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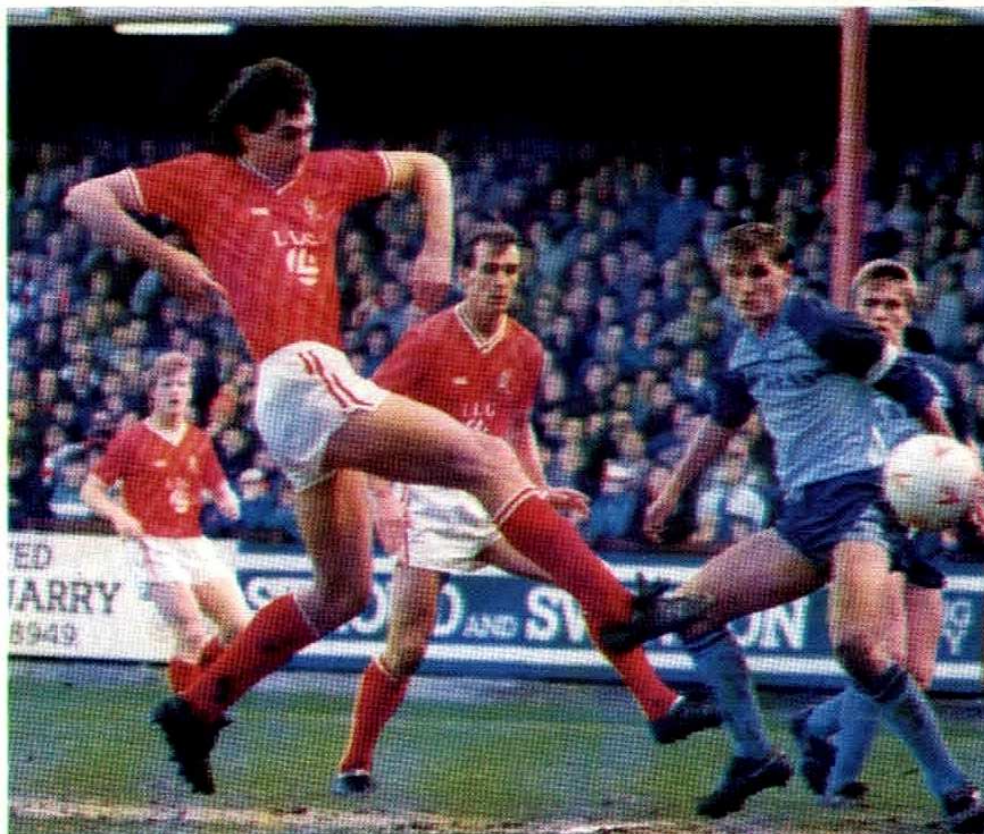
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The final curtain falls on the Second Division scene for the season. A term of consolation on our return to the higher sphere. There could not be any more appropriate visitors to the County Ground this afternoon than Aston Villa. Today's match is of vital importance to their immediate future.

Under the guidance of Graham Taylor the Villa Park Club look set for a period of revitalisation. It cannot be any coincidence that while Aston Villa have shown an upward trend in their playing results this season, Watford, Graham Taylor's former Club are already relegated.

The completion of each season is a time for reminiscence and nostalgia. The efforts of Lou Macari, his backroom staff and players have been enough to retain Second Division soccer at the County Ground next season. They provided us all with plenty of Cup action, an added bonus.

Behind the scenes, our secretary, Dave King, assisted by Felicity, Lisa and Michelle have coped admirably with the higher status. Unfortunately today will mark the departure of Felicity from the Club, but we feel we have found an

adequate replacement in Miss Joanne Edwards. We wish Felicity well in wherever her travels may take her and welcome Joanne.

No Club can possibly survive without an able Commercial Department and our Commercial Manager Doug Buswell and his staff, Dave Cooper, Joyce Moore, Judith Rouse and David Norcliffe aided by their agents, have been unstinting in their efforts.

To Mr. George Sims and his Stewards, well done, you have been a credit. In all winds and weather Mrs. Carole Embrey and the Lowndes Lambert girls have stood selling this programme. Our grateful thanks.

Mr. Ron Manners and Mr. Doug Woodman are devoted in their manner to administer the Social Club and the Club Shops respectively. Long hours, but we are all pleased to see their cheery ways. Our catering staff have provided fare on warm and cold days to satisfy your needs.

One last thank you to you, the supporters, you have travelled far and wide in the belief and support of Swindon Town Football Club. You have been magnificent and hopefully you will return in August for the 1988/89 season, refreshed from your summer holidays and perhaps we will be able to witness new heights in the history of this Club. It will not be for lack of effort I can assure you. Enjoy the break and cheerio until next season.

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Another season is almost complete and many of you probably feel that Swindon Town have established themselves in the Second Division. We have and yet we have not. All we have achieved is that we will be appearing in the Second Division next season, that there is no guarantee for the 1989/90 season is there? Even Liverpool do not have that guarantee for First Division football for that season!

Overall the season has shown that Liverpool are well in advance of any other Club. Significantly it was interesting to read that their captain Alan Hansen did not consider the present team to be comparable to the 1978/79 Liverpool team. Football overall is not of the same standard, people are now considering pace instead of skill and there are no individuals with real ability like the Best's, Law's and Charlton's.

Players are not so dedicated as they were and standards in all respects are deteriorating. I, along with the Club Chairman, the Club Secretary and others were appalled at the behaviour of a minority of players from one leading Second Division Club at the P.F.A. dinner held in London recently. The behaviour was inexcusable and while the England team Manager, Bobby Robson, was addressing those at the dinner he had to remark about their behaviour.

The attitude to training and being asked to appear in Reserve team football is so different from my playing days. It is a chore for a lot of players and they seem to lack pride. Their sense of responsibility is a factor which can only damage the game. My personal wish at the com-



pletion of this season is that many of them take a look at their position and revise their attitude to a game that provides them with a living that they would not encounter outside of football. Pride in yourself ensures that you have pride in everything you attempt. Smartness in dress is always noticeable to all of us. When I was a player you did not have to ask players to be smartly turned out, it was automatic. Today some of them do not bear description. A way of life? Maybe, but not one that should be readily accepted. Players have a duty to their chosen, yes, chosen, profession they must accept this fact more readily.

The season has shown that the Wimbledon's and Luton's can reach heights without the millions of pounds available to other teams and for the majority of us this is our standard. Torquay United have risen from almost the extinction of last season to new heights. These are the joys of football. Sadly Newport County have plunged to non-League status. They also provide a guideline, it was not so long ago they were enjoying European soccer but sadly those days have disappeared. My first line proves the point, one season guarantees the happenings of the next.

The season of barter now commences, player with Club and Club with Club. I hope to add one or two new faces for next season and will be working through the summer months to launch an assault to first of all retain our current status, provide entertainment and perhaps creep closer to the First Division. Thanks for your support, enjoy the break and see you next August?

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| Adults | £118.00 | £108.00 | £ 6.00 |
| Junior/Senior Citizen | £ 70.00 | £ 64.00 | £ 3.50 |
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| Adults | £118.00 | £108.00 | £ 6.00 |
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It is proposed to introduce a Family Enclosure on the Shrivenham Road side of the County Ground for the season 1988-89. Full details of this enclosure will be made available when plans have been finalised.

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WEDNESDAY

Wednesday April 20th

The players return from Israel is delayed by five hours and they will eventually return to Swindon almost at daybreak tomorrow.

THURSDAY

Thursday April 21st

Jet lagged and weary the players return to Swindon. Their ordeal is not over yet for several of them for they have to appear in the Reserve teams 2-0 defeat at Tottenham in the afternoon. The Football Association announce that Town Manager Lou Macari has asked for a personal hearing and state that no date has yet been fixed for his attendance at Lancaster Gate.

ITV are due to film highlights of next Mondays League match at Blackburn.

FRIDAY

Friday April 22nd

Following the Israel trip the players report for training at the County Ground. Dave Bamber, who pulled out of the previous days reserve team match at Tottenham, is rated doubtful for the trip to Stoke. Colin Calderwood is also a doubtful starter after breaking his nose at Tottenham.

