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# WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

*"Blimey, the ground looks a bit  
different to Watford. Where's the  
dog track?"*

LUTHER BLISSETT,  
*at Milan's San Siro Stadium, 1983.*

*"If ye dinnae score, ye dinnae win."*

JIMMY SIRREL,  
*Notts County manager, 1983.*

*"No footballer of talent should play  
in the back four."*

MALCOLM ALLISON, 1975.



*"All visiting teams complain about  
the pitch – but they all seem to win."*

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,  
*to Dunfermline players visiting Cyprus, 1968.*

Source: The Book of Football Quotations, Peter Ball and Phil Shaw  
(Stanley Paul, an imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd).



# —VIEW ON TWO—

There's nothing better to boost the confidence of a forward than scoring goals, particularly when it's with a new club and he's looking to make an instant impression.

The traditional settling in period is often denied the striker, who is expected to produce the goods immediately, but that burden has not proved to be unbearable for several goalscorers who have moved clubs recently.

Perhaps the happiest is Ian Baird, the ex-Leeds United forward who returned to Elland Road after a bleak spell at Portsmouth. Baird, who had endured "the worst six months of my life" at Fratton Park, had been put on the transfer list by chairman John Deacon, reportedly without the knowledge of manager, Alan Ball and he was eventually transferred to Leeds United for £185,000, giving Portsmouth a £100,000 loss on the player. All this was forgotten, however, as Baird became the match winner on his return debut for Billy Bremner's side, hitting the only goal of the game against Plymouth a fortnight ago. He failed to get on the scoresheet at Villa Park last week, but played a leading role in the 2-1 defeat of the leaders, both goals coming from inswinging corners from Glyn Snodin, converted by Peter Swan and Bob Taylor. The two wins have moved Leeds into seventh place and resurrected their promotion hopes.

At the other end of the table, struggling Reading are hoping that bustling Billy Whitehurst will be their saviour in the closing weeks of the season. He certainly made an excellent start to his career at Elm Park, scoring twice in the first 15

minutes to give his new club an invaluable three points in the relegation battle with Huddersfield Town and then he grabbed Reading's equaliser at home to Birmingham City last weekend, after Ian Handysides had put the visitors ahead.

Nicky Cross has already become a firm favourite with the fans at Filbert Street and that's not surprising following his winning goals in three of Leicester City's recent home games. Leeds United, Manchester City and Sheffield United have all fallen victim of Cross, and David Pleat is naturally delighted with his new signing. "He has considerable experience in the First Division and now he is showing what a good player he really is" praised Pleat.

Today's opponents, Swindon Town, strengthened their attack with the purchase of Paul Bodin from Newport County and he scored on his League debut at Boundary Park seven days ago, but Oldham, who were twice behind in the match, eventually came out on top, winning 4-3.

Also scheduled to face City soon is Barnsley's Tony Rees, who joined the Oakwell club from Birmingham City. It took Rees just 12 minutes to score on his home debut last Saturday but Steve Walsh replied for Leicester on the half hour and the game ended all square.

With the transfer deadline just five days away, other clubs may gamble on bringing in a new face to re-vitalise the team and the next few weeks will show whether those hopes are to be realised.

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# Team Talk

At the end of the day we had to admit that the better team won Sunday's F.A. Cup quarter final at Maine Road. But when two important decisions go against you and you find yourselves two goals down against the best club side in the world, it's like trying to climb Mount Everest without oxygen!

We had the toughest draw of all the sixth-round games and it became even tougher. I have seen the video of Sunday's game and I still believe the referee might have given handball against John Barnes before Liverpool scored their first goal. And I still believe Paul Lake's tackle on Craig Johnston was a good one and that we shouldn't have had a penalty given against us.

Referees have to make decisions and we have to accept them. But it's very difficult at times to swallow your disappointment. However, although I made my disappointment obvious to the officials after the game, I was not booked, as reported in some newspapers. Nor was there any reason for me to be.

Liverpool are a great side. And it's easy to say we were thrashed because of a final scoreline of 4-0. But our players came out of the game with tremendous credit. For the young players it was an experience that should stand them in good stead for a long time. And there is no need for them to hang their heads.

They did the club proud with their efforts. For an awful lot of the game I felt we matched Liverpool not only in enthusiasm but also in ability. If you look at the whole ninety minutes, really only Bruce Grobbelaar was called upon to make any saves. We had chances that, on another day, we might have put in the back of the net.

And when you consider how experienced Liverpool are and how well we played, plenty of good came out of the game from our point of view. I feel that had we given that performance against any of the other teams playing in the sixth round, we could have been looking forward to a semi-final appearance ourselves.



Instead, Liverpool go on to meet Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough and, on their current form, I can't see them doing anything other than lifting the F.A. Cup at Wembley on May 14th.

We got off to a tremendous start and were doing so well and playing with increasing confidence when Liverpool, typically, produced a goal out of nothing. We were matching them, taking the game to them and responding to magnificent support from the stands and terraces.

Then came the first debatable incident when I felt John Barnes used his arm to control the ball. The referee didn't think so, Barnes made a great run to

## GOLDEN GOAL—WIN £50 FOR TODAY'S FIRST GOAL

**WINNING TIMES:— Sunday, 13th March, 1988  
v. LIVERPOOL**

**FIRST GOAL: 1941 seconds**

**FIRST CORNER: 0202 seconds**

Check your Match Magazine from our Cup-tie versus Liverpool to see if either of the above times corresponds with your number. If you've got the correct time of the FIRST GOAL you will win £50, and if you have the identical time of the FIRST CORNER you can claim £5.

This afternoon you have another chance to win more cash prizes and all you need to participate is a copy of today's Match Magazine. The number opposite is your Golden Goal time and if it corresponds with the time of the First Goal or First Corner kick, then you should make a claim with this page.

Remember, the only time to count will be announced by the Club's official time-keeper. It will be displayed on the

Information Board at the Platt Lane end of the ground and it will also be published in the next edition of the Match Magazine to enable fans to make a late claim.

If the game ends in a 0-0 draw, then the First Goal winners will be those Match Magazine holders with 0000 showing as their time.

All claims should be sent immediately to GOLDEN GOAL No. 26, Manchester City F.C., Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN or call with this page at the Club Offices.

(No correspondence will be entered into on the Golden Goal competition). CLAIMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS PAGE.

**YOUR TIME:**

Golden Goal No. 26 v. Swindon Town  
Saturday, 19th March, 1988.



the line and Ray Houghton provided the perfect finish.

Even after that unlucky break, I felt we were in with a shout at the start of the second half. The confidence was still there. And the determination. Unfortunately, another decision went against us when Liverpool were awarded a penalty. I accept that Paul Lake did have a hand on Johnston's back but he played the ball and it was the tackle that sent the Liverpool player sprawling.

It was too much to hope that we could come back from two goals down and all credit to Liverpool for the professional way they finished the job. But there's no disgrace losing to a team of their calibre.

What we have to do is put the cup defeat behind us and concentrate on trying to reach the Second Division promotion play-offs. And why not? Our season is very much alive!

Even those teams sitting comfortably in the top two positions are quite capable of hitting a bad patch. Aston Villa lost at home to Leeds last Saturday, although that wasn't really a good result from our point of view and Blackburn are supposed to have looked edgy against struggling Bournemouth.

We are in a good run again. We have won our last three games and we played well enough to have won at Leicester. So there's no reason to suspect we cannot put the Liverpool result behind us and pick up three vital points against Swindon Town today.

We've had three points off them already this season and if we are on our mettle we can complete the 'double'.

Swindon won't make the job easy for us. They've had their moments this season, after winning promotion from the Third Division, and their manager Lou Macari will be particularly anxious for his team to do well on a ground he knows well from his days as a Manchester United player.

City don't have such happy memories of Swindon since the last time the Wiltshire club played here in the League, way back in 1965, the attendance was just over 8,000!

Our support this season has been brilliant and the atmosphere here last Sunday afternoon was tremendous. Few clubs would have been able to record a 44,000 crowd figure when the game was being shown 'live' on TV.

We know we can count on your support for the remaining games this season, provided we sustain our promotion challenge.

There are nine games to go, including today's. That means three more at Maine Road (Reading, Bradford City and West Bromwich Albion) and five away (Barnsley, Huddersfield, Middlesbrough, Birmingham and Crystal Palace).

It's a tall order but not as big as a mountain to climb as trying to come back from 2-0 against Liverpool!

## TICKET OFFICE NEWS

**Tel. 226 2224**

Tickets are now on sale for our Barclays League fixtures at Barnsley on Saturday 26th March and Huddersfield Town on Saturday 2nd April. Seats in the Main Stand at Barnsley, price £5.00, will be on sale until 5.00 p.m. next Friday, while seat tickets in the West Stand at Leeds Road, Huddersfield are price £5.00 and will be on sale until 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 31st March.

For both these away games, admission to the terraces is by payment of £3.00 at the turnstiles.

