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Most players and Managers look forward to Cup competitions as a break from League action. Whether this is strictly true in the Littlewoods Cup is probably more open to question. This competition starts with the League programme hardly underway. What it does bring is floodlit football and there are few more attractive things to look toward than autumn evenings with the floodlights on.

WELCOME STEVE, BUT . . .

Once again I am pleased to welcome my old Manchester United team-mate Steve Coppell to the County Ground with his Crystal Palace team.

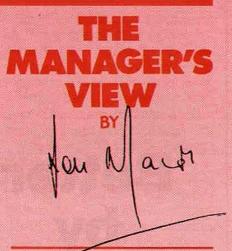
Last season we failed to win in either of our two League matches with Palace. I am sure my lads will not need any motivation to see us through into the next Round. Palace have not got off to as good a start to the season as everyone predicted but they will eventually find that winning rhythm.

SCOUTING TRIPS

At least with the backroom staff we now have at Swindon Town it enables me to look for new players and size up any opposition I need to look at.

When you are a Manager you obviously receive many recommendations. While I may accept the opinion of whoever is recommending it is always essential that I check for myself.

Even when I have established in my



mind whether I would like to sign the player the matter will not finish there. You have to negotiate with the Club concerned and then satisfy the player. No easy matter on either count. Then we have to find the money.

OUR YOUNG PLAYERS

This season provides an ideal opportunity for several of our players to establish their futures in the game.

Although they may not reach first team status immediately it is important that they establish a standard in our Reserve team. It is a make or break period for several of them and obviously I will be keeping a close watch on their progress. I cannot stress strongly enough what the future holds for them providing they apply themselves.

FINANCE

It is important for any Club to hope they are fortunate enough to have a successful run in one of the Cup competitions. It brings extra cash into the Club which is important to all of us.

Perhaps we can begin such a run this evening but it will not be easy. We need your support. You are probably aware of how much encouragement boosts you in your occupation and life, football is no different. I know from my own playing experience how it lifted me. So please help the lads tonight, they appreciate your support and after all we all reap the rewards of their achievements.

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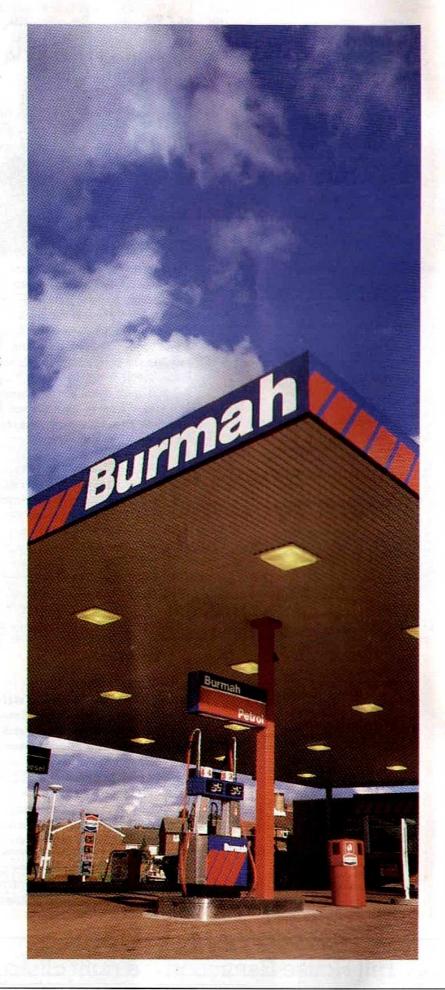
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THEY TEMPTED THE GREAT -DON'

Twenty years on from the mud caked swamp of Wembley, we begin our League Cup campaign tonight. Tougher opposition would be hard to come by with Palace traditionally being one of our bogey sides.

The attractions of Selhurst Park even tempted the mighty Don Rogers away from Swindon Town beginning a slide in the fortunes at the County Ground.

OUR FIRST

At least we start tonight's game with our first win of the season secured. Last Tuesday's home game with Bournemouth brought great relief to both players and supporters.

The game itself, was one of great contrasts, both in the 'Town's' performance and the fact that it truely was 'a game of two halves'.

Bournemouth themselves started surprisingly well, with an attractive style more typical of Leeds or Chelsea.

The performace of Dave Hockaday and Bobby Barnes was the key to the 'Town's' victory, with Hockaday providing support to Barnes' leading role in creating a penalty and scoring a late clincher.

In Ross McLaren we also seem to have found an ideal penalty taker with a 'blast it' attitude. Even 'one goal a season' Colin Claderwood got in on the act, with a perfectly taken goal poachers effort.

The second half performace of our six man defence was for the most part confused and allowed Bournemouth back into the game until very late.

WHY CAN'T HTV'S ROGER GET IT RIGHT?