SATURDAY

Saturday April 23rd

Dave Bamber's power of recovery is higher than Colin Calderwoods and he

lines-up in the Town attack at Stoke. A Phil King 'howler' allows the extrovert Simon Stainrod to put the Potteries Club into an early second minute lead. A host of missed opportunities contribute to a single goal defeat. The usually reliable Town marksmen are goal shy on this occasion and allow Stoke City to stretch their lead above the Town in the Second Division League table. The Town need to finish the season in the leading eleven position to avoid partaking in the first-round of next seasons Littlewoods Cup competition.

SUNDAY

Sunday April 24th

Lou Macari releases Jimmy Quinn to play in Northern Irelands friendly International match with France in Belfast on Wednesday. The decision means that the former Blackburn Rovers player will miss tomorrows tussle with his former Club at Ewood Park. Roy Wegerle returns to Chelsea after his months loan period at the County Ground which expired yesterday.

MONDAY

Monday April 25th

The Town's resolution holds them in good stead on their visit to Blackburn Rovers. Forced to defend for long stretches they held firm and denied the Ewood Park Club two points in their bid to regain First Division status. Town goalkeeper Fraser Digby gave an outstanding display to impress his growing following of Club scouts.

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• **Fraser Digby – the England Under-21 International was in top form at Blackburn.**

Jimmy Quinn would have relished this tussle with his former Club. Highlights of the match were screened on several ITV regions late at night. Most of the action shown was orientated toward Blackburns promotion hopes.

TUESDAY

Tuesday April 26th

The general feeling within the Club was how well the Town had done to take a point from the previous nights match.

The Football Combination confirm Bristol Rovers withdrawal from the competition and announce that Bristol City, Wimbledon and Plymouth Argyle are applying for entry.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday April 27th

Our Football Combination team take compensation for their 3-1 defeat at the County Ground last December by defeating Oxford United 2-1 in the return match at the Manor Ground. The Town goalscorers were Leigh Barnard and

Paul Bodin. The match was watched by Town boss Lou Macari as he attempts to finalise his retained list.

Jimmy Quinn plays in Northern Ireland's 0-0 draw with France at Windsor Park, Belfast.

THURSDAY

Thursday April 28th

Colin Calderwood is selected for the Football League to face the Army F.A. in a match at the Military Stadium, Aldershot, on Wednesday 11th May to celebrate the Army Football Association Centenary.



• **Colin Calderwood – the Town captain is included in a Football League Representative eleven.**

Other members of the squad are Tony Coton (Watford), Tony Lange (Aldershot), Nigel Winterburn (Arsenal), Paul Parker (Queens Park Rangers), Roger Joseph (Brentford), Derek Statham (Southampton), Colin Greenall (Oxford United), Colin Pates (Chelsea), Michael Gilkes (Reading), Jimmy Case (Southampton), Steve Gritt (Charlton Athletic), Ian McDonald (Aldershot), Trevor Francis (Queens Park Rangers), Ian Wright

FRIDAY

Friday April 29th

Town boss Lou Macaris' personal hearing before an F.A. disciplinary hearing will be at the Football Association headquarters on Wednesday May 11th commencing at 3 p.m. The former Scotland International has to answer charges relating to his alleged misconduct following the Swindon Town v Bradford City Barclay League match on March 30th 1988.

Tim Parkin is severely censured and warned as to his future conduct for reaching the 31 point penalty mark this season.

Lou Macari rejects bids for two of his players from rival Second Division Clubs.

SATURDAY

Saturday April 30th

The Town's disappointing form in the Second half of the season continues with another disappointing display against Leeds United at the County Ground. The only bright spot was Jimmy Quinn's goal which took his total for the season to thirty one, as they slipped to a 2-1 defeat.

MONDAY

Monday May 2nd

In a match for which A.F.C. Bournemouth needed the points to ensure another season of Second Division football at Dean Court the Towns token effort was brushed aside and the Dorset Club were safe as they easily defeated the Town 2-0.

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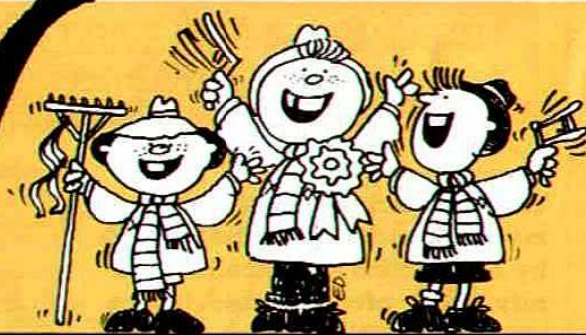
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TODAYS MASCOT FROM SWINDON TOWN



Name Richard Britten

Age 13 years

School Dorcan

Favourite Team
Swindon Town

Favourite Other Team
Manchester United

Two events to note in your diary. The Annual Supporters Club Programme Fair will be held on Sunday 15th May at 10.30 a.m. in the Supporters Social Club. Once again the organisers have been kind enough to say that Junior Robins will be given free admission on production of their membership cards.

During the summer, on 16th July, an Under-17 Schools Athletics International will be held at the County Ground extension between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. It's well worth a visit to see what can be done when you are really fit.

On Saturday 23rd April 1988 a Junior Robins Under-12 squad was invited to participate in a 'Soccer Saturday' event staged at Lydiard Millicent. The morning commenced with a Six-a-Side competition between Broad Town School, Lydiard Millicent School and a Junior Robins squad. This event was very competitive, well supported and a joy to watch. The youngsters from all three teams demonstrated remarkable skills even at the tender age of 10 and 11 years and was above all else played in a most sportsmanlike spirit.

It was a very close run event with Broad Town School snatching overall victory by defeating Lydiard Millicent 1-0 and by drawing 0-0 with the Junior Robins but winning this match by 3 corners to 0.

The Junior Robins then drew 0-0 with Lydiard Millicent School but lost second place in the competition by conceding 3 corners to 0.

After the Six-a-Side Event followed an 11-a-Side match between the Junior Robins Under-12s and a Wiltshire Combined Schools team. At this point it became evident that the Junior Robins had been saving themselves for this moment. They went into a 1 goal lead scored by Richard Clargo and, after being given an own goal by the opposition following a goal-mouth mix-up, James Ody scored two fine goals. The Combined-11 replied with a goal from Stephen Butt and would have had more but for the spectacular goalkeeping of Ian Finch. So the Junior Robins triumphed 4-1.

Player of the Competition was Jeremy Newton from Broad Town School who played with great skill and determination in captaining his very talented side to victory in the Six-a-Side event. Other players worthy of mention for outstanding performances were: Ian Finch, Justin Webster, Richard Clargo of the Junior Robins; Alan Russell, Stephen Butt, Mark Passingham and Morgan Taylor of Lydiard Millicent School.

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The approaching month of June is met with a degree of trepidation by one section of footballs fraternity. That often ignored faction are the trainees, who are invariably adopted by the Football League Clubs each July for a one or two year period. Usual practice dictates it is for the two year period. Late developers are confined to the single twelve month period.

It is a familiar tale that most Football League Clubs portray, that only a small percentage of each intake make the grade to the full time ranks of professional soccer. Here at Swindon Town there have been the odd one or two year period where the trainee, or as they were formerly known – the apprentice, has made the transition.

Of the current Swindon Town playing staff only **Charlie Henry** began his formative years at the County Ground. In recent weeks **Dean Casserley** has been up-graded to this status. Three of the current trainees will be told shortly what the future has in store for each of them, **Dave Barnett**, **Fitzroy Simpson** and **Adrian Viveash**. All three see the expiration of their trainee contract in June. Both Dave and Adrian have been on a two year contract. Fitzroy was a late entry to the scheme and his duration was for the twelve month period.

At the completion of June the five remaining boys, currently on the first year of their two year period, will automatically become second year trainees when they report back for



A DILEMMA!

the new season in July. They are **Tony Hammersley**, **Paul Hunt**, **Richard Morgan**, **Gavin Sandrey** and **Nicky Summerbee**.

In recent years Swindon Town have relied heavily on localised talent and Dave Barnett, Adrian Viveash, Tony Hammersley, Paul Hunt and Richard Morgan are among their numbers. Fitzroy Simpson hails from Melksham, Gavin Sandrey from Weymouth and Nicky Summerbee from Manchester.