Tickets will also be on sale next week for our Barclays League fixture at Maine Road versus Reading, on Easter Monday, April 4th. Prices are £6.00 and £4.50 in the Main Stand and £4.00 in the North Stand.

Tickets for the Family Stand (Adults £4.00, Juniors and O.A.P.'s £2.00) will be on sale until 12 noon on Saturday 2nd April.

The Ticket Office hours are 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays, from 9.30 a.m. to kick-off on matchdays and from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon on non-match Saturdays.

## JUNIOR BLUES DINNER

There are a handful of tickets remaining for the 8th Junior Blues Sportsman's Dinner, which takes place at the City Social Club on Monday 28th March, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.; dress Lounge Suits.

The event, which is sponsored by the T.S.B., will feature City's Vice-Chairman, Freddie Pye and John Mortimer, Regional Crime Squad Adviser for the Home Office, as Guest Speakers. Comper for the Dinner will be Vince Miller.

Any remaining tickets, priced at £14.50 each, will be available from Jessie Ward at the Junior Blues Office.

## CITY TICKETCALL 0898 12 15 91

A reminder to Blues fans that a brand new telephone service started this week called City Ticketcall, which gives up-to-date information concerning ticket availability and prices for forthcoming games, Travel Club news and details of any important fixture changes.

Football is not the only topic of information since tickets are also on sale for the Pink Floyd concert on August 1st and 2nd, so for all the latest ticket news ring City Ticketcall on 0898 12 15 91.

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# City Sidelines

## KENNY SIGNS OFF

City captain Kenny Clements joined Third Division Bury on Thursday in a £20,000 transfer, bringing to an end a long and illustrious career with the Blues.

Kenny's total of 224 League appearances (plus 2 as substitute) for City came in two separate spells. He made his League debut in August 1975, after working on the ground staff at the former training ground at Cheadle, and he went on to play 119 League games before moving to Oldham Athletic in September 1979. The Manchester-born defender stayed at Boundary Park for nearly six years, making 206 League appearances in the process. Kenny then re-joined the Blues in March 1985, initially on loan, to play a further 105 League matches before the Shaker's manager, Martin Dobson, moved in with an offer. "With Paul Lake, Steve Redmond and Mark Seagraves available at the back, we felt we had adequate cover" explained Jimmy Frizzell.



**Kenny Clements—**  
*more than 200  
League games for  
City.*

Kenny, who will celebrate his 33rd birthday in three weeks time, is set to make his debut against Doncaster Rovers at Gigg Lane today and his many friends and colleagues at Manchester City wish him success with his new Club.

## FAMOUS NAMES

The F.A. Cup quarter final between City and Liverpool attracted not only a massive 'live' T.V. audience and a packed house at Maine Road but also a host of sporting celebrities who came to see the young Blues take on the Cup favourites.

England manager Bobby Robson made his first visit to Maine Road this season and Rangers' player-manager, Graeme Souness, came along with his Chairman. John Bond, who was City manager during the famous F.A. Cup campaign in 1980/81 when the Blues reached Wembley to face Spurs in the Centenary Cup Final, was there to give his analysis for the Big Match Live and commentator Brian Moore was assisted by Ian St. John, with back-up from Elton Welsby and Martin Tyler.

Manchester United boss, Alex Ferguson spent his Sunday afternoon watching the clash along with many other Club scouts and representatives who came to cast envious eyes over the talent on display.

It's always nice to see former City players back at Maine Road, and no doubt the atmosphere stirred memories of earlier clashes with the Merseysiders for Denis Law, Mike Summerbee, Alex Williams and Dennis Tueart who were spotted among the throng. Another famous City fan who made sure he didn't miss the game was Eddie Large, though even he couldn't find anything amusing about the final score!

In keeping with the atmosphere of such a big occasion, the Stalybridge Jones and Brother Brass Band, who provided the pre-match entertainment, were very well received and several requests have been made for a repeat performance at a future game. At half-time, the massive crowd was treated to a display of soccer skills by Rob Walters, cousin of Rangers' skilful winger Mark Walters. Rob, who appeared courtesy of Umbro, holds the World Record for keeping a football in the air through continuous one-touch control, an amazing 16½ hours and over 300,000 touches! Rob's skills were admired by the watching thousands and also by some of the City players not involved in Sunday's action, though when he lost control of the ball at one point (on a particularly wet and muddy part of the pitch so he told us!), he received some friendly stick from the packed Kippax!

Although the scoreline in the Cup-tie was not one that our fans had wanted, it was nice to see a vibrant Maine Road at the centre of footballing attention and hopefully it will not be too long before such occasions become more regular events for the Blues once again.

## ★ Social Club ★

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# JUNIOR BLUES NEWS



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Today we welcome to Maine Road a party of Swindon Town F.C. 'Junior Robins' and officials.

They will be watching the game with Junior Blues in our Family Stand after spending the morning with them at Hough End. We hope they have enjoyed their trip to Manchester and wish them a safe journey home.

For tomorrow's meeting at the City Social Club (10.15 a.m.) we have juniors from the Clayton branch of the Thai Boxing Council to demonstrate their skills.

Following the meeting the Junior Blues will take part in their annual Sponsored Trot around the running track of the pitch and joining them will be Nick Conway (Billy Bdsell of BBC TV's Bread) and Jim Reeve (Piccadilly Radio and, of course, regular compere of our J.B. Meetings).

Our Junior Blues of the Year will also be taking part—Debbie Jones and Andrew Clague (young Andrew will be assisted by several of the City players).

For details of how to join Junior Blues, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Junior Blues office at Maine Road.

## CITY TAKE ON LEADERS

Currently fourth in the Central League, the Blues are hot on the heels of leaders Nottingham Forest and so it will be a real "crunch" fixture when City take on Forest at Maine Road on Tuesday 22nd March (kick-off 6.45 p.m.). Brian Clough's second string are at present heading the table, just five points in front of City, who have a game in hand.

If you want to support the Reserves on Tuesday, admission to the Main Stand costs £1, while Season Ticket Holders gain free entry on production of their Season Ticket book.

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Nottingham Forest .....	26	19	1	6	58	27	58
Derby County .....	26	18	2	6	64	32	56
Liverpool .....	25	17	2	6	72	24	53
<b>Manchester City .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>53</b>
Sheffield United .....	23	11	5	7	46	38	38
Huddersfield Town .....	26	11	4	11	35	44	37
Leicester City .....	26	11	3	12	41	37	36
Manchester United .....	24	10	5	9	38	32	35
Leeds United .....	24	10	3	11	37	41	33
Hull City .....	26	10	3	13	37	48	33
Sunderland .....	26	9	6	11	33	45	33
Everton .....	24	10	2	12	46	37	32
Sheffield Wednesday .....	24	9	5	10	36	37	32
Coventry City .....	23	6	11	6	36	23	29
Aston Villa .....	24	8	4	12	39	51	28
Bradford City .....	26	7	4	15	35	58	25
Grimsby Town .....	23	5	0	18	20	71	15
Blackpool .....	23	2	2	19	15	66	8

(Positions as at Tuesday 15th March).

Another date for followers of Reserve football is Saturday April 16th when City face United in the Central League at Maine Road, kick-off 2.00 p.m.

There's no need to worry about missing the First Team in action though, since the entire League programme has been cancelled on that Saturday. This is because of the Mercantile Credit Festival Tournament which takes place at Wembley on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April as part of the Football League Centenary celebrations.

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## ENGLAND CALL FOR DAVID

Young City winger David White has again been selected for the England Under-21's squad to face Scotland in the second leg of the European Championship quarter-final at The City Ground, Nottingham on Tuesday.

England's victory in the first leg at Pittodrie was thanks in no small part to David as his cross set up the only goal of the game for Watford's Gary Porter after a clever dummy from Nigel Clough, who will, of course, be playing on home territory for the Scotland match.

Should England dispose of Scotland, they will face the winners of the France v. Italy tie, which will also be a two-legged affair.

## F.S.A. MEETING

The next meeting of the Football Supporters Association will take place at the Bridge Street Tavern, Bridge Street, off Deansgate, on Monday 21st March, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Mick Maguire from the P.F.A. and Phil Hough, the Secretary of Oldham Athletic.

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# Season Ticket Bargains

This is the last opportunity that we'll have in a Match Magazine to remind you that the Discount Deadline of Thursday 31st March is fast approaching. If you want to take advantage of the various bargains on offer, then you must act quickly, because all prices will increase after the end of this month.

The discount offer has already attracted considerable interest and the Ticket Office expect an even greater response in the next few days. Consult the table below and see what savings are available in all sections of the stadium. For example, a Kippax Street Season Ticket can be purchased at virtually HALF PRICE, compared with the 1988/89 matchday price, the £35 pre-deadline figure representing a saving of £34! There are similar offers in the Main Stand and North Stand while in the Family Stand, where match day prices are already pegged, an Adult Season Ticket can still save an amazing £38, with £11 discount available on junior tickets.

