium somewhere near Didcot.

Thankfully for Reading fans the merger never took place, thanks mainly to Roger Smee taking over as the new Chairman at Elm Park.

Readings' fortunes by elevating lan Branfoot from Coach to Manager in place of Maurice Evans.

At the end of the 1983-84 season he had led them back into the Third Division. Two years on the Elm Park Club were to enjoy their finest season since joining the Football League.

They opened the 85-86 season in breath-taking fashion - 13 consecutive victories - rewriting the League record book By Christmas they led the Third Division by the massive margin of 19 points and looked on course to shatter the League all-time number of points in a

A few hiccups in the latter part of the campaign robbed them of that distinction, however they still took the title with 94 points, seven to spare over nearest challengers Plymouth

Trevor Senior continued to bang in the goals last season, resulting in Reading consolidating their higher status. They eventually finished 13th in the Second Division table, the Clubs highest ever League standing, beating the 14th placing of 1926-27 season - the year they reached the F.A. Cup semi-finals. During the summer at Elm Park there were several comings and goings - the most notable the departure of Senior to Watford for over £300,000. He will be very hard to replace and Reading's destiny this season will rest on the ability of the new strikers Francis Joseph and Colin Gordon to compensate for him.

READING

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Ian Branfoot (manager) Born Gateshead 25 1,47 Won Division 4 title medal as player with Lincoln in 1975-76. Youth and reserve boss at Southampton until joining Reading as coach in July 1983 Became boss in January 1984, gained promotion from Division 4 four months later. Materminded Division 3 title run in 1985

Steward Benderson (youth dev. officer/coach) Born Bridge of Allan 5.6.47. Scotish schoolbov international. played for Cheisea, Brighton and Reading Coach under Maurice Evans, later appointed youth development officer.

Colin Bailee (defender) Born Belfast 31364 Former.

apprentice with Swindon, Joined Reading for tribunal-decided \$22,900 fee in 85 Ex Northern Ireland youth international 86-87, 37 League appearances Stuart Beavon (midfield) Born Wolverhampton 30 1158 Began career at Tottenham. On loan at Nots County before joining Reading for £40,000 in 1980. Over 300 appearances for Royals scoring 34 goals.

Paul Canoville (winger) Born Hillingdon 4362 Pro career started at Chelsea where he played 79 League games (11 goals). Signed by Reading last summer for £60,000, Dislocated knee at Sunderland in October, only now on the combeback trail.

Steve Francis (goalkeeper) Born Billencay 29564 Apprentice at Chelsea, went on to make 71 League appearances at Stamford Bridge. Transferred to Reading in March for £15,000 86-87: 14 League appearances

Paul Franklin (central defender) Born Bord 5 1053 Apprentice at Watford Made around 40 appearances during stay at Vicarage Road. Cartilage operation 3 years ago on left knee. Loaned to Shrewsbury and Swindon last season, joined Reading on free transfer in June Third Walford player to move to Elm Park in seven months

Michael Gilkes (winger). Born Hackney 20.755 Once on Charlton and Leicester books, joined Royals in January 1964. Made debut as sub at Lincoln in October 1964. Made 18 full appearances from 84-85 (4 goals) 86-87 6 Leage appearances

Colin Gordon (striker) Born Sourbridge 17.163 Started career with non-League Oldbury United Moved to Swindon and scored 34 goals in 72 League games before £90,000 move to Wimbledon in 1986 Signed for Reading in fuly 1987 for \$80 000

Martin Hicks (centre back) Born Stratford-on-Avon 27.257 Joined Reading before switching to Chariton. Returned to Elm Park in 1977 for £3,000. Won Division 4 title medal with Reading in 78-79. Club's leading appearance maker with over 350 games 86-87.34 League appearances

Dean Horrix (striker) Born Taplow 21 11.61 Becan at Millwall, moved to Cilingham and joined Reading for £10,000 in 1963. Best ever haul of 20 League and curp oxels. during 1984-85 Scored eight goals 85-86 Last season was

By Dave Eaton

substitute no fewer than 26 times!