The localised aspect will not be ignored but the new intake of trainees will see boys joining the Club from as far away as Newcastle. The Club Hostel administered so ably by Jean and Barry Crewe is the nearest approach to home that the trainees can hope to achieve.

Two of this seasons trainees have to be particularly admired. Not for any degree of accomplishment on

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the field of play, but for the fact that they faced the reality that their forte was in a position far removed from the hopes and desires they once nurtured. For **Philip Bell** and **Nigel Packer**, reality meant that they terminated their contracts and moved into local business. Initial disappointment perhaps, but a growing knowledge that they had manfully faced a situation and accepted that they had to forge new careers away from the County Ground.

In some respects, judgement is too quickly pronounced, there have been instances where rejection has been counteracted by total success later in life. A survey of the playing staff of many Clubs shows that they have been afforded an opportunity elsewhere and some have taken full advantage of their good fortune.

Swindon Town Football Clubs most renowned success from this initial level of professional soccer is **Paul Rideout**, now of Italian Club, **Bari**. Paul began his career at the County Ground and was later transferred to today's visitors **Aston Villa** for a Club record fee of **£250,000**. For a Club with limited financial resources this was a large bonus for the trainee scheme.

It should never be forgotten for every success story there are a large number of lads disappointed at the completion of each season. June can be an unhappy month for some as you visualise your impending summer holiday.

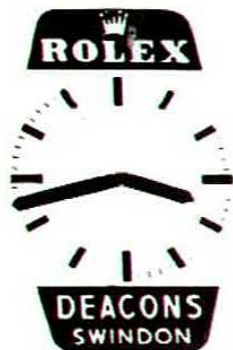
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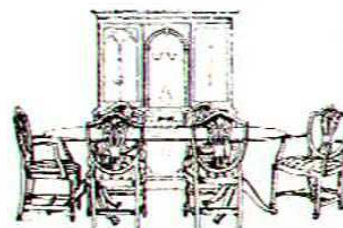
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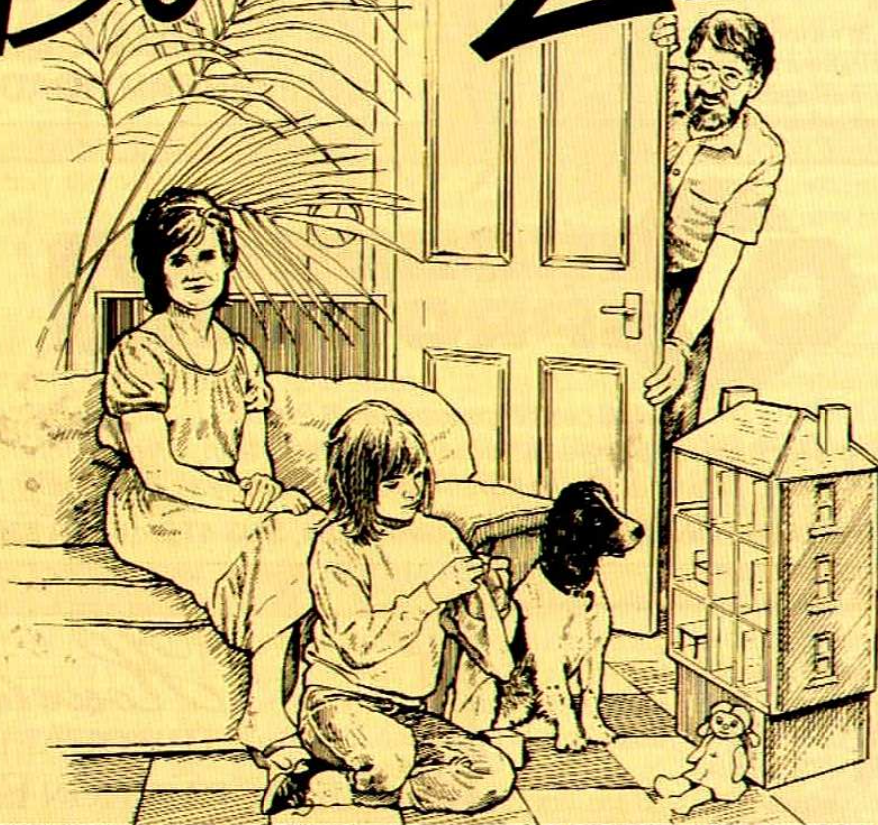
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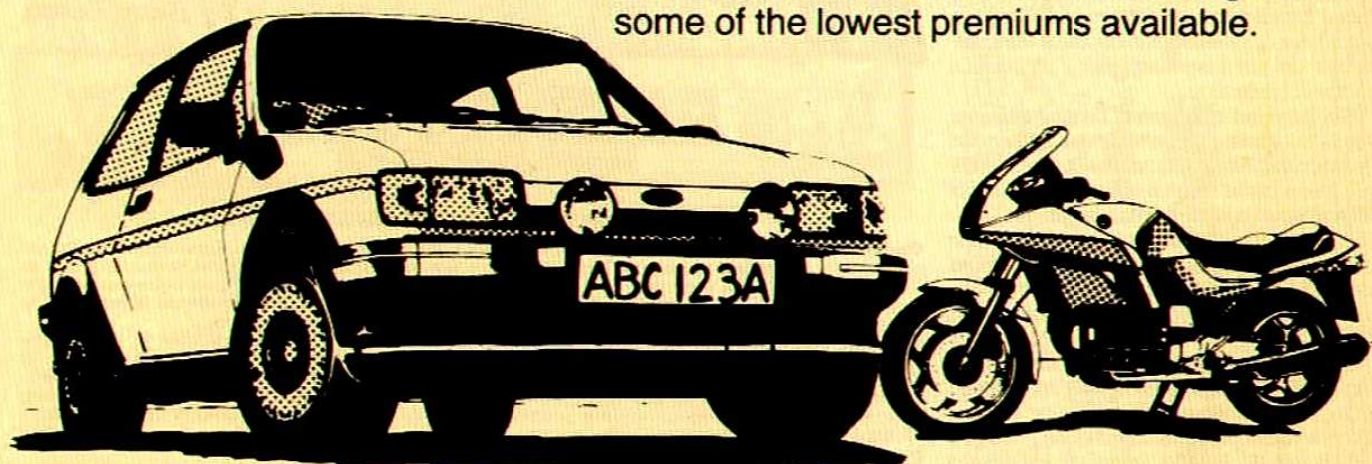
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Today's final match of the 1987/88 season is a very vital one for today's visitors Aston Villa.

Bottom of the First Division last season and relegated to the Second, they are on the brink of regaining a place in the top flight again at the first attempt.

They currently lie in third place and are guaranteed at least a place in the end of season promotional play-offs. One point behind second placed Middlesbrough they must win today's match here at Swindon and hope that Middlesbrough do not beat Leicester City to gain automatic promotion.

Villa have led the Second Division table this season, but a stutter recently has denied them the championship which has now been won by Millwall. Also a better home record and Villa and not Millwall would now be celebrating the title.

However, it has still been an excellent season for Villa's Manager Graham Taylor who shocked the footballing world in May last year by leaving Watford, after a ten year association, and joining Villa.

Aston Villa, founded in 1874 and a founder member of the Football League in 1888, are steeped in tradition. They have won the First Division Championship on several occasions - 1893/94, 1895/96, 1896/97, 1898/99, 1899/1900, 1909/10 and 1980/81 and finished as runners-up eight times.

They have also collected three other League titles. They won the Second Division crown in both 1937/38 and 1959/60 seasons, as well as the Third in 1971/72.

Aston Villa, together with Tottenham, stand at the top of the list of F.A. Cup winners - both having captured the trophy on seven occasions. Success for Villa came in 1887, 1895, 1897, 1905, 1913, 1920 and the last in 1957.

The F.A. Cup win in 1897 over Everton (3-2) completed a League and Cup double.

In the Football League Cup Villa have reached the final five times and captured the trophy on three occasions - 1961, 1975 and 1977.

Perhaps the most heart stopping period for the Club came in the early part of the 1980's.

Villa won the First Division Championship in 1981 and followed that up twelve months later by winning the European Champions Cup in Rotterdam defeating the crack Germany side Bayern Munich 1-0.