Remember though, there are less than two weeks before prices increase, so make your application now and book a bargain with the Blues!

BLOCK	PRICE TO MARCH 31	PRICE TO MAY 31	PRICE TO JULY 31	PRICE FROM AUGUST 1	MARCH SAVINGS ON	MATCH DAY PRICE
					1988/89 PRICE	1988/89
	£	£	£	£	£	£
B, C	100.00	110.00	115.00	120.00	61.00	7.00
B, C CHILDREN/OAPs	62.00	65.00	68.00	80.00	99.00	7.00
E, F, H CENTRE	100.00	110.00	115.00	120.00	38.00	6.00
E, F, H, CENTRE, CHILDREN/OAPs	62.00	65.00	68.00	80.00	76.00	6.00
D, I, H OUTER	76.00	83.00	85.00	90.00	39.00	5.00
A	70.00	75.00	77.00	82.00	45.00	5.00
A, D, I, H, OUTER, CHILDREN/OAPs	52.00	56.00	60.00	68.00	63.00	5.00
FAMILY STAND/JUNIOR BLUES	29.00	32.00	40.00	42.00	17.00	2.00
FAMILY STAND/JUNIOR BLUES PARENTS	48.00	50.00	61.00	63.00	44.00	4.00
NORTH STAND	65.00	70.00	73.00	78.00	27.00	4.00
NORTH STAND, CHILDREN/OAPs	40.00	43.00	45.00	54.00	52.00	4.00
KIPPAX STREET	35.00	38.00	41.00	46.00	34.00	3.00
KIPPAX STREET, CHILDREN/OAPs	24.00	27.00	30.00	38.00	22.00	2.00
FAMILY STAND G BLOCK, ADULTS	54.00	58.00	60.00	62.00	38.00	4.00
FAMILY STAND G BLOCK, CHILDREN	35.00	39.00	41.00	43.00	11.00	2.00
CAR PARK (Main, Forecourt & Social Club)	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		
CAR PARK (KIPPAX)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		

## Barclays League Division Two

Highest Home League Attendance	Average Home League Attendance		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading League Scorer
30,870	17,176	Aston Villa .....	36	7	7	4	28	18	12	3	3	33	17	67	Platt 23 (incl. 20 with Crewe Alex.)
17,356	8,778	Blackburn Rovers .....	35	12	4	2	32	16	7	6	4	22	19	67	Garner 12
23,536	13,186	Middlesbrough .....	35	12	3	2	31	11	5	7	6	15	16	61	Slaven 17
15,006	12,409	Bradford City .....	34	11	2	4	37	21	7	5	5	18	21	61	Fletcher, Hendrie 9
12,815	7,420	Millwall .....	36	11	3	3	33	15	7	4	8	22	27	61	Cascarino 17
12,449	8,726	Crystal Palace .....	35	13	1	3	41	19	5	4	9	30	33	59	Bright, Wright 18
36,004	20,721	Leeds United .....	36	12	3	3	29	15	4	6	8	22	31	57	Sheridan, Taylor 9
<b>30,153</b>	<b>19,964</b>	<b>Manchester City .....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Stewart 19</b>
17,200	11,875	Ipswich Town .....	35	12	2	4	31	14	3	5	9	15	24	52	Lowe 15
18,020	9,994	Stoke City .....	36	10	4	4	28	19	4	5	9	14	26	51	Henry 8 (incl. 4 with Oldham A.)
15,443	8,368	Hull City .....	34	9	6	2	26	16	4	4	9	19	32	49	Dyer 8
12,429	9,420	Swindon Town .....	32	9	4	3	34	15	5	2	9	25	29	48	Quinn 16
11,569	7,510	Barnsley .....	34	9	3	6	36	26	4	4	8	13	21	46	Currie 22 (incl. 20 with Darlington)
15,581	10,711	Plymouth Argyle .....	33	9	3	4	37	21	4	3	10	16	31	45	Tynan 16
15,984	6,707	Oldham Athletic .....	34	9	3	5	27	21	3	5	9	21	31	44	Bunn 13 (incl. 5 with Hull City)
13,852	10,003	Leicester City .....	35	8	5	5	27	19	3	4	10	18	29	42	Cross 11 (incl. 8 with Walsall)
27,789	8,887	Birmingham City .....	35	6	7	4	17	17	4	4	10	18	36	41	Whitton 13
7,089	4,633	Shrewsbury Town .....	35	4	7	6	17	18	4	5	9	14	26	36	Brown 4
22,072	10,145	West Bromwich Albion ..	36	7	4	7	23	22	3	2	13	15	37	36	Gray, Goodman 7
15,809	10,098	Sheffield United .....	35	6	5	7	21	25	4	1	12	15	32	36	Philliskirk 8
10,057	7,410	Bournemouth .....	34	6	6	7	33	28	3	2	10	13	28	35	Aylott 7
10,052	6,275	Reading .....	34	3	4	9	15	20	5	4	9	23	38	32	Moran 10 (incl. 5 with Leicester C.)
11,671	7,267	Huddersfield Town .....	34	3	5	8	14	27	2	4	12	20	50	24	Shearer 8

(Positions prior to today's fixtures).



# YOUR CHANCE TO PICK THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

As the season enters its last, vital stage, City fans are asked to select the player who has made the most outstanding contribution over the past seven months.

The "Player of the Year" accolade is awarded by the Supporters' Club and since its inception in 1967, some of the most famous players to wear a sky blue shirt over the past two decades have been among the winners. Tony Book, Colin Bell, Glyn Pardoe, Mike Doyle (twice), Francis Lee, Mike Summerbee (twice), Alan Oakes, Joe Corrigan (three times), Dave Watson and Asa Hartford have all landed the coveted title and now the guessing game begins for this year.

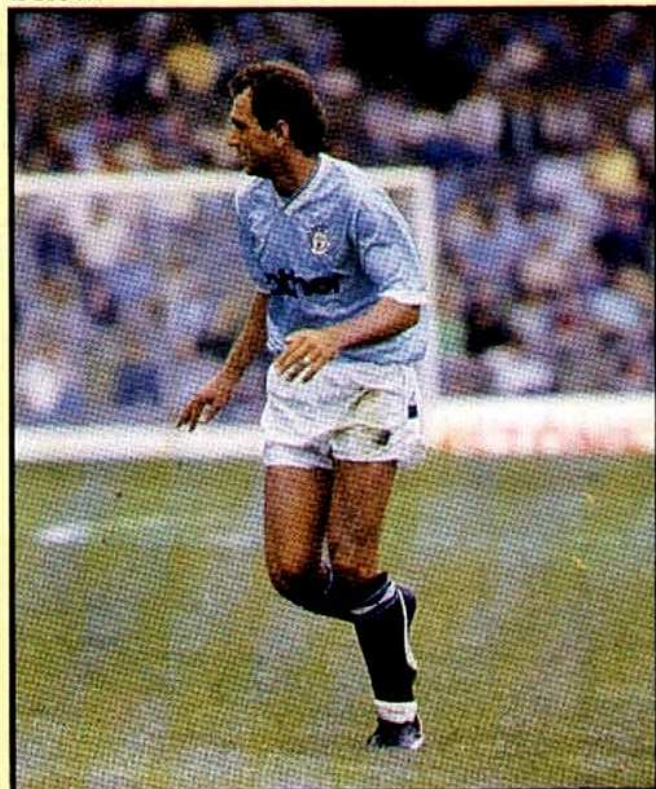
Will a forward player be chosen for the first time since 1973, when Mike Summerbee became the only man to ever win the award in consecutive years? The goal scoring exploits of Paul Stewart (23 League and Cup goals), Imre Varadi (17 in League and Cup matches) and David White (16 goals) will no doubt win them some votes, while many fans may be undecided whether one of City's talented teenagers should get their support on the ballot paper.

When making your decision, you should bear in mind the manner in which the player has represented the Club **off** the field as well as on it, for this has always been considered of prime importance.