Linden Jones (full-back) Born Tredectar 5.361. Apprecitice at Cardiff where made 145 League appearances Moved to Newport and played over 150 games before switching to Reading for £30,000 in June 1987 Former Newport skipper, three Welsh Under-21 caps

Francis Joseph (striker) Born Kilburn 6360 Started pro-career with Wimbledon and scored 14 ocals in 51 Leadue matches Joined Brentford and made over 100 appearances everaging a goal nearly every other game. Loaned back to Wimbledon last season. Played summer soccer in Finland

and joined Reading for £20,000-plus in July 1997

Gary Peters (defender) Born Carshalton 3 8 54. Started at Reading in 1975. Moved to Fullham for £30,000 and had spells at Wimbledon and Aldershot before returning to blim Park. Won Division 4 title medal with Reading in 1978–79 86-87 23 - 2 League appearances Steve Richardson (defender). Born Slough 112-62 Begen

with Southampton. Free transfer move to Reading in 1980 Made over 150 appearances for Royals and twice voted player of the year, 66-87; 37 League appearances.

Neil Smillie (midfield) Born Barnsley 19.758 Joined Crystal Palace before moving to Brighton Collected F.A. Cup Final runners-up medal in 1983 Moved to Watford in £100.000 deal in 1985 Joined Reading on free transfer in March 86-87: 16 League appearances

Les Taylor (midfield) born North Shekds 4 12.56 Joined Oxford as apprentice Made 219 League appearances (15 goals) before £100,000 move to Watford in 1980 Joined Reading for £20,000 last December 86-87 31 League

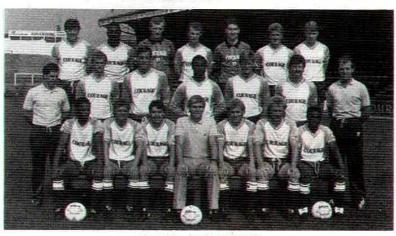
Mark White (defender/midfield) Born Sheffeld 26 10 56 Former Sneffield United apprentice, signed for Reading in 1976. Won Division 4 title medal in 1979. Celebrated tests monial year last season. Broke leg last term but now

Jerry Williams (midfield/winger) Born Didcot 24 3 60 egan as apprentice with Reading and made League debut in February 1977. Since appeared in nearly 300 matches 86-87.34 League appearances.

Mick Tait (midfield) Born Wallsend 30956 Began career with Oxford United as apprentice. Made 64 appear ances scoring 23 goals before moving to Carlisle, then to Hull Joined Portsmouth where he spent seven years - 240 appearances and 20 goals - but did not figure in Pompey's Division I plans Bought by Reading for £50,000 in August

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Reading F.C. 1987/88

Back Row (left to right): Jerry Williams, Francis Joseph, Gary Westwood, Colin Bailie, Steve Francis, Mark White, Dean Horrix.

Middle Row: Stewart Henderson (youth development officer/coach), Paul Franklin. Martin Hicks (captain), Paul Canoville, Colin Gordon, Gary Peters, John Haselden (physio/coach).

Front Row: Michael Cilkes, Stuart Beavon, Linden Jones, Ian Branfoot (manager). Neil Smillie, Lew Taylor, Steve Richardson.

Not pictured: Mark Tait

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Our Football Combination team gained their second successive win when they followed their away win three days previously at Brighton with another victory on foreign soil at Reading on Saturday September 12th by 2-1. All the goalscoring came in the first half. The Town took the lead as early as the second minute through Charlie Henry following an indirect free kick given against the Elm Park Clubs goalkeeper Gary Westwood for holding the ball too long.



 Paul Hunt – the former Swindon Schoolboy scored on his debut for the Towns Combination Team in their 2-1 win against Reading at Elm Park.

Paul Hunt, the Towns' promising young striker, marked his debut at Combination level by increasing the Towns lead in the forty-first minute. The experienced Dean Horrix reduced the arrears for the home side on the verge of half-time with a shot that appeared to be meant as a centre. There was no further score in the second half and the Town

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were pleased to record only their second win of the season.

Team: Hammond, Kennedy, Casserly, Gittens, Henry, Simpson, Packer, Berry, White, Hunt, Merriman. Substitute: Rowland.

■ The next Football Combination match at the County Ground is on Wednesday next September 30th when we entertain Tottenham Hotspur. Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Despite the fact that they were forced to field a weakened team due to Reserve team calls, our South East Counties team defeated Brighton 6-2 at Lydiard Park on Saturday September 12th.