Just before Christmas in 1982, Villa flew to Japan for the World Cup final but were beaten 2-0 by the South American side Penarol F.C.

A few weeks later though, jet setting Villa beat Spanish giants Barcelona by a 3-1 aggregate scoreline to take the European Super Cup trophy.

Welcome

ASTON VILLA

By Dave Eaton

MEET THE PLAYERS AND MANAGER

Graham Taylor (Manager). He was appointed Manager of Villa in a sensational move from Watford in May 1987. He had spent ten years with the London side, steering them in that time from the Fourth to First Divisions and to an F.A. Cup Final. As a professional footballer, Taylor began his career at Grimsby in 1962. After a six year period transferred to nearby Lincoln City. His playing career was cut short at the age of 28 by a hip injury and in 1972 became Lincoln Manager. Led them to the 3rd Division before moving on to Watford to forge his partnership with Chairman and pop star Elton John.

Warren Aspinall (Forward). In his first season as a professional in 85/86 scored 27 League and cup goals for Wigan. During summer of '86 joined Everton for whom he made 7 League appearances before signing for Villa for a fee of £200,000 in February of last year.

Paul Birch (Midfield). An apprentice at Villa Park who made his first team debut in the 83/84 season in the 1-0 win over Sunderland. Reached 100 League appearances for Villa towards the end of last season.

Tony Daly (Forward). He burst onto the first team scene at Villa while still an apprentice, making his debut at Southampton in April 1985. Has been capped by England at youth level, but his first team appearances have been hampered by a series of niggling injuries.

Allan Evans (Defender). He was only playing football part time as a striker with Dunfermline when Villa snapped him up for a bargain £30,000 in May 1977. Converted to a centre-half at Villa and has now made over 400 first team appearances. The Club Captain, and has been capped by Scotland at both full and youth levels. A member of Villa's League Championship, European Championship and European Super Cup winning sides.

Kevin Gage (Defender). Joined his home town Club Wimbledon as an apprentice upon leaving school. Made his debut in 1980/81 season at the tender age of 17 years. Helped Wimbledon to gain promotion from the Fourth to First Division. He signed for Villa in July '87 for a fee of £100,000.

Bernard Gallagher (Defender). A former apprentice who had made one League appearance for Villa up to the start of this season. But with the departure of Tony Dorigo has now established himself in the left back position.

Andy Gray (Midfield). Signed from Crystal Palace for a substantial fee during the early part of this season. Born in Lambeth, he was snapped up by Palace from non-League Club Dulwich Hamlet. Made over 100 appearances for Palace.

Stuart Gray (Midfield). Experienced midfielder signed from Barnsley early this season. Began as an apprentice at Nottingham Forest before moving on to Bolton. Then signed for Barnsley for whom he made over 100 League appearances.

Martin Keown (Defender). Chose to join Arsenal rather than Villa as an apprentice. In February '85 went on loan to Brighton and made 8 League appearances before being recalled to Highbury. When his Arsenal contract expired, signed for Villa in the summer of 1986. The fee of £200,000 was decided by a Football League Tribunal.

Mark Lillis (Midfield). An experienced midfielder, the 38 year old is another of Graham Taylor's signings. Made over 200 appearances for his first Club, Huddersfield. Has seen service also with Manchester City and Derby County. Made 14 appearances for the Rams in their Second Division championship side last season.

Alan McNally (Forward). Joined Ayr United at the age of 17 as a part-timer while holding on to a position as an aircraft engineer. After four years signed for Celtic in May '84 in a £110,000 transfer. Eventually broke into the Celtic side two years later. When his contract with the Scottish side expired last summer, he was snapped up by Graham Taylor, who had tried to sign him while he was at Watford, for £220,000.

David Platt (Striker). Signed earlier this year from Crewe Alexandra. Netted 21 times for Crewe this season and has since increased that total to 26 since his arrival at Villa Park. Scored the winner on Monday in the vital 1-0 win over promotion rivals Bradford City. Began his career at Manchester United, but like many of the youngsters at Old Trafford, failed to make a first team appearance, and transferred to Crewe. He was the Railwaymen's top scorer last season.

Nigel Spink (Goalkeeper). Joined the Club from Chelmsford City in February 1988 after being on West Ham United's books during his school days. After just one League appearance, won a European Championship medal when he came on to replace the injured Jimmy Rimmer. Has been plagued by injuries but his fine form in the last two seasons has brought him back into the limelight for further England caps.

Garry Thompson (Forward). Has won six England Under-21 international caps, and is a classic English type centre forward. Started his footballing career with Coventry City. Signed for West Bromwich Albion in 1982 for a fee of £225,000. Joined Sheffield Wednesday for a fee of £450,000 in the summer of 1985. Only stayed at Hillsborough for one season before moving to Villa Park in June last year for £450,000.

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ASTON VILLA 1987/88

Back Row (left to right): Steve Hunt (Retired), Allan McNally, David Hunt, Nigel Spink, Kevin Poole (now Middlesbrough), Steve Simms, Martin Keown, Kevin Gage.

Centre Row (left to right): Neale Cooper, Mark Burke (now Middlesbrough), Gary Thompson, Bobby Downes (Youth Coach), Steve Harrison (now Manager Watford), Jim Walker (Physio), Andy Gray (now WBA), Gary Shaw, Bernard Gallacher.

Front Row (left to right): Paul Birch, Tony Daley, Mark Walters (now Glasgow Rangers), Warren Aspinall, Graham Taylor (Manager), Simon Stamrod (now Stoke City), Allan Evans, David Norton, Andy Blair.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At The County Ground

26.12.1969 D1-1 Noble
10.02.1973 L1-3 Moss
24.11.1973 W1-0 Moss

At Villa Park

22.984 23.08.1969 W2-0 Horsfield, Thomas 29,767
13.615 16.09.1972 L1-2 Rogers 30,775
8.475 06.04.1974 D1-1 Eastoe 20,709
05.12.1987 L1-2 Quinn 16,127

F.A. Cup

Nil

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Jet lag could be a reason for our 'Sunday Mirror' Football Combination teams disappointing performance at Tottenham on Thursday April 21st. Our 2-0 defeat came against a totally inexperienced White Hart Lane reserve team line-up.

Fielding several players with first team experience, we really gave an insipid display. The first half could only be described as a total non event for neither team brought a save from the respective goalkeepers.

The second half showed a dramatic change in this respect with both teams having numerous opportunities. Gray opened the scoring for Tottenham when a short free kick was touched to him and he beat Fraser Digby with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area. The Town could have scored on three occasions with Roy Wegerle, Alan McLoughlin and Kieran O'Regan missing excellent opportunities. Tony Parkes made a good save from a Peter Coyne header.

goal three minutes from the final whistle, racing clear of the trailing Town defenders and scoring with a shot into the far left hand corner of the net.

Team: Digby, Merriman, Bodin, McLoughlin, Calderwood, King, Barnard, Rowland, Wegerle, Coyne, O'Regan. **Substitute:** Bates.



• Leigh Barnard – the deposed Town midfielder scored his third goal of the season in our Combination teams 2-1 win at Oxford.

without having to endure any pressure from the home team.

Team: Digby, Barnett, Marshall, Bodin, Henry, Casserly, Barnard, O'Regan, Wade, Coyne, Viveash. **Substitute:** Simpson.

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South East Counties League

Appearances for Season 1987/88 ...

Hammersley 28, Barnett, 28, Viveash 23 (1), Hunt 22, Simpson 20, Morgan 18 (1), Bell 18, Sandrey 18, Trollope 12 (5), Casserly 12, Marshall 12, Dowding 9, Goddard 8, Packer 8, Dixon 6 (5), Fletcher 5 (3), Kennedy 5, Smith 5, Hughes 4, Lea 4, Gassner 2 (9), O'Neill 2 (7), Quinn 2 (1), Alphonse 2, Cullen 2, Fishlock 2, Hoare 2, Pollard 2, Sanderson 2, Thompson 2, Johnson 1 (5), Foley 1, Jones 1, Turton 1, Izquierdo (3), Spalding (2), Churchward (1).

No fewer than 38 players appeared in our South East Counties League team.

Most appearances made as a substitute were by **Paul Gassner** who made 9.