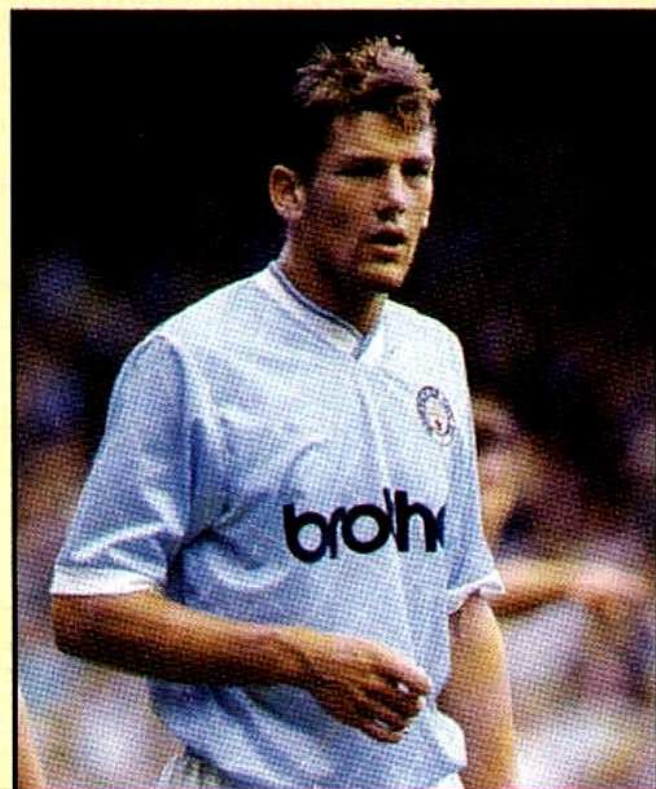
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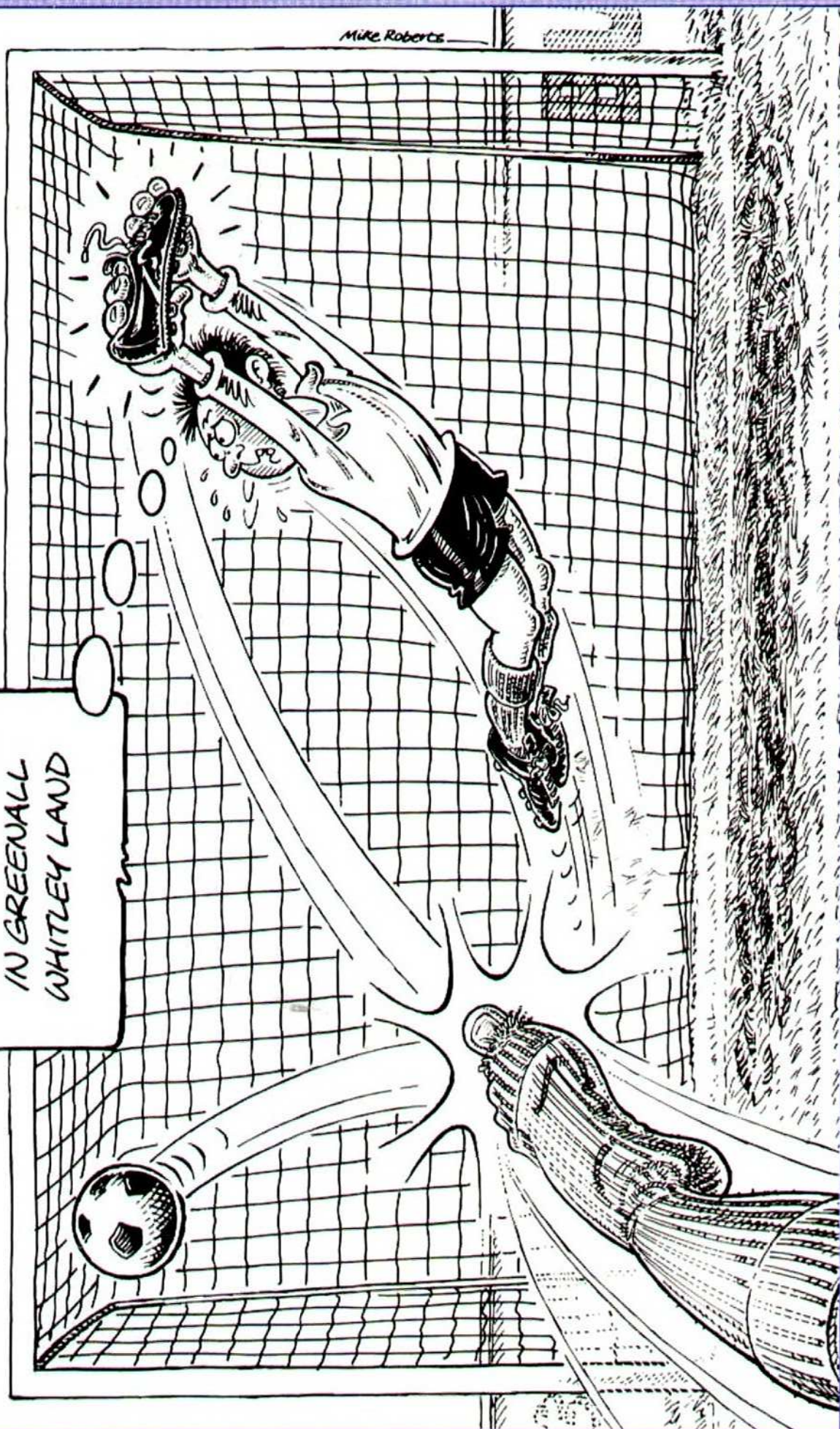
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# Magic Moments

**TREVOR MORLEY** talks to *Colin Evans*

TREVOR MORLEY came to Maine Road last January with one medal already in his pocket for captaining Northampton Town to the Fourth Division championship. And it was the elation of first going to the top of the table back in September 1986 that provides the City striker with his magic moment.

"We had a great start to the season and we went to the top after only half a dozen games and stayed there. The win that put us in front was a 3-2 result at Cambridge and it was all the sweeter for me because I hit the winning goal. And I must admit it wasn't a bad one.

"I went down the right, slipped inside and curled it in with my left foot from just outside the box. I'd like to score a few more like that!"

In fact Trevor earned a reputation at Northampton for claiming some spectacular goals from 20 yards or more, particularly in that successful 1986-87 campaign when Northampton came close to doing a Liverpool.

"It seemed we could do nothing wrong for most of the time," he says.

"Swansea beat us early on but that was the only defeat we suffered in the first 27 matches. It felt marvellous to be part of such a confident team and by the end of February we had established a massive lead.

"People were talking about us getting over 110 points and the same number of goals. In the end we had to settle for a little less, 99 points and 103 goals.

"It makes you think about Liverpool. I can't see any weaknesses in their side but I suppose they could get complacent and take things a little easier. I know from my own experience that it's difficult to keep the momentum going game after game after you have tied up the championship.

"If I remember rightly, we lost half a dozen more League games in the last 10 weeks of the season and eventually the second placed club cut the gap to nine points."

Maybe that was what Brian Clough had at the back of his mind when he cheekily suggested recently that Nottingham Forest still had a chance of catching Liverpool. And, if that's right, Trevor will be backing him all the way.



"The reason is simple. My dad Bill played nearly 300 games for Nottingham Forest during the 1950s and from being a kid I was a Forest fan through and through. His career finished just before they reached the 1959 F.A. Cup final. It's good to see them having such a good season and I just hope they catch Liverpool off the boil when they meet them in the semi-final."

Trevor is a natural goalscorer—he notched 16 last season despite being out for a long spell with ligament trouble sustained during a Cup-tie against Newcastle and he opened his account for City with goals in successive matches against Ipswich Town and Sheffield United when he took over from the suspended Paul Stewart.

"I could have had two or three on my debut against Villa but it was one of those days when things didn't quite come off for me so it was nice to get off the mark against Ipswich. Now I'm looking forward to getting a lot more for the club."