A match that was ruined by the wind saw Nicky Summerbee give the Town the lead in the sixteenth minute. Only five minutes had elapsed when debut making Justin Alphonse scored the Towns' second goal. The Oxford based striker increased the lead in the thirty-seventh minute with a header. Gary Marshall,



 Gary Marshall – for former Coventry City Trainee scored twice in our South East Counties Team's 6-2 win against Brighton at Lydiard Park on September 12th

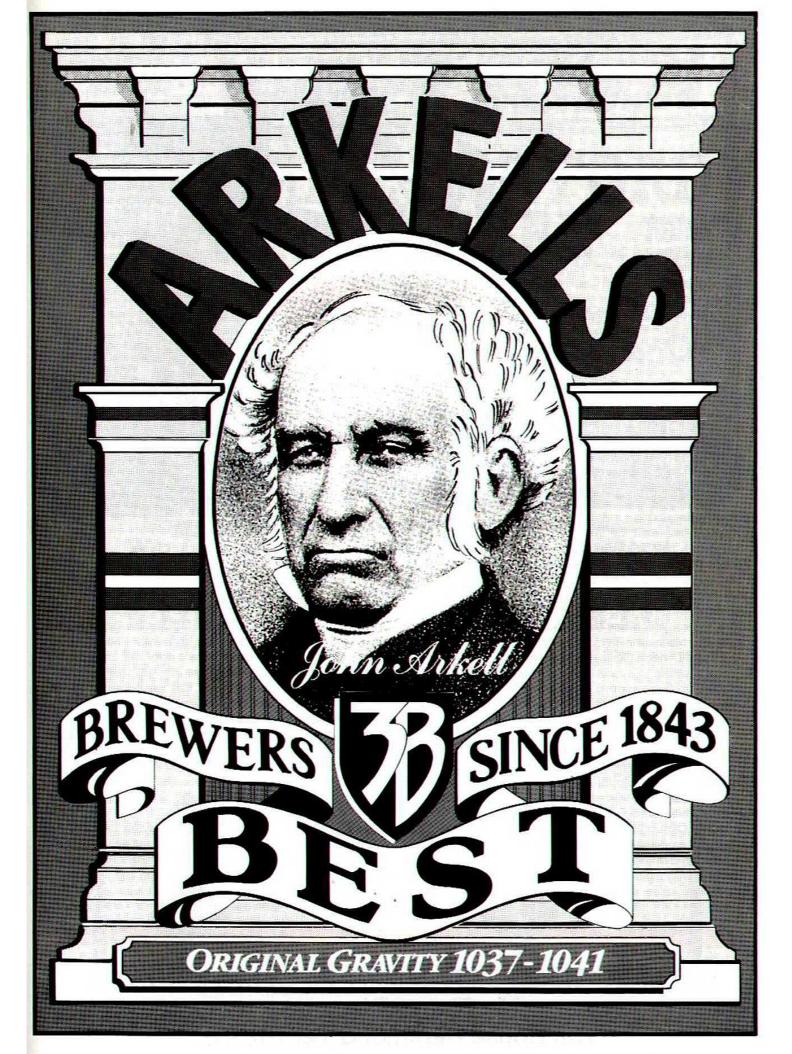
the former Coventry City Youth team player, made it 4-0 before half-time.

Playing against the wind in the second half, it came as no surprise when the wind aided Brighton to score ten minutes after the interval. Gary Marshall proceeded to score the Towns' fifth goal. A penalty made the scoreline 5-2 but any remaining hope that the visitors may have had to reduce the arrears further, disappeared, when another of the Town's debut making players, Matthew Fletcher, scored in the seventy-fourth minute.

Team: Dowding, Barnes, Quinn, Summerbee, Bell, Hughes, Viveash, Hammersley, Alphonse, Marshall. Substitutes: Fletcher (for Marshall in 71st minute), O'Neill (for Quinn in 81st minute).

■ Our South East Counties team will be in action next Saturday morning, October 3rd, when they entertain Bristol Rovers at Lydiard Park. Kick-off 11.00 a.m.

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Bob Edwards

In a 4 year spell at the County Ground, the former Chelsea, inside forward brought lethal late fifties finishing to the 'Town' attack. Thirteen appearances and two goals for the Stamford Bridge Club gave little indication that Edwards would shine so well for Swindon, topping the scoring charts in 1956/57 and 1958/59.