• Fraser Digby – forced into reserve team action following the knee injury sustained by Nicky Hammond on the trip to Israel.

Gray confirmed the points for the home team when he scored his second

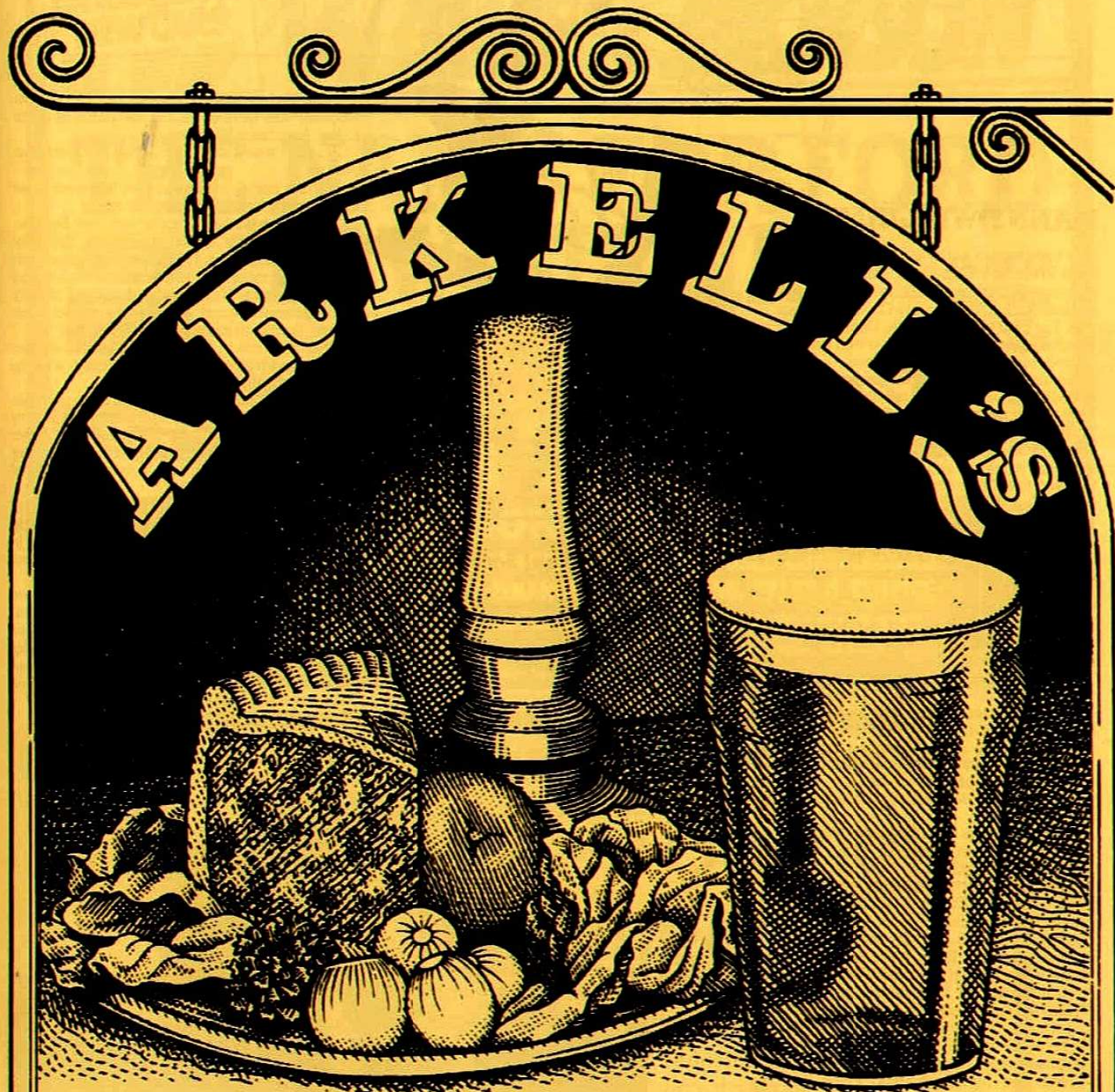
Our 'Sunday Mirror' Football Combination Team gained some revenge over Oxford United winning 2-1 at the Manor Ground. Earlier in the season they had lost 3-1 to United at the County Ground.

In this end of season encounter both Clubs fielded several young players. The Town took the lead after twenty minutes when **Leigh Barnard** beat United's Peter Hucker. The scoreline remained the same until the interval.

After ten minutes of the second half Jason Beauchamp equalised for Oxford United with a well taken solo effort. The home teams lead was short lived and within five minutes **Paul Bodin** had restored the Town's lead scoring direct from a free kick.

The Town managed to retain the lead

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DANNY WILLIAMS

The only man ever to lead Swindon Town out for a Wembley Cup Final, Danny Williams, is also one of only two Managers that have been invited back to the County Ground hot seat.

A Yorkshireman by birth, Danny gained his League experience as a player with Rotherham United, making 459 appearances.

He also gained his initial managerial chance at Millmoor, but finally left the Club in June 1965 to follow in Bert Head's path at Swindon Town.

Danny immediately set about fashioning the side that would eventually clinch both promotion and the Clubs first trophy – just three years later.

Such was the local expectancy at his arrival that the gate for the first game of the 1965/66 season had risen by 6,000 on that for the last game of the previous campaign.

Oxford United provided the opposition on that August afternoon in front of a crowd in excess of twenty thousand. A side containing names like Hallett, Atherton, Weaver and Keyworth, appeared alongside Downsborough, Trollope and Rogers, names that would eventually bring the 'Town' and Danny Williams glory. A no-score draw was all that the side could muster though, with their first win coming away at York, 2-0 in their next fixture.

The 'Town' finished a creditable season in the Third Division that season, following their relegation and Bert Head's departure at the end of 1964-65.

The Club also achieved the third highest average gate in their Division, at nearly nineteen thousand.

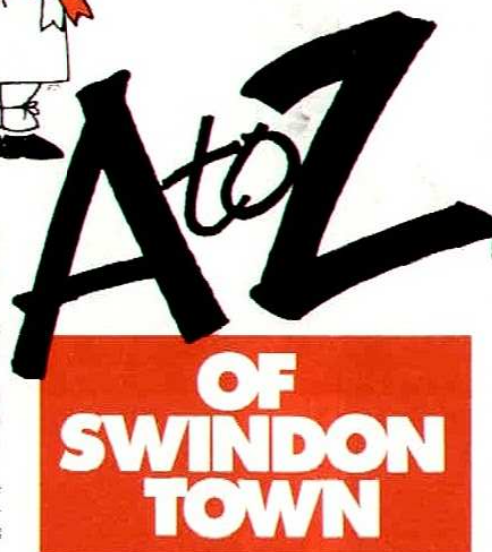
The following two seasons saw the 'Town' finish 8th and 10th, but Williams was busy fitting the remaining pieces of the jigsaw, ready for the 1968-69 year of glory.

Of the Swindon Town performers at Wembley Stadium on March 15th 1969, Danny Williams brought eight of the eleven to the County Ground. Though he was not able to claim the inspiration for one Wembley hero in Don Rogers, he did bring the great stopper of Arsenal, Peter Downsborough, to the Club.

Little Joe Butler, strapping Frank Burrows, Captain Stan Harland, terrier Don Heath, 'Harvey' Noble, sub Willie Penman and the late John Smith, all playing their own integral part in the glory and all signed by Danny Williams. Knowing that he alone has nurtured that great Wembley side must have made the moment of leading them out all the better for the Yorkshireman.

The League Cup win and ensuing promotion to the Second Division, was, however, to tear Danny Williams and Swindon Town apart, with Sheffield Wednesday coming in for his services.

He was then succeeded by Fred Ford, who in turn gave way to Dave Mackay's brief spell



By Michael Scott

and then Les Allen to guide the Club back into the Third Division.

Danny re-appeared on the County Ground scene at the tail end of the fateful 1973/74

season, just in time to see our old friend Don Rogers, with Crystal Palace, despatch us back to the Associate Members.

Again it was a spell that lasted just over four years.

His first match in charge was, however, a far cry from his last, five years earlier.