# ACTION REPLAY



**Paul Stewart** powers in a fierce shot in the first half.

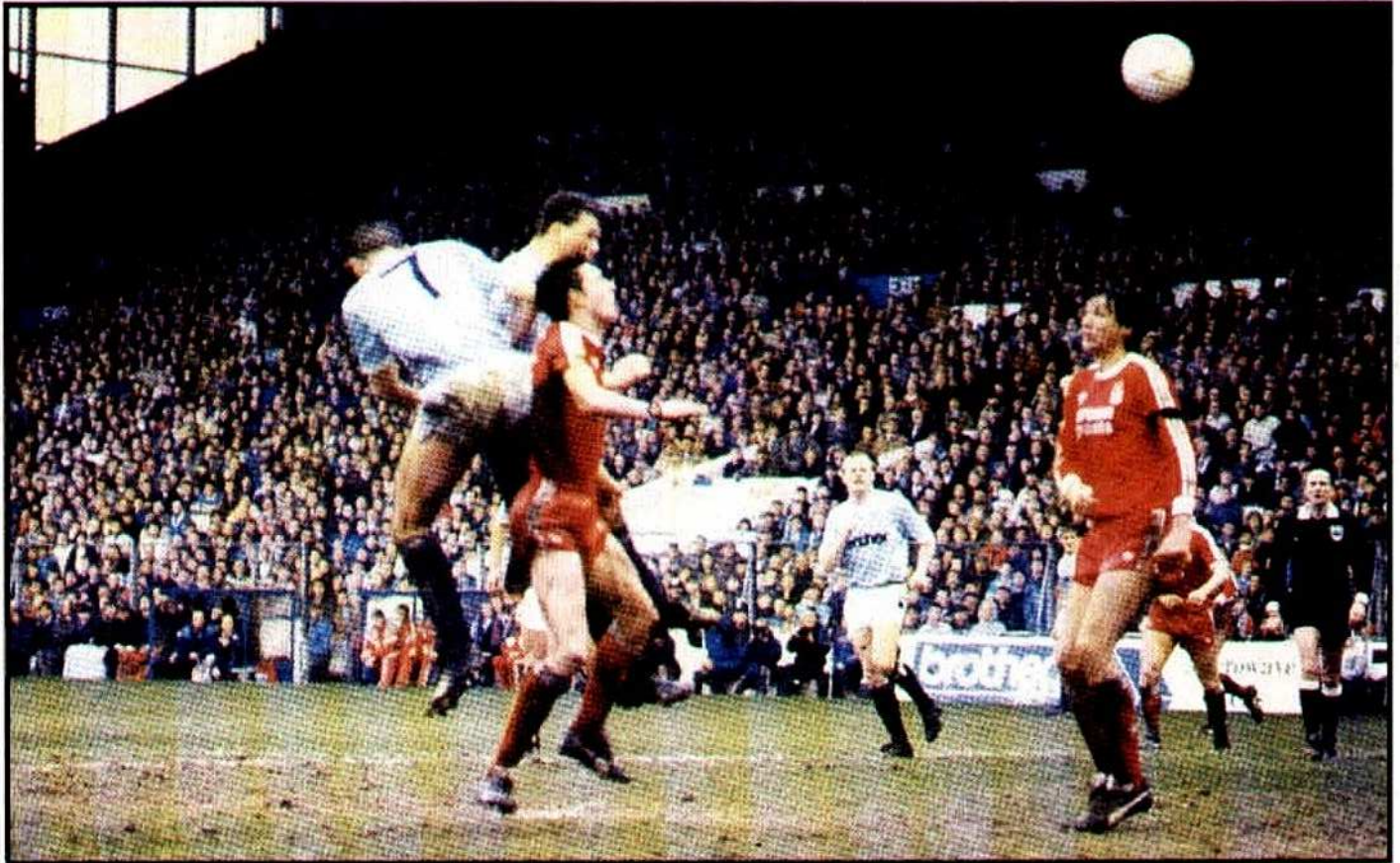


**Bruce Grobbelaar** and **Alan Hansen** combine to deny **Stewart**.



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City v. Liverpool  
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**Saturday, 2nd April, 1988**  
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**Admission:** Seat tickets in the West Stand are price £5.00 and can be obtained from the Ticket Office until 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 31st March. Terrace admission is £3.00, payable on the day.

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# Past Masters

**Richard Bott** of the *Sunday Express* looks at the City career of **HARRY DOWD**

NOBODY ever really explained to Harry Dowd why he ended one season as a member of City's 1969 F.A. Cup-winning side at Wembley... and began the next campaign out in the cold!

"I didn't even get in for the F.A. Charity Shield game", said Harry, who has worked for a popular northern brewery since he hung up his boots in the mid-70's. Dare I say that it left him feeling rather 'bitter'?

Nowadays, the Manchester lad they called 'the goalkeeping plumber' is largely philosophical about the ups and downs of his football career. "It was a job... and I enjoyed it. And I can't complain because I played in a winning Cup Final team and plenty of good lads never get the chance", he says.

Around that time, the late 60's and early 70's, City had a plethora of goalkeepers. Harry Dowd, Ken Mulhearn, Alan Ogley, Ronnie Healey and an up and coming young giant by the name of Joe Corrigan.

Competition was fierce and Harry had to try that little bit harder because, at only 5 ft. 7 ins. he lacked the height and reach of most of his contemporaries.

"Timing was all important if you were giving a few inches away", recalled Harry. "You had to be particularly sharp going for crosses. But I felt my reflexes made up any disadvantages when it came to size."

"I played for City as an amateur for a number of years because I was studying for my City and Guilds to qualify as a plumber. It wasn't so much that I was particularly desperate to become a plumber. They still had conscription in those days, and if I hadn't been learning a trade, I would have been 'called up'."

Harry, from Lower Crumpsall, was never quite sure whether he enjoyed playing out more than standing between the posts. As long as he was playing somewhere he wasn't too fussy.

"My great pleasure in life was playing football" said Harry. "Simple as that, I got knocked about a bit more in goal but it was all part of the game."

His record shows that he made 219 League and Cup appearances for City and scored one goal! Injured against Bury at Maine Road in February 1964, Harry stayed on the field for "nuisance value" and popped in the equalising goal in a 1-1 draw.

His topsy-turvy City career began when his uncle, a City scout, invited him for a trial at Maine Road after watching him playing for ICI Blackley. That was when the legendary Bert Trautmann was still a fixture in the City 'keeper's jersey. Harry turned pro in 1960, when he was 21, and soon began to make an impression.

Ironically, the first season he established a regular place in the City team, they were relegated to the Second Division. That was in the 1962-63 season the winter of the "big freeze-up".

City were entering a transitional period and had to suffer further indignities before their revival got under way.

And it is no co-incidence that on the occasion of Swindon Town's visit this afternoon, we should recall their last trip to Maine Road for a league game... January 16th 1965. That was the fateful afternoon City played—and lost—in front of their lowest ever home League attendance, 8,015.

City went down to a 2-1 defeat and there were stormy scenes at the end of the match when the diehards unleashed their pent-up frustration with a noisy demonstration. Manager George Poyser was spared the outburst because he was away on a scouting mission. He missed something else that day... a speedy front-runner called Mike Summerbee scoring one of the goals for Swindon. Later, Mike was to become the first signing by new manager Joe Mercer.

Poyser resigned at Easter, along with trainer Jimmy Meadows. Joe Mercer took over in July and the revolution began.

City were on the march again, finishing the 1965-66 season as Second Division champions, nearly 35,000 watching the final home game, against Southampton.

Harry Dowd was firmly established as No. 1 goalkeeper behind a new-look side which was thriving on Malcolm Allison's flamboyant



**Harry Dowd**... diving to make yet another fine save.

coaching and Joe Mercer's similar commitment to free-flowing attack. This was the era of Colin Bell, Francis Lee, Mike Summerbee and the rest.

Unfortunately for Harry, he broke his hand early in the 1967-68 season when City won the First Division title, losing his place to Ken Mulhearn and falling short of the number of appearances necessary to qualify for a medal.

Consolation came the following year when Harry regained his first-team jersey and played in the memorable F.A. Cup final against Leicester City.

"Playing at Wembley has to be the highlight of my career" says Harry. "Though in some ways, the semi-final was more memorable because the tension was greater. And the atmosphere."

"I can't recall being all that nervous at Wembley. I suppose I was at the start but I soon got into it. I remember making a save from Allan Clarke early on but I was more pleased about smothering the ball at Andy Lochhead's feet when he was through on his own."

"I remember we all had a good drink that night at the banquet and I think we went off to America in the close season. But, sadly, the Cup Final was just about my last game for City. Joe Corrigan got in the side at the start of the next season and I only had a couple of games at the back end. All I was ever told was that it was 'horses for courses'!"

"Overall, I've no complaints. I had some great times and there was really good cameraderie amongst the players."

I'm not one for remembering matches or incidents. I can't recall anything of that game against Swindon, not even that it was such a small attendance. I never took that much notice of the crowd. It was enough of a thrill playing. I used to get my leg pulled because more often than not I didn't even know who we were playing against until I looked in the paper!"





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# SUPPORTERS' CLUB CORNER

Compiled by **Fred Owen**, City Supporters' Club Press and Publicity Officer.

"As usual this column kicks-off with a welcome to the followers of the away team as the Robins' fans come bob-bob-bobbing along to Maine Road.

In fact, some of the Swindon supporters will probably be glad to relax and watch the match after an energetic game of football against the Leicester and Rugby Branch of our own Supporters' Club at Platt Lane this morning. The Branch team has been in the habit of playing games against a side of City's opponents supporters and has a very successful record so far. The Branch officials are extremely appreciative of the hospitality they have had from other supporters and are hoping to repay some of it today.

To Tameside now and this year sees the tenth anniversary of the Denton and Gorton Branch, and Secretary Michael Maybury has told me about the first couple of events they are planning to celebrate the occasion. A week on Monday, 28th March, the Branch has invited a member of the City first team squad to its Meeting, and the following get-together on Monday 11th April, will be marked by a visit from Roy Clarke (President) and Frank Horrocks (General Secretary) of the Supporters' Club. Both Meetings will be held at the 'Harlequins', Wilton Street, Denton and Michael's telephone number for further details is 061-224 0931.

And in a decade from now, no doubt the Northwich Branch will be planning its own tenth anniversary celebrations. This Branch of the Supporters' Club is the latest to be formed and will be officially launched tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, when Peter Swales, Jimmy Frizzell and Bernard Halford, together with other guests will join officials

from the Executive Committee to ensure a successful christening for this 'baby' of the Supporters' Club.

With John Casey as the Chairman-elect, the Branch has plenty of experience in its ranks and we would all like to formally extend good wishes for the future to the Branch, its officials and members. The opening will take place at the "Lion and Railway" near Northwich Railway Station and anyone wanting more information should contact Ian Jones on 0606-891178.