Born in May 1931, Bob followed his elder brother Leslie into the world of professional football, Les making 46 half back appearances for Bristol Rovers between 1950 and 1956.

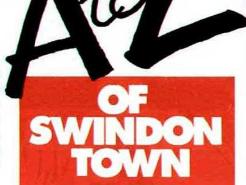
A goal on his debut in a 2-1 defeat at Southampton set the scene for a free scoring period, following it up with 3 goals in the next four games.

In 173 games for the Town Edwards found the net 65 times, a strike rate which the side came to rely on His second season for Swindon Town was his most successful with 26 League goals, scoring twice on seven occasions in a season which saw the Club finish only one place away from the bottom of the Third Division (South). In 1957/8 the Town finished in a much healthier 4th place, Bob being pipped as top scorer by John Richards, scoring 14 and 16 goals respectively.

At the end of the following year Roberts was involved in the deal which took Edwards away from the County Ground, both signing for Norwich in a then impressive £6000 deal.

Bob Edwards failed to make the same impact at Carrow Road, a feature common amongst successful 'Town' strikers and made only a single appearance before a move to Northampton in March 1961.

Twenty three appearances for the rising star of the Football League



By Michael Scott

brought 10 goals and then retirement, denying him the chance to halt their equally meteoric fall.

Gary Emmanuel

The lightbulb features of Cary Emmanuel often seemed to provide all the ideas from midfield in difficult times for the 'Town'. The cultured play of the Swansea born midfield dynamo brought easy comparisons with the fondly remembered Ray McHale and quickly softened the blow of the departure of another "Town" favourite. The arrival of Emmanuel had been in exchange for a terrace hero, the endearingly named 'Animal' Williams who joined Bristol Rovers before his County Ground terrace credibility sapping move to Bristol City, thankfully now over with his recent transfer to Shrewsbury.

Emmanuel offered much to impress the Swindon public, showing the range of skills that had seen him appear 61 times for Birmigham City and gain Welsh Under-23 International honours. For a player who always looked older than 35 this was quite an achievement.



Gary Emmanuel

Almost single handed Gary Emmanuel provided the highlights in the gruesome 1981/82 season. Relegation was a traumatic experience but the Clubs 12 goals in four games against the Bristol Clubs offered some consolation. Gary's brace at Ashton Gate in April 1982 offered brief hope but alas, in vain, perhaps they thought they had the last laugh as we were relegated, if they did, City were certainly 'penalised' last season.

In 1984 Gary returned to Wales to join Newport County, making 12 appearances before a transfer to Bristol City where he played a mere two games before his departure to his home Club Swansea City.

The Vetch Field is now the base for the undoubted talents of Gary Emmanuel and his home Club will surely benefit from his quick thinking and perceptive footballing brain in the same way that Swindon Town did in the early eighties.

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The Association of Football Badge Collectors was formed in 1980 as the British Badge Collectors Association but now concentrates, as the name suggests, on Football badges.

As an association a monthly newsletter is produced listing any new issue enamel lapel badge with address and cost of badge. There is also a members adverts page where badges, and other articles of interest to collectors, are sold and exchanged. There is also an A.G.M. each year which is held at a different venue allowing collectors to meet and exchange badges, information etc.

During 1986 approximately 125 new badges were issued by Clubs in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

The A.F.B.C. membership had decided in 1985 to present a memento to the Club that the members voted had the best badge. The first winners were Kingstonian F.C. of the Vauxhall Open League for their Centenary Issue. The 1986 winners are Swindon Town F.C. for the Division 4 Champions 85/86 badge which is still available at the Club shop. The nearest challengers for the award were Rotherham United Supporters Club in second place, closely followed in third place by local Club Witney Town F.C. who tied with Galway United F.C. of Ireland.

Anyone wishing to know more about the A.F.B.C. can either contact Derek Elston at 62 Hinton Road, Kingshorpe, Northampton who is a supporter of Swindon Town or membership secretary Peter Gosling at 4 Renshaw Close, High Green, Sheffield S30 4FB.

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Editor: Congratulations to Derek Elstow on his award winning design. Of course, Town fans will recall that Derek was voted 'Supporter of the Year' for 1986/87 season. Well done Derek.

NEXT AT THE COUNTY GROUND

'BARCLAY' LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

SHREWSBURY TOWN

NEXT TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29th KICK-OFF 7.45 p.m.