That game was a 2-0 home win over Barrow, in front of nearly 21,500 spectators, the only common elements in 1974/75 against Portsmouth being the continued presence of Butler and Trollope in the 'Town' side. A crowd of only 5,364 greeted Danny that afternoon, and even worse, Swindon slumped to a 2-1 defeat.

That was not to be the story of the season though, with the 'Town' performing well to finish in 4th position.

Danny Williams' spell with the Club saw him seem to specialise in the recruitment of quality mid-field players. Chris Kamara, Ray Carter and Ray McHale were all bargain buys by Williams and all loyal and lengthy servants of the Club.

Swindon Town's desire to become something more than an average Third Division side brought Bobby Smith to the County Ground in May 1978 and saw the still respected Danny elevated to the position of General Manager.

Though the current Manager is staking quite a claim to the title of best 'Town' Manager ever, the achievements of Danny Williams, in his two spells at the Club, certainly take some beating, but a return trip to Wembley has never been closer than this year, shame we couldn't follow Williams' Wembley heroes!



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MOONRAKER SIDELINES

New deal for former Town star ... Frank.

Cardiff manager Frank Burrows has had his contract extended by chairman Tony Clemo. Burrows a 43-year-old Scot, has guided the 'Bluebirds' to Division Three. Frank will now be in charge again next season.

Cashing in ... on the hand of Diego

The famous hand that put England out of the 1986 World Cup is now holding football to ransom.

The Diego Maradona circus has rolled onto Berlin to reveal the true wealth of the 27-year-old Argentinian megastar.

He recently captained his country against Russia but it cost the authorities £250,000 to guarantee Maradona's presence in a four-nation festival.

And that brought his appearance money since December to well over £700,000.

RAKING

The Hand of the Diego is really raking it in. In the last four months he has picked up £150,000 for playing half a match in Egypt against Club side Al Ahly.

Then it was off to the United Arab Emirates to show an oil-rich sheik the game's finer points for £150,000.

And to implement those skills in a

match situation the same sheik's soccer mad brothers in Marbella presented him with £250,000.

HSV Hamburg, Kevin Keegan's old Club, had Maradona's Club Naples across to West Germany for a match to celebrate their Centenary and for pulling on his boots Diego received a further £80,000.

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This appearance money is in addition to the five-year contract he signed with Naples last November which pushed his basic salary up from £500,000 to £1 million per season.

The Football League know from bitter experience that Maradona has the game at his beck and call.

He kept them on tenderhooks for months before deciding it was worth over £1,000 a minute to grace us with his presence in the Centenary game at Wembley.

But as England manager Bobby Robson says: "it is up to those who are paying him these sums of money. If they refused it might stop it."

The south coast programme fair

A **Football Programme Fair** will be held at the **Avenue Hall (Southampton)** on **May 28th 1988**. The fair commences at **11.00 a.m.** to **3.00 p.m.**, admission **30p**. Leading dealers will be in attendance offering programmes prior to May 28th, 1988.

League membership passes half million mark

Football League Clubs have over 500,000 members according to preliminary statistics compiled by the trust funded Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research.

Sixty League Clubs have so far responded to the Centre's membership survey detailing schemes varying in size from a few hundred members to 25,000.

John Williams, Senior Researcher at the Centre, commented: "This is a very good response considering the demands on Clubs these days and the replies have shown quite an interesting range of opinions on the usefulness of schemes."

A similar survey is being undertaken with police forces in order to assess the effect of membership on the policing of matches.

Final analysis of the League survey will be available in mid-April.

Looking ahead ... Although today marks the completion of the **Barclay Football League Season**, there is a great deal of soccer remaining to be played. The **play-off** matches remain ... next **Saturday, May 14th**, is the **FA Cup final** ... further Wembley dates see the **Rous Cup** match between **England and Scotland** on **Saturday, May 21st**, the following **Tuesday, May 24th**, South Americans visit Wembley when **Columbia** play **England**. On **Saturday, May 28th** the **School's Soccer International** is staged between **England** and **Italy**.

The following day, **Sunday, May 29th** the **Sherpa Van Trophy** will complete the May programme.

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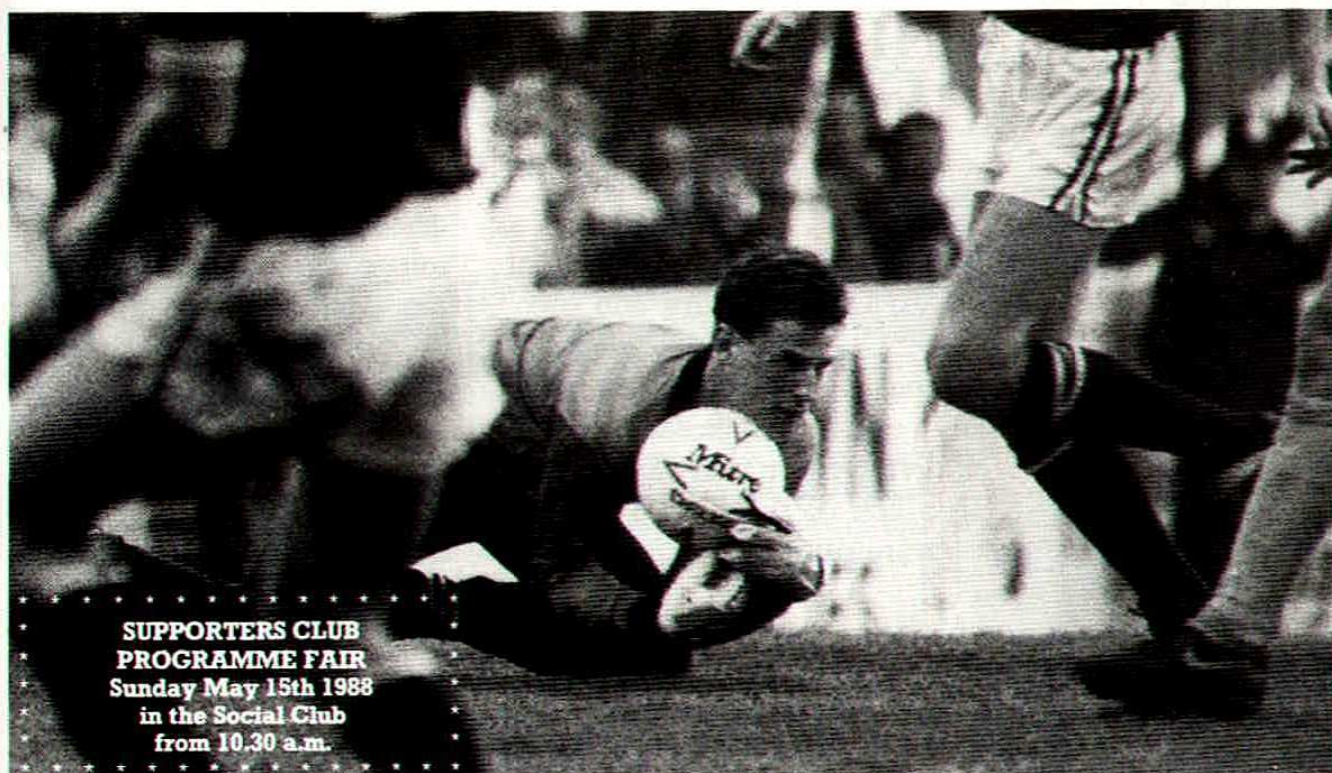
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• Picture profile of Swindon's young talented goalkeeper Fraser Digby in action during last weeks game against Leeds United at the County Ground.