A quick reminder now about the next Supporters' Club social event. Local referee Neil Midgley is the man in charge of compering the Presidents' Dinner in the City Social Club on Thursday 31st March. There aren't very many spare tickets, but Peter Hunt, the Social Secretary of the Supporters' Club, will tell you if there are any available, and you can contact him on 061-440 9683.

Two items in brief before closing

—belated good wishes to Karen Dawson from the Falsworth Branch, who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday;

—A. Gelsthorpe of RAF Coltishall, ATC, Norwich NR10 5AJ is looking for other City supporters in East Anglia to share travelling costs to Blues' matches. Please make direct contact if you can help.

Frank Horrocks the General Secretary mentioned earlier, is the man to write to if you want to join the Supporters' Club. Alternatively, you can drop me a line at **32, Brook Lane, Newton, Chester CH2 2AP** for any other information or you can ring me on **Chester 379259** or **Llanwnda 830897** for a chat."



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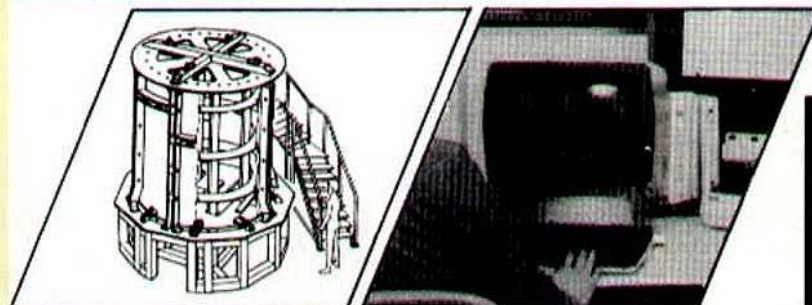
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# Swindon Town

**Peter Gardner** of the *Manchester Evening News* looks at the men from the **County Ground**

Up-and-under Swindon Town pursue with enthusiasm an attacking long ball policy that enabled them to emerge from the Third Division after winning the end of term promotion play offs last May.

It has kept them safe and sound in Second Division mid-table, but unfortunately failed in taking them to a Wembley Simod Cup final appearance against neighbouring Reading. Lou Macari's men were beaten in the semi final 2-1 after extra time by Luton Town, who have now booked three Wembley dates—they also go there for the Littlewoods Cup final and the Football League's centenary tournament in April.

Swindon were confident of winning at Kenilworth Road having previously scored five victories over First Division sides in other cup competitions this season. They ousted Norwich from both the F.A. Cup and Simod Cup, adding to previous successes over Portsmouth, Derby County and Chelsea.

Swindon possess four consistent goal scorers in Jimmy Quinn (26), Dave Bamber (12), Bobby Barnes (seven for Aldershot and eight for Swindon) and Steve White (14). Quinn is currently in prolific scoring form and won a Northern Ireland recall earlier in the season. He scored their winning goal against Turkey and then picked up cap No. 16 against Greece.

The lanky Quinn is in his second spell with Swindon who originally signed him from Oswestry Town. He joined Blackburn Rovers in 1984, returning to the County Ground last season.

Bamber has been a consistent Swindon scorer since joining the club from Portsmouth in 1985. He scored 20 goals last season after kicking off his career with Blackpool, where he was also their leading scorer for a couple of campaigns. It was that form which persuaded Coventry to take him to Highfield Road in 1983 although he didn't stay long before crossing the Midlands to join Walsall. He moved south to Pompey three seasons ago.

Barnes started his league career with West Ham United, making his league debut during the 1980/81 season. He made more than 40 appearances for the Hammers before going on loan to Scunthorpe United in 1985. He then made a permanent move to Aldershot before Swindon signed him last October.

Steve White could well feature in a front

running role with Quinn and Bamber. White was 21-goal top scorer for Swindon last term, including the two which finally beat Gillingham in the replay of the play-off finals which eventually clinched promotion. He was originally a Bristol Rovers player, moving to Luton for £175,000 in 1979. Charlton signed White in 1982, but a year later he returned to Rovers and linked up with Swindon in the 1985 close season.

Barnes usually plays in midfield alongside Kieran O'Regan and Steve Foley although Chris Kamara and Charlie Henry have also been in contention here. O'Regan was picked up from Irish football by Brighton and made his debut for them in 1983 and went on to earn four Republic of Ireland caps. Swindon signed him last season when Foley also joined the club from Sheffield United after a career that started off as a Liverpool apprentice.

Kamara, involved in the highly controversial incident with former Maine Road striker Jim Melrose who was on loan at Shrewsbury, is also in his second spell with Swindon. Originally with Portsmouth, Kamara moved to Swindon in 1979, went back to Pompey in 1981 although for only a few weeks when he signed for Brentford from whom he re-joined in 1985.

The versatile Henry made his Swindon league debut in 1980 as a defender, but after two seasons switched back to attack and finished up top scorer with 10 goals. Now he slots in easily in midfield.

Tim Parkin and Jon Gittens have been recent central defenders though Colin Calderwood had been a fixture until early February. Parkin joined Town from Bristol Rovers in 1986 and Gittens came from Southampton last summer. Calderwood was signed for £28,000 from Sheffield in 1985 and until last month had not missed a match.

Full backs have been Dave Hockaday and Phil King. Hockaday was formerly a forward for Blackpool, making his league debut for the Bloomfield Road club in 1977 and he went on to complete more than 100 appearances before his move to Swindon in 1983. King had experience with Torquay and Exeter before switching to Swindon while goalkeeper Fraser Digby, a Young England choice, joined the club from Manchester United.



**MAN AT  
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## Lou Macari



Lou Macari enjoys the unique distinction of having been sacked and then re-appointed by the same club within the space of a few days.

Swindon Town dismissed former Scotland, Celtic and Manchester United star Macari in April, 1985 following a bust up with coach Harry Gregg. But then a players' deputation approached the board and little Lou was instantly restored in the driving seat.

Macari's career began at Celtic Park where he won League and Scottish F.A. Cup winners medals before a major move south to Old Trafford.

He won an F.A. Cup medal with United in 1977 when the Reds beat Liverpool and also won runners-up awards in the same competition in 1976 and 1979.

Macari also played in United's 1983 losing Milk Cup side and was a member of the team that pulled off the Second Division championship in 1975.

A 24-times capped Scottish international, Macari joined Swindon in July, 1984 and two years later steered the club out of the Fourth Division as champions. Last season Swindon were promoted to the Second Division when they won the promotion play-offs.

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# Flashback

**JOHN MADDOCKS** recalls some previous encounters with today's opponents.

For the older generation of City fans, there are two things which spring to mind when the words "Swindon Town" are mentioned. They are "Mike Summerbee" and "8,015". If the younger fans are perhaps a bit mystified, read on...

The last season we met Swindon Town was 1964-65 and, as now, in the Second Division. The first of the encounters was at the County Ground in Wiltshire in September 1964. City had had a mixed start to the season, a 6-0 thrashing of Leyton Orient at home being offset immediately by a home defeat to Northampton Town and a 3-4 reverse at Orient. In the previous game the Blues had lost 0-2 at home to Norwich, so true to form, changes were in order for the trip South. Roy Cheetham came in at centre-half for Alf Wood, Matt Gray replaced the young Glyn Pardoe in the number 8 shirt, while Vic Gomersall stayed on at full-back for the injured Bobby Kennedy.

Swindon fielded the XI which had beaten Swansea Town 3-0 in mid-week. They were undefeated at home; indeed, they had not conceded a goal there.

The Blues won 1-0. It wasn't an enchanting game, one to be dug out of the memory vaults in the future. But it was an important away win for City, providing a break-through in the psychological barrier which—as we know from recent experience—can prove to be a very difficult one to overcome.

The Press of the day were less than complimentary about the win, a fact remarked on in the next home programme. "We were adopting the same tactics visiting sides have employed in the past at Maine Road," said the Editor of those days in his justification. And it's true that City DID pack the penalty area for long periods when Swindon had possession, trusting to an eventual break-out which would pay off.

And pay off it did. The Swindon attack had the ball in our net FOUR times. Yet none counted, all being disallowed for offside. The home team were generous enough to acknowledge the fact, only one protest being voiced at the referee's decisions. That was for a "goal" by Mike Summerbee. Yes, the same one who later was to grace our successful sides in the latter half of the 60's and early 70's.