Paul Bodin's replacement of Duncan

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

Shearer with twenty minutes to go, provided great entertainment the next day during HTV's coverage of the match. Bodin in the eyes of Roger Malone, suddenly shrank to become Peter Coyne. The new P.A. has obviously had no effect on the T.V. gantry as they ignored the change of substitute and then failed to regonise the difference between a player who has been here six months and one who came here in 1984.

Just the contrast in haircuts should have been enough for 'bobbing' Roger to tell the difference! I'm sure the same mistake would not have been made between Joe Jordan and Carl Shutt, but those are local T.V's priorities.

WHY ME AND NOT HIM?

Television has dragged the unsavoury side of football back into the limelight with the microscopic detail shown of the Arsenal-Southampton game. Paul Davis' haymaker punch on ex 'Town' player Glenn Cockerill placed him alongside the illtempered rugby players who regularly react the same way. Football has its problems but at least it hasn't yet developed into a brawl amongst its competitors.

Whilst agreeing with Cockerill that Davis should stay out for as long as he has to, full coverage of the game needs to be considered before the F.A. makes a final decision. Provocation provides Davis with a wafer-thin defence, but his behaviour should be made to ruin both his England and Arsenal careers if his guilt is proven. Though I often find it tempting, I would still expect the sack if I hit someone at work, so why should a sportsman be any different?

At least Glenn has plenty of sunglasses if a black eye does come up, as he never seemed out of them during his stay at the County Ground. Hopefully his recovery will be quick, so that he can rejoin Southampton's refreshing challenge at the top of the First Division.

ELTON THEN THE CITY OF THE 'DONS'

The short trip to Watford on Saturday should be very entertaining with early pace-setters providing the opposition and including an ex 'Town' hero in their line-up.

A week tomorrow brings another interesting game, with a trip to Oxford for a hopefully peaceful and successful match. A pre-season game at the Manor last season saw both our oldies and our current squad hammer United, hopefully we can do the same again this season and bring them down to earth.

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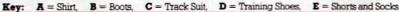
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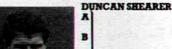
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BRIAN HILLIER

Welcome to our third match at the County Ground in the last seven days. It was not so long ago that we had difficulty in staging one match. Let alone a surfeit of soccer.

WELCOME TO CRYSTAL PALACE

I would like to welcome Palace to the County Ground this evening for what I am sure will be two hard fought and keenly contested matches.

During the course of this season the players of both teams will be well acquainted with at least four fixtures guaranteed to take place, two in the Littlewoods Cup and also our two League fixtures.

WE WILL ALWAYS PROSECUTE

Recently we have experienced an act of theft and damage to the County Ground. Football is an expensive business and we as a Club owe our employees the guarantee that their occupations and their place of work is protected.

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WE WILL NOT TOLERATE MISBEHAVIOUR

For those who choose to taint the Club's good name on our travels we shall take immediate action by banning anyone convicted in court of a soccer related offence.

When we travelled to West Bromwich Albion on September 3rd, there were twelve Swindon Town people arrested, not fans, five were due to appear in the local Magistrates Court to answer charges.

Those found guilty will be banned from the County Ground. We cannot and will not tolerate misbehaviour or violence. We do not want these types in our ground or following this Club.

OUR SADNESS

It was with great sadness that we were informed of the death of Graham Baker the sports columnist of the Daily Mirror.

Graham had been a frequent visitor to the County ground for a number of years. Life and journalism will be the loser for his passing. Our condolences are extended to his family, colleagues and friends.

Obviously over the course of a season we renew our friendships with the press and a strong bond of



friendship is built on our national game. Lou meets most of them in his role of Manager but most people connected with the game come into contact with our sports reporters. The death of Graham only reinforces how precious life is to all of us and how irrelevant a defeat in a game of football is, it is a time for priorities.

CAROL SERVICE Our Club Chaplain the Reverend Nigel Sands has once again been making plans for our annual preChristmas service.

As a Club we are always grateful to Nigel for orgainsing this event and we will provide more information for you when it is available.

SORRY LIONS

We were hoping to stage the Lion's firework display at the County Ground on November 5th. Sadly this cannot now take place.

The reason being that due to the continuing ground improvements we will not have the prohibition order lifted in its entirety to enable the Club to meet the required safety aspects for such an event.

Enjoy tonights match and remember the final whistle tonight will only signal half-time in the tie.

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versus

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and

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

SECOND DIVISION CLASHES Apart from this evenings Cup tie with Crystal Palace the only other all Second Division clashes matches between:-

Leicester City and Watford, while Manchester City entertain Plymouth Argyle. The Filbert Street clash will bring former Town players Jimmy Quinn and Dave Bamber into conflict for the first time since they left the County Ground.

Watford are the team in form but it very often happens that a team starts to hit form in a Cup Competition and don't be surprised if Leicester City spring a surprise.

Manchester City may prove too strong for Plymouth Argyle although a slender lead will be difficult to protect at Home Park.

GIANT KILLING IN PROSPECT It would be a miracle if Walsall could dump mighty Liverpool out of the Cup over two matches.

It is difficult to imagine and