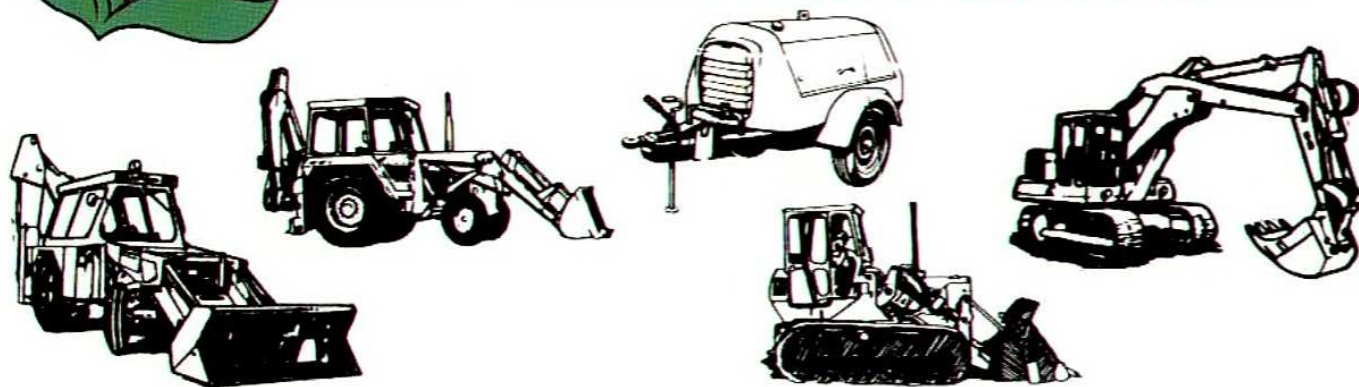
Fraser missed a large part of the season through an injured hand, but returned for the final part in impressive style, winning more England Under-21 honours.



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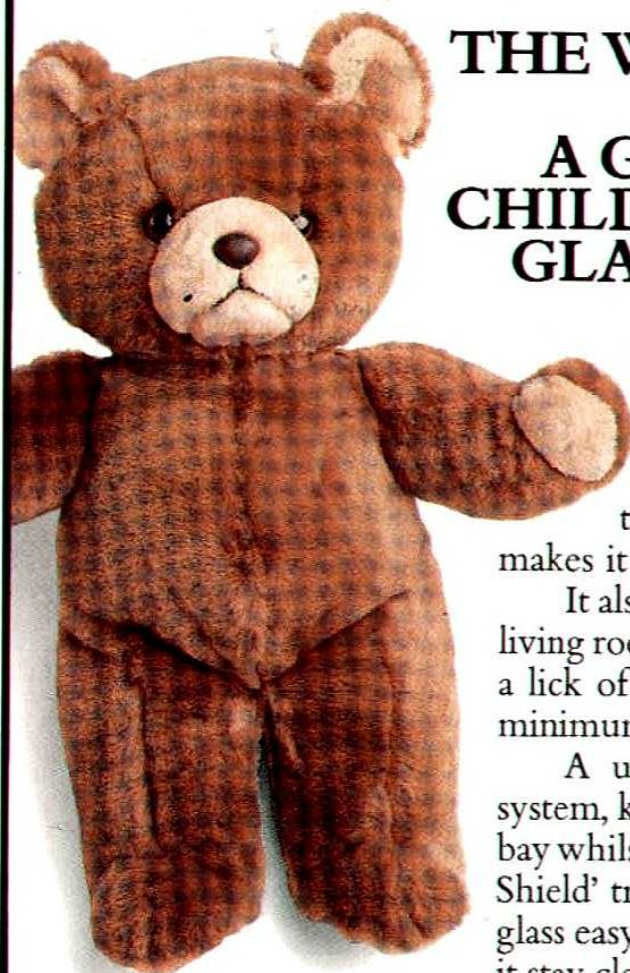


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talk!!

CLUMSY KING THROWS IT AWAY

Swindon despite a sun-shine trip to Israel, were distinctly off colour in the first half.

They gifted Stoke a first half goal before totally dominating the match – but sadly their recent scoring flair seemed to have deserted them.

Bobby Barnes, Dave Bamber and Jimmy Quinn all failed with reasonable chances as under seige Stoke somehow held on to their lead.

Swindon were dismayed when referee John Deakin rejected confident penalty claims in the 59th minute after Cliff Carr's tackle left a seething Steve Foley sprawling in the box. Then substitute Steve White and the unlucky Quinn both hit the woodwork at the height of a storming second half show.

But nothing would go right for Lou Macari's men on a day when a bumpy pitch and a swirling wind combined to create trying conditions for both teams.

Luck certainly played its part. But there could be no explanation for the way in which Phil King virtually lost the match for the visitors in the 16th minute.

Under no pressure at all, the defender tried to find goalkeeper Fraser Digby with a 35 yard back-

pass. It was well read by Simon Stainrod whose smooth interception allowed him to beat Digby with a close-in low drive.

It inspired Stoke. They were brisk and business like for much of the first half without really threatening to add to their lead; while Swindon seemed intent on assisting Stoke's cause with a risky series of back-passes.

No doubt manager Macari's harsh words at half-time brought a complete reversal of form.

Just over forty-eight hours later we denied promotion chasing Blackburn Rovers two points where Fraser Digby was the star of the show. Paul Hickson of the 'Western Daily Press', described Fraser's display as breathtaking.

England reject Fraser Digby produced a display of international quality last night to stop Blackburn's promotion machine in its tracks.

Digby, dropped by England Under-21 boss Dave Sexton last week, staked his claim for a quick recall with two of the saves of the season to cap a breathtaking performance.

Chris Price looked certain to deny

Swindon the point they so richly deserved when Scott Sellars' corner fell invitingly just five yards out in the 79th minute.

His furious drive was bang on target but keeper Fraser Digby half-saved the shot and King somehow hooked the ball off the line.

Digby and King were helpless though as attacking full back Price led another Rovers raid.

He swerved past two defenders before unleashing a shot that shook the crossbar.

Swindon rode their luck and somehow weathered the storm as Argentinian maestro Ossie Ardiles conducted proceedings for the adventurous Lancashire side.

Digby's best was saved for injury time when he dived to his left to tip Colin Hendry's first-time volley round the post.

Swindon manager Lou Macari drew breath after the frantic finale and saluted the 21-year-old keeper.

"He started well then was out for three months through injury and has only just found his old form.

"The pity is that there are only a couple of weeks left. If he hadn't had the break he could have been producing displays like that every game."