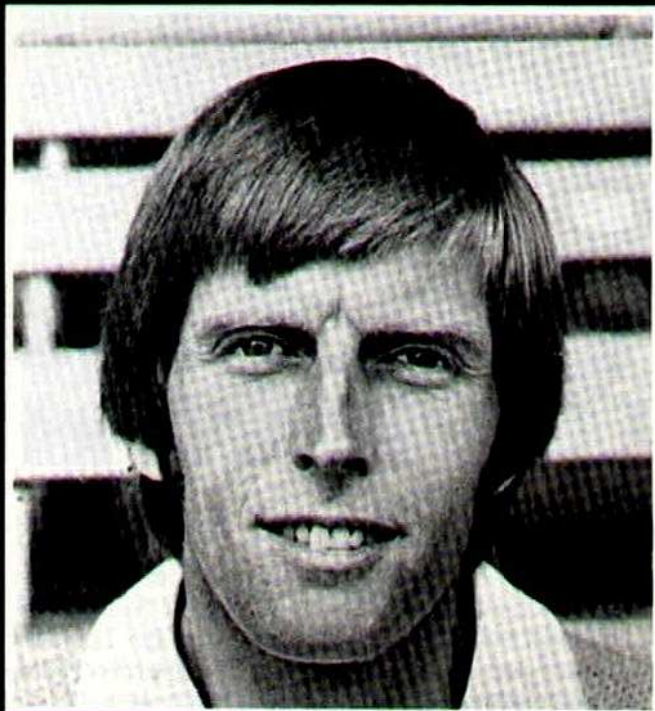
Then Swindon lost their influential inside-forward Bill Atkins after 65 minutes with badly damaged ligaments. It seemed that the reduction of their team to 10 men caused their heads to drop. Just four minutes later big Derek Kevan burst through the centre of the Swindon defence, rounded centre-half Ken McPherson, and hit the ball wide of 'keeper Tony Hicks.

Kevan had gone to the central position at half-time, switching with ex-Wolves striker Barry Stobart, who had previously missed two good chances. Other performances worthy of note on the day were those of David Shawcross, Alan Oakes and Dave Wagstaffe. All ex-Youth team players. Does it ring a bell?

Now, "8,015", a statistic which some would prefer to forget.

That was the total of real True-Blues present on 16th January 1965 to witness the return game. And everyone you speak to, naturally, says, "I was there." In fact, if they were all to be believed, the total attendance would have filled Wembley several times over. Those of us who WERE there don't go on about it. We were just numb at seeing the vast empty spaces in a stadium which had once housed over 84,000 people for an F.A. Cup game.

The reason why the gate was so low is that three days earlier City had been humiliated in the F.A. Cup at Shrewsbury—a rock-bottom surrender which saw loyalties torn apart, or at least temporarily. Shareholders had already called for an extraordinary general meeting in which they intended asking the Board to resign en bloc. The outlook was, to say the least, bleak.



**Alan Oakes** ... his second half goal failed to spark a City lightback. (Pic: M.E.N.)

On the day, City made four changes from the beaten Cup line-up. Youth again was called upon in the form of 18-year-old Dave Connor and Trevor Ogden and 19-year-old Glyn Pardoe. Ageing centre-half Roy Gratrix was recalled at centre-half. Yet none of these changes was to halt the slide in the Blues' fortunes.

Swindon made no bones about the fact that they had come to try to "pinch the points". To play a sweeper in those days was somewhat rare, but that's what they did. Wilf Shergold operating behind the full-backs.

The real hero for Swindon was 'keeper Tony Hicks. In the opening 20 minutes he made marvellous saves from Ogden and Cliff Sear, and the Blues were also unlucky to see Pardoe and Kevan shooting narrowly wide. Even more unlucky was Shergold as he stopped a Jimmy Murray piledriver with a very sensitive area of his anatomy. If asked, he might have wished Murray had scored instead.

Inevitably, Swindon took the lead. After 20 minutes Summerbee jumped over Sear's sliding tackle, got the ball out to Don Rogers on the right, and the latter's centre found the unmarked Dennis Brown who sidefooted it in.

Back came City. Murray hit the bar, Dave Bacuzzi fired just wide, but nothing was going right. And in the 63rd minute Swindon went two up. Brown's pass found Summerbee lurking up front on his own and Mike streaked away to put a fine shot past Harry Dowd.

Two minutes later Alan Oakes hammered home a face-saver—almost—which went in off a post, but the City forwards never looked like getting their act together, crowding one another out of the penalty area and blasting wildly all round the target. Swindon won 2-1.

City manager George Poyser wasn't there to see it. He was away watching a prospective signing. He denied vehemently in the papers that it was Sunderland's Johnny Crossan, or that he had contacted the Roker Park club about the players availability.

Six days later Crossan was a Manchester City player.



# A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE BOY BLUES

When City lifted the F.A. Youth Cup in 1986, who would have predicted that as many as six of the lads in that triumph would be in the squad to face mighty Liverpool in an F.A. Cup quarter-final less than two years later?

Andy Hinchcliffe, Ian Brightwell, Paul Lake, Steve Redmond, David White and Ian Scott were all on the teamsheet last Sunday and a seventh ex-Youth player, Paul Moulden is also a member of the first-team squad. According to City's Chief Scout, Ken Barnes, there are more to come and the future looks bright for the production of young talent from within Maine Road.

Ken and the backroom staff are preparing to welcome a new set of apprentices to the Club in the summer and they believe the latest batch of recruits contains some really exciting prospects.

"There are no certainties as to whether a young player can look forward to a successful career" admits Ken Barnes "but I believe that the youngsters who are joining Manchester City possess the necessary qualities to give them every chance to follow in the footsteps of the many former apprentices who are now making a name for themselves in the first team."

One of the lads who will begin his City career in the summer months is Michael Hughes, who was the target of many English clubs 16 year old Michael is currently playing for Carrick Rangers in the Northern Ireland League and Ken feels that playing semi-professional soccer will be a great experience for the young Irishman, whose favoured position is on the left-wing.

"Michael has got great potential and, along with a number of other lads, he will be reporting for pre-season training in July when Glyn Pardoe and Tony Book take over the development of the players we have introduced to the Club." Of the new apprentices Ken has referred to, many have already achieved international recognition at schoolboy level and their progress has been followed by a number of talent spotters, making it even more pleasing that they have opted to come to City.

Welsh Schoolboys' goalkeeper Martyn Margetson joins the Blues this summer, along with Paul Williams, a member of the England Schoolboys squad who has also benefitted from 2 years at the F.A. School of Excellence at Lillleshall. Also due at Maine Road are centre forwards Simon Dyer from Wales and Mike Sheron from St. Helens, Mark Agius and John Wills from Cheshire and another Welshman, Mark Peters whose home is in Flintshire. Two other lads will be joining City on a part-time basis as they continue their studies at college, namely Darren Wilson and David Brightwell, whose older brother Ian is now achieving great things in the first team.

Young players can now forge connections with Football Clubs at an early age and City fans will be delighted with the news that the England Under-15 Schoolboys' captain, Alan Davies, has signed Associate Schoolboy forms with City, and he joins his



*Signing on. **Michael Hughes** completes the necessary documentation, watched by **Ken Barnes** and **Jimmy Frizzell**.*

England colleague, Gary Flitcroft, who signed earlier in the year. At Under-14 level, Stephen Lomas, one of the top schoolboy players in Northern Ireland has also signed Associated forms. In fact, since taking over scouting responsibilities almost 15 years ago, Ken Barnes can remember only one year when City did not have a Schoolboy International on their books.

For the young apprentices who are coming to the end of their first year at Maine Road, a lot has happened in a short space of time. Colin Small, who played for England Schoolboys last year and Michael Wallace, a member of the England Under-17's, have already made appearances in the Central League along with Ian Thompstone, who has also played with the seniors in the Guinness Soccer Six competition. Neil Lennon was pencilled in for the first-team squad earlier this season after some impressive performances at right-back in the Reserves and Paul Kelly was named as one of the substitutes when City played Ipswich at Maine Road recently. Amongst the second year boys, Paul Warhurst and Rob Barnes, now regulars in the Central League, have been offered professional contracts with the Blues.

So City's Youth Development Programme is clearly in healthy working order and with Ken Barnes confirming that "there are lots more in the pipeline", fans can look forward to further 'home-grown' players breaking through into the first team.