Ex-Town favourites with the 'Shrews: 'Chic Bates' now the Gay Meadow Clubs Manager and also Brian Williams who joined the Club during the close season from Bristol City.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CENTURY MEN – 100 NOT OUT, 200 NOT OUT



 Town skipper Colin Calderwood who made his one-hundredth League appearance at Ipswich last Saturday for the Town.



 Leigh Barnard who made his two-hundredth League appearance for the Town at Ipswich last week.

Norwich Hit The . . . Jackpot . . .

First Division Norwich City announced a huge trading profit of more than £1 million for last season – 12 months after declaring a loss of £410,000.

The big money sales of England Internationals Chris Woods and Dave Watson helped the turnaround although the Canaries also built a new main stand costing £250,000 thanks to an insurance settlement, wiped out a £500,000 overdraft and spent £700,000 on transfers themselves.

Also in the Money ...

Aston Villa may have had good reason to have rued the result of their local derby with Birmigham City last month but they did gain some consolation.

The attendance of 30,870 netted receipts of £98,000... the actual attendance was higher than all but two of last season's First Division attendances at Villa Park.

Mind, that attendance was nearly 6,000 below the attendance of 36,872 that watched a pre-season friendly between the Clubs in August 1971. The takings were considerably less in those days!

Don't Cross the Bridges Before You Get There . . .

When the fixture list was first published, Hereford United officials anticipated a gate of 7,000 for the visit of Wolves on August 29th.

The ban on Wolves fans cut the gate to 2,628. Manager John Newman said "The ban cost us a lot of money."

Is it Crazy Fixture Planning? . .

A look back at the August Bank Holiday fixtures show how the computerised fixtures put a lot of teams onto the motorways when they could have done with a

local match and less travelling at the peak holiday period,

A few instances...

Chelsea travelled to Manchester United ... Middlesbrough to London to meet Crystal Palace ... Sheffield United to Plymouth ... Hull City to the County Ground ... Doncaster to Aldershot ... Bristol Rovers to the holiday resort of Blackpool ... Brentford to Grimsby.

Enough said?

Will He be Forking Out? . .

Sunderland Manager Denis Smith is prepared to fork out £10,000 from his own pocket if Sunderland fail to get promotion this season.

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That's how confident he is of putting the Club on a sensible footing. When Denis took over at Sunderland the Club agreed to pay York City £20,000 compensation for depriving them of the services of one of the brightest young Managers in the game.

And Smith promised straight away that if he did not lead his new charges back into the Second Division at the first attempt, he would pay half that figure himself.

His wages at Roker? . . £40,000. The previous incumbent Lawrie McMenemy was incidentally on a salary of £175,000 a year . . . £3,365 a week.

Ramsden Cleans Up . . .

Geoff Lewis trained his first winner for Walsall Chairman Terry Ramsden when **Point of Light** spreadeagled nine rivals in the Park Lodge Maiden Stakes at Newmarket last month.

The flamboyant, owner who was at the course, enjoyed the win because Point of Light landed a substantial gamble from 8-1 down to 3-1 favourite.

Terry has now had over 30 winners this season from around 75 horses.

On the same afternoon Walsall defeated last seasons Fourth Division Champions Northampton Town 1-0 in front of a crowd of 5,993 due to a first half goal by Paul Jones.

Where Are They Now? . .

If you are wondering where some of your former County Ground favourites are operating now here are a few names to remind you...

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Aldershot ... Paul Roberts ... Blackburn Rovers . . . Ian Miller . . . Cardiff City Jimmy Gilligan ... Coventry City ... Jake Findlay . . . Exeter City . . . Paul Batty and Roy Carter . . . Gillingham . . . Howard Pritchard . . . Mansfield Town . . . Mick Graham . . . Brighton . . . Gary Nelson Reading... Colin Bailie and Colin Gordon Scarborough . . . Ray McHale Shrewsbury Town . . . Brian Williams . Southampton . . . Glenn Cockerill Southend United . . . Derek Hall, Martin Ling and Chris Ramsey ... Swansea City Gary Emmanuel ... Torquay United . Kenny Allen, David Cole and Mark Gardiner ... York City ... Scott Endersby ... West Ham ... Tom McAlistar.

Briefly at the County Ground . . .

Several players who have been here on loan are still in League action, some with their original Clubs, others have found pastures new...

Paul Franklin Reading Ian
Andrews Leicester City Jim
Flowers and Craig Maskell
Southampton Ian Muir Tranmere
Rovers Jon Hallworth Ipswich
Town Dave Caldwell Chesterfield
Mark Dempsey Sheffield United

Even More Briefly at the County Ground...

125 watched our Football Combination match with Southampton, 75 were Season Ticket holders leaving 50 paying customers on the day and thirty of those were juniors!

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A RAKER' VIEW WITH D

SWINDON TOWN F.C. FULL STAFF 1987/88



WITH DAVE EVANS

1987/88



Left to Right

Back Row: Tim Parkin, Jimmy Quinn, Fraser Digby, Chris Kamara, Nicky Hammond, Charlie Henry, Colin Calderwood.

Second Row: Andy Rowland (Coach), Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Terry Merriman, Dave Bamber, Jon Gittens, John Kelly, Steve White, Steve Foley, Chris Ramsey (now Southend United), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Seated: Alan McLoughlin, Bryan Wade, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (Manager), John Trollope (Assistant Manager), Steve Berry, Leigh Barnard, Mark Jones.

Trainees: Dean Casserly, Adrian Viveash, Phil Bell, Fitzroy Simpson, Tony Hammersley, Paul Hunt, Richard Morgan, Dave Barnett, Nigel Packer.



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A 57th minute opportunistic goal from Steve Whitton went a long way towards healing Birmingham City's wounded pride against Swindon at the County Ground.

After conceding nine goals in their last two matches, including six at the hands of Crystal Palace, Blues tightened up considerably at the back.

Tony Godden produced two excellent first-half saves as Garry Pendry's men managed to keep the interval score line blank.

Although they rarely looked dangerous forward before the break, their confidence soared after Whitton's precision shot into the top

Ian Handysides added a second on 79 minutes as Swindon, who had earlier looked the much sharper side, faded badly.

The Midland's own Sunday newspaper, 'Sunday Mercury', saw the 'Blues' 2-0 success as the perfect tonic for the St Andrews Club Manager Carry Pendry's recent bout of flu.

Birmingham City gave Manager Gary Pendry the best possible tonic after his flu by quickly wiping out the bitter memory of last weeks 6-0 mauling by Crystal Palace.

Two well executed second-half goals by Steve Whitton and Ian Handysides gave Blues a thoroughly deserved victory against Swindon after they had grafted to stay on level terms at the interval.

David Box of 'The People', was in descriptive flow of the pen with his view of the match and in particular Steve Whitton.

Whacky Steve Whitton conjured up an improbable victory for battered Birmingham with his own Jekyll and Hyde show.

Burly striker Steve was booked for the third time this season.

He scored the crucial first goal after 57 minutes with a brilliant piece of work.

He accidentally butted referee Fitzharris in the stomach while jostling with Calderwood.

He also missed a sitter 30 minutes from time that would have wrapped the game and spared his frantic boss. Gary Pendry unnecessary anxiety.

Our somewhat unexpected but obviously most welcome win at Barnsley received the deserved comment of the 'Evening Advertiser' sports columnist Clive King.

Lou Macari's decision to give his Town players the chance to redeem themselves brought rich dividends in Yorkshire last night.

They produced a performance laced with guts and determination. Certainly it was a far cry from their

nightmare 2-0 home defeat by Birmingham on Saturday when their display was described by Manager Macari as "the worst in my three years at the Club".

The big shame is that only about 200 of the fans who suffered Saturday's game were at the Oakwell ground last night to witness the change of form.

As a result it was magnificent. Just the looks on the faces of the home team and spectators revealed how shocked they were at the Town's triumph.

Clive had spotted former Town Manager Danny Williams in the crowd watching and asked the popular Yorkshireman his views of the game.

"They did very well. They worked ever so hard for one another, and that's always hard to beat," said the Town's most successful Manager before Macari.

He wa also full of praise for the man of the match . . . Town goalkeeper Fraser Digby.

"I don't think they would have beaten him if they'd stayed out there for another hour," grinned the cheerful Danny.

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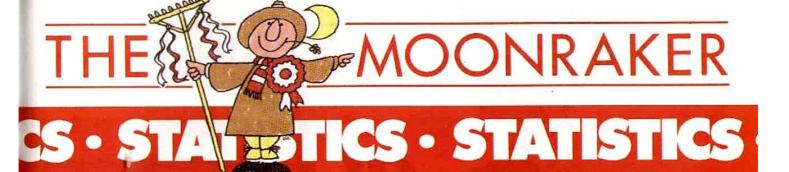
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The Hickman (Swindon) Ltd. Goal Scoring League

| Jimmy Quinn | 10 Goals |
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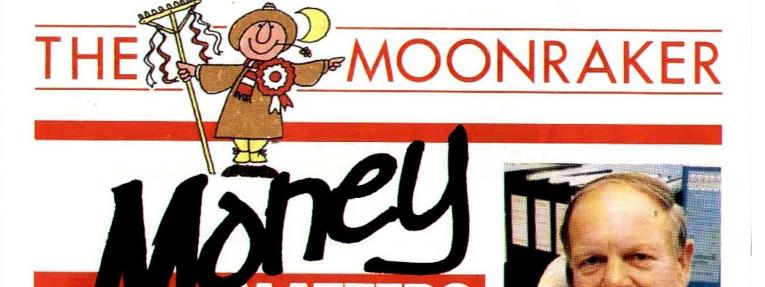
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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, welcome once again to the County Ground

With us today are a party of friends and workmates from Fields of Thatcham. A mixture of Reading and Swindon supporters, they have taken advantage of our Group Booking facility. Having toured the ground, had lunch in our Vice Presidents Lounge, a seat in the North Stand and a programme, we hope they have enjoyed themselves.

One of the group, Mike Day, is also the Reading Mascot and with our own Mascot Graham Boxall, will lead the teams out for the kick-off.

Our first Sporting Dinner held out of Town, a joint venture with Melksham Town F.C., was held at the Avon Club on Monday last.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all, with speeches by Tommy 'The Doc' Docherty and Trevor Betham. Our thanks are due to Dave Cooper and Nick Perrin who were responsible for the arrangements

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If any other Club is interested details. in another joint venture then please ring Swindon 642984 for details.

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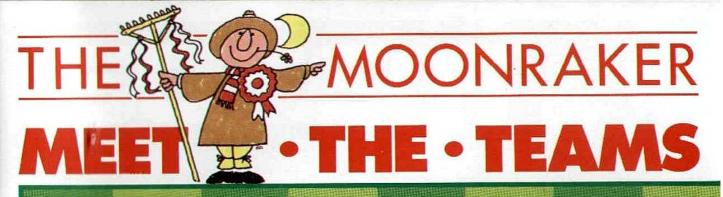
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- 3. Phil King
- 4 Chris Kamara
- 5. Tim Parkin
- 6. Colin Calderwood
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Referee Walk S. Fewis (Steat Bookham Surrey)

(Ray is general manager of a Restaurant Group. Married with one daughter, he refereed last seasons F. A. Cup Semi-Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Watford. His many hobbies include reading and bowls. Ray is the Chairman of the London and Southern Counties section of the Football League Referees and Linesmans Association. He is also a member of the F.A. List of Speakers.)

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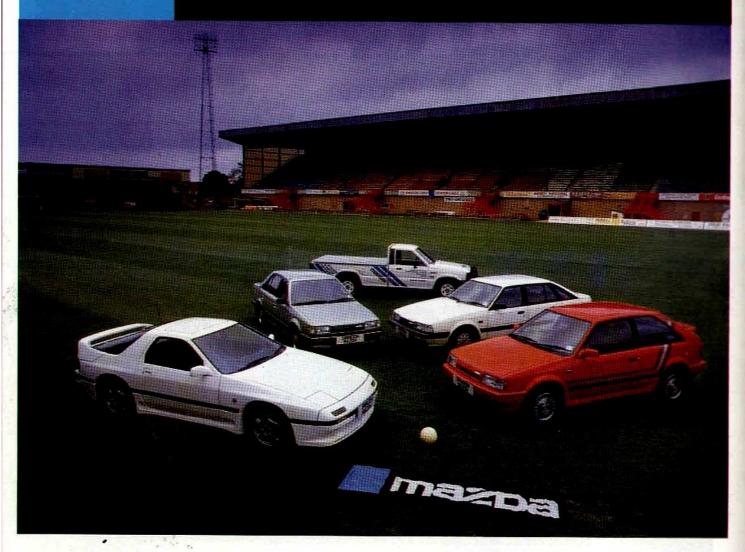
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