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| 15.8.87 | SAT | BRADFORD CITY | A | 10,553 | 0-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Coyne | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 18.8.87 | TUE | BRISTOL CITY 7.45 (LC) | H | 6,807 | 3-0 | Digby | O'Regan | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Kelly | Gittens† |
| 22.8.87 | SAT | SHEFFIELD UNITED | H | 8,637 | 2-0 | Digby | O'Regan | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood (1) | Bamber | Kelly |
| 25.8.87 | TUE | BRISTOL CITY (LC) | A | 7,013 | 2-3 | Digby | O'Regan | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Coyne† | Berry (p) |
| 29.8.87 | SAT | WEST BROM | A | 8,503 | 2-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Kelly (1) |
| 31.8.87 | MON | HULL CITY 7.45 | H | 9,600 | 0-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Berry† |
| 5.9.87 | SAT | MIDDLESBROUGH | A | 9,344 | 3-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | O'Regan |
| 12.9.87 | SAT | BIRMINGHAM CITY | H | 9,128 | 0-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | O'Regan† |
| 15.9.87 | TUE | BARNLEY | A | 7,773 | 1-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | O'Regan |
| 19.9.87 | SAT | IPSWICH TOWN | A | 11,460 | 2-3 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | O'Regan† |
| 22.9.87 | TUE | PORTSMOUTH 7.45 (LC) | H | 9,878 | 3-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | White† |
| 26.9.87 | SAT | READING | H | 10,073 | 4-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara (2) | Parkin (1) | Calderwood† | Bamber | Henry† |
| 29.9.87 | TUE | SHREWSBURY T. | H | 8,261 | 1-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Henry† |
| 3.10.87 | SAT | MILLWALL | A | 7,108 | 2-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | O'Regan† |
| 7.10.87 | WED | PORTSMOUTH 8.00 (LC) | A | 8,727 | 3-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (2) | O'Regan |
| 10.10.87 | SAT | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | H | 8,160 | 2-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | White (1) |
| 20.10.87 | TUE | STOKE CITY | H | 9,160 | 3-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | Kamara | Parkin† | Calderwood | Bamber | White (2) |
| 24.10.87 | SAT | CRYSTAL PALACE | A | 9,077 | 1-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | White (1) |
| 28.10.87 | WED | WATFORD 8.00 (LC) | H | 13,833 | 1-1 | Hammond | Hockaday† | King | O'Regan† | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | White |
| 31.10.87 | SAT | MANCHESTER CITY | H | 11,536 | 3-4 | Hammond | Hockaday† | King | Barnard | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | White |
| 3.11.87 | TUE | WATFORD 8.00 (LC) | A | 12,286 | 2-4 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | O'Regan† | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Kamara |
| 7.11.87 | SAT | LEICESTER CITY | A | 8,346 | 2-3 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Barnard | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Kamara |
| 10.11.87 | TUE | BLACKBURN R. (Simod) | A | 3,638 | 2-1 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Barnard | Parkin (1) | Calderwood | Bamber | Kamara |
| 14.11.87 | SAT | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | H | 9,616 | 1-1 | Flowers | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Barnard |
| 21.11.87 | SAT | LEEDS UNITED | A | 15,457 | 2-4 | Flowers | Hockaday | King† | Coyne | Gittens | Calderwood | Bamber | Barnard |
| 28.11.87 | SAT | A.F.C. BOURNEMTH | H | 7,934 | 4-2 | Flowers | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Gittens | Calderwood | Barnes (1) | Bamber |
| 1.12.87 | TUE | HUDDERSFIELD T. 7.45 | H | 6,963 | 4-1 | Flowers | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Gittens | Calderwood | Bamber | White |
| 5.12.87 | SAT | ASTON VILLA | A | 16,127 | 1-2 | Flowers | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Gittens | Calderwood | Barnes | Bamber |
| 20.12.87 | SUN | SHEFFIELD UTD. (11 am) | A | 7,248 | 0-1 | Flowers | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Gittens | Calderwood | Barnes | Bamber |
| 23.12.87 | WED | DERBY C. 7.45 (Simod) | H | 8,133 | 2-1 | Hammond | Hockaday (1) | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 26.12.87 | SAT | READING (11 am) | A | 8,939 | 1-0 | Crichton | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Gittens | Calderwood | Barnes | Bamber |
| 28.12.87 | MON | IPSWICH TOWN (3pm) | H | 12,429 | 4-2 | Crichton | Hockaday | King (1) | Kamara | Gittens | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | Parkin |
| 1.1.88 | FRI | WEST BROM. (3pm) | H | 12,155 | 2-0 | Crichton | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber† | Gittens |
| 2.1.88 | SAT | BIRMINGHAM CITY | A | 7,829 | 1-1 | Crichton | Hockaday | King | Kamara† | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber† | Gittens |
| 9.1.88 | SAT | NORWICH (FA Cup) (3pm) | H | 12,807 | 0-0 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber† | Gittens |
| 13.1.88 | WED | NORWICH (FA Cup) | A | 12,501 | 2-0 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (2) | Gittens |
| 19.1.88 | TUE | CHELSEA 7.30 (Simod) | H | 12,317 | 4-0 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin (1) | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 30.1.88 | SAT | NEWCASTLE (FA Cup) | A | 28,599 | 0-5 | Hammond | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 6.2.88 | SAT | MIDDLESBROUGH | H | 9,941 | 1-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | Gittens |
| 13.2.88 | SAT | HUDDERSFIELD T. | A | 6,358 | 3-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (2) | Gittens |
| 20.2.88 | SAT | SHREWSBURY T. | A | 5,649 | 1-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | Kamara | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber (1) | Gittens |
| 23.2.88 | TUE | NORWICH (Simod) 7.45 | H | 10,491 | 2-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 27.2.88 | SAT | MILLWALL | H | 9,570 | 0-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Foley | Parkin | Gittens | Bamber | O'Regan |
| 8.3.88 | TUE | LUTON T. (Simod SF) | A | 10,027 | 1-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Foley | Parkin | Gittens | Bamber | O'Regan(1) |
| 12.3.88 | SAT | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | A | 5,203 | 3-4 | Digby | Hockaday | King | McLoughlin | Parkin | White | Gittens | Barnes† |
| 15.3.88 | TUE | BARNLEY | H | 7,558 | 3-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin | Henry | Barnes | McLoughlin |
| 19.3.88 | SAT | MANCHESTER CITY | A | 17,022 | 1-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Henry | Parkin | White | Bamber (1) | Foley |
| 27.3.88 | SUN | CRYSTAL PALACE | H | 12,915 | 2-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin (1) | Gittens | Wegerle | Bamber |
| 30.3.88 | WED | BRADFORD CITY 7.45 | H | 8,203 | 2-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin | Gittens | Wegerle (1) | Bamber (1) |
| 2.4.88 | SAT | LEICESTER CITY | H | 9,450 | 3-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan | Parkin | Gittens | Bamber | Barnes (1) |
| 4.4.88 | MON | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | A | 13,299 | 0-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Gittens | Parkin | Wegerle† | Bamber | Foley |
| 9.4.88 | SAT | BLACKBURN ROV. | H | 9,373 | 1-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King | O'Regan† | Parkin | Gittens | Barnes | White |
| 12.4.88 | TUE | HULL CITY (7.45) | A | 4,583 | 4-1 | Hammond | Hockaday | King† | McLoughlin | Parkin† | Wegerle | Bamber (2) | Gittens |
| 23.4.88 | SAT | STOKE CITY | A | 6,293 | 0-1 | Digby | Hockaday | King | McLoughlin | Parkin | Gittens | Bamber (2) | Barnes |
| 25.4.88 | MON | BLACKBURN ROV. (7.30) | A | 13,536 | 0-0 | Digby | Hockaday | King | Calderwood | Parkin | Gittens | Barnes | White |
| 30.4.88 | SAT | LEEDS UNITED | H | 8,299 | 1-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | McLoughlin | Parkin | Calderwood | Bamber | Gittens |
| 2.5.88 | MON | A.F.C. BOURNEMTH | A | 9,212 | 0-2 | Digby | Hockaday | King† | Calderwood | Parkin | Gittens† | Bamber | Barnes |
| 7.5.88 | SAT | ASTON VILLA | H | | | | | | | | | | |

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S.T.F.C. TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Well, here we are at the end of yet another season, therefore we have no travel dates to advise you of, but there is one important date for your diaries – June 2nd 1988 – the Travel Club Annual General Meeting, commencing at 8.00 pm in the Supporters Club. Further details will be posted to all our members nearer the date.

A date to be deleted from your diaries is the Spring Bank Holiday weekend trip to Amsterdam, which unfortunately has had to be cancelled due to insufficient bookings. We are very sorry to all those of you who have already booked and were looking forward to a weekend break.

The Travel Club Committee would like to say thank you to all those people who have helped us in any way to run our away trips – especially to Barnes Travel, Ellisons Coaches, stewards, and all on the staff at S.T.F.C. Also a very big thank you to all our members for your cooperation and loyalty to the Travel Club.

We hope to see you all again next season, once again thank you all very much and take care through the close season.

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I would like to thank you for your time and assistance in this matter and wish you luck for the rest of this season and future seasons.

Yours faithfully
Mr D. Merrick

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| Quinn (1) | Berry† | Barnard | Coyne† | Foley |
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| Quinn† | Foley† | Barnard | Kelly† | Henry† |
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| Quinn (2 - p) | Foley | Barnard | Henry | O'Regan† |
| Quinn (p) | Foley | Barnard | White† | Cittens† |
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| Quinn† | Foley† | Barnes | O'Regan† | White† |
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| O'Regan | Quinn | Barnes | White† | Bodin |
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| Quinn (1 - p) | Foley | Barnes | O'Regan† | Bodin† |
| Quinn | Foley | Wegerle† | O'Regan | White† |
| Bamber | Foley | McLoughlin | O'Regan | Bodin |
| Quinn | Foley | Barnes | White | Bodin† |
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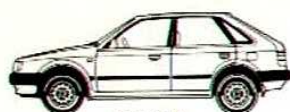
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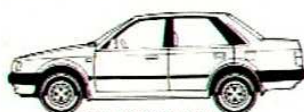
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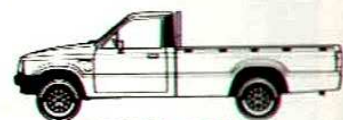
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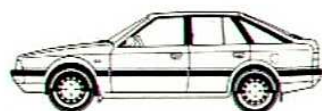
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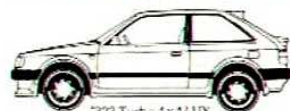
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