# FACT FILE '87-88

● Substitute  
\$ Player sent off  
Home games in BOLD CAPS

★ Star man

D Debut

x Booked player  
" Withdrawn  
Scorers in Bold letters

1987	Opponents	Result	Pos.	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug.	15-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-1	—	20,046	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	D	Clements	Brightwell	Redmond	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Aug.	22-Oldham Athletic	1-1	8	15,984	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Clements	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Aug.	31-Aston Villa	1-1	14	16,282	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Clements	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	5-BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	15	20,372	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Clements	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	12-Shrewsbury Town	0-0	17	6,280	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	16-MILLWALL	4-0	14	15,430	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	19-STOKE CITY	3-0	9	19,322	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	22-WOLVES (LCC2 1st Leg)	1-2	—	8,551	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	26-Leeds United	0-2	12	25,353	Mimms	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Sept.	29-Hull City	1-3	15	9,650	Mimms	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	3-LEICESTER CITY	4-2	11	16,481	Mimms	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	6-Wolves (LCC2 2nd Leg)	2-0	—	13,843	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	10-SHEFFIELD UNITED	2-3	11	18,377	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	17-Ipswich Town	0-3	14	12,711	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	21-Bradford City	4-2	11	14,818	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	24-BARNLEY	1-1	11	17,063	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	27-NOTTINGHAM FOREST (LCC3)	3-0	—	15,168	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Oct.	31-Swindon Town	4-3	10	11,536	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	4-MIDDLESBROUGH	1-1	10	18,434	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	7-HUDDESFIELD TOWN	10-1	9	19,583	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	10-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (SC1)	6-2	—	5,051	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	14-Reading	2-0	9	20,357	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	17-WATFORD (LCC4)	3-1	—	20,357	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	21-BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-0	8	22,690	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Nov.	28-West Bromwich Albion	1-1	8	15,425	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	1-Bournemouth	2-0	6	9,496	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	5-CRYSTAL PALACE	1-3	8	23,161	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	12-Millwall	1-0	5	10,477	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	16-CHELSEA (SC2)	0-2	—	6,406	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	19-OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-2	8	22,518	Suckling	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	26-LEEDS UNITED	1-2	9	30,153	Suckling	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Dec.	28-Stoke City	3-1	7	18,020	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	2-SHREWSBURY TOWN	1-3	10	21,455	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	9-Huddersfield Town (FAC3)	2-2	—	18,102	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	12-Huddersfield (FAC3 Replay)	0-0	—	24,585	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	16-Plymouth Argyle	2-3	10	13,291	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	20-Everton (LCC5)	0-2	—	40,014	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	23-ASTON VILLA	0-2	10	24,668	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	25-Huddersfield (FAC3 2nd Replay)	3-0	—	21,510	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Jan.	30-Blackpool (FAC4)	1-1	—	10,835	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Feb.	3-Blackburn Rovers	2-1	10	26,503	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Feb.	13-BOURNEMOUTH	2-0	10	13,508	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Feb.	20-PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (FAC5)	3-1	—	16,161	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Feb.	27-Leicester City	0-1	11	29,206	Nixon	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Mar.	5-IPSWICH TOWN	2-0	10	16,040	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Mar.	8-Sheffield United	2-1	7	17,402	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Mar.	13-LIVERPOOL (FAC6)	0-4	—	13,906	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Mar.	19-SWINDON TOWN	H	—	44,047	Stowell	Gidman	Hinchcliffe	Lake	Brightwell	Redmond	White	White	Stewart	Varadi	McNab	Simpson
Mar.	26-Barnsley	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	2-Huddersfield Town	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	4-READING	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	9-Middlesbrough (FAC S F)	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	23-BRADFORD CITY	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr.	30-Birmingham City	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	2-WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May	7-Crystal Palace	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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# Reserve Report

Saturday, 5th March, 1988

## Manchester United Reserves 0... City Reserves 1

The grin of sheer delight on Willie Burns' face said it all. The Blues had returned from Old Trafford with three more Central League points, bouncing back magnificently from their defeat at Derby three days earlier.

Forget the scoreline. But for the brilliance of the United keeper, Jim O'Donnell, the score might easily have been five or six. Time and time again he denied our youngsters what seemed to be certain goals, flinging himself bravely firstly at the feet of Jason Beckford and then, in the 25th minute, Ian Thompson, Lindsay Curry might also have made the opening strike but again O'Donnell beat him to it.

United snapped back. Eric Nixon dealing well with a fine effort from Mark Robins, the City keeper having already saved an awkward ball from Deniol Graham. But the City defence, in which Robert Barnes re-appeared after a six match lay-off through injury, were under very little pressure.

After the interval it was all City as they threatened to swamp the home team with a superb display of control, accurate passing and unselfish running. Curry went clear through with a good chance but again O'Donnell was equal to the occasion. Then the keeper made an excellent one-handed save from Beckford before Curry hit the bar with a rocket shot.

The long overdue goal arrived with nine minutes to go. The United defence cleared the ball down the middle but it was soon returned, trialist Mark Howard gained possession, and opened the scoring with a well-placed shot.

It was no problem for the Blues to hang on to this lead. Indeed they might have increased it with a little more good fortune.

"The difference between the two sides," remarked a sad observer with strong leanings towards the home team, "is that City were far more determined, and played as though they wanted to win."

**City:** Nixon, Lennon, Robert Barnes, Burns, Taggart, Thompson, Quigley, Thomas, Curry, Beckford, Howard, Subs: Small, Wallace.

**City Star:** Curry.

# F.A. Youth Cup Quarter Final

Tuesday, 8th March, 1988

## Doncaster Rovers Youth 2... City Youth 1

The Blues' Youth team, drawn away yet again, travelled to Doncaster to face one of the strongest teams in this season's competition. While the limit of the City boys' experience extends to a number of Central League games, the home team were able to field a team in which no less than FIVE players have all had first team experience! And one of these, centre-back Paul Raven, had just returned from playing two games for the England U-18 side.

City, on the other hand, were without dependable defender Paul Warhurst, who had played such a magnificent game at Leyton Orient in the previous round.

We might have taken the lead after 60 seconds. A careless back pass was seized by Paul Kelly then switched to Jason Beckford, but keeper Lee Lamont saved Beckford's final effort on the floor.

For the next half-hour Rovers took control of the midfield, forcing a number of corners and free-kicks, Neil Morris and Stephen Gaughan in particular making our defence work extremely hard. Darren Williams did very well to hold a Morris volley which had him staggering backwards, and Willie Burns and Gerald Taggart looked very convincing in the middle of the back four.

Then Kelly sent Beckford away again. His shot hit the keeper and was put away for our first corner after 29 minutes. The Blues were now playing far better, Ian Thompson having a shot beaten away, then Kelly caused consternation several times by mastering full-back Robert Stewart. In the 10 minutes before the break City had three corners, the final one seeing a good catch by Lamont from a Taggart header.

The half-time whistle found the game goalless and the young Blues back in the hunt after their earlier defensive stint.

After an initial Rovers flurry early in the second half, the Blues took control for a spell. Kelly's magnificent running was a feature which saw "nothing" balls turned into dangerous ones, then his

long throws brought some confusion in the Doncaster penalty area.

Jason Beckford was also coming more into the game, his close control and skills much appreciated by the City fans in the 2,310 crowd. Lindsay Curry tried several shots without success, and then... disaster!

In the 73rd minute full-back Stewart jinked through without being firmly challenged until Burns, realising the danger, stepped in. Willie's timing was off, a direct free-kick was given, and Gaughan beat the defensive wall with a rising, curving shot that gave Williams no chance.

Typically the Blues bounced back, forcing three corners in quick succession, then Mike Wallace and Colin Small replaced Mike Quigley and Dave Thomas.

The defensive experience of Rovers appeared to be telling, but the game was far from over. Beckford made a clever run down the right, he accelerated into the Rovers' penalty area, and Wallace had no difficulty in converting the centre for a well-deserved equaliser.

The game seemed to be heading for a replay in the last minute when catastrophe struck again for the Blues. While Robert Barnes was off receiving treatment, Rovers attacked in strength, the referee ruled that a centre had been handled by the devastated Burns, and Gaughan made no mistake from the spot.

There was a lot of sympathy for Willie from Doncaster's Youth boss, Steve Beaglehole. Speaking on Radio Hallam after the game, he said, "I thought the lad was unlucky, that it could well have been interpreted as a ball-hit-hand situation, but there again we'd had a sound penalty appeal turned down a minute earlier, so maybe the ref was exercising a bit of moral judgement."

That may or may not be the case. But everyone present had seen a fine game, a disappointing Cup exit for City, and a whole lot of promise from many of the Blues' youngsters for the future.

**City:** Williams, Lennon, Barnes, Burns, Taggart, Thomas (Small), Quigley (Wallace), Beckford, Kelly, Thompson, Curry.

**City Star:** Paul Kelly.



## MANCHESTER CITY

Sky blue shirts, white shorts, dark blue socks.

**MIKE STOWELL**

**1**

**JOHN GIDMAN (Capt)**

**2**

**ANDY HINCHCLIFFE**

**3**

**IAN BRIGHTWELL**

**4**

**PAUL LAKE**

**5**

**STEVE REDMOND**

**6**

**DAVID WHITE**

**7**

**PAUL STEWART**

**8**

**IMRE VARADI**

**9**

**NEIL McNAB**

**10**

**PAUL SIMPSON**

**11**

**12**

**14**

## SWINDON TOWN

Red shirts, red shorts, red socks.

**FRASER DIGBY**

**DAVE HOCKADAY**

**PHIL KING**

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN**

**TIM PARKIN**

**STEVE WHITE**

**JON GITTENS (Capt)**

**BOBBY BARNES**

**KIERAN O'REGAN**

**JIMMY QUINN**

**PAUL BODIN**

Referee: **JIM RUSHTON** (Stoke-on-Trent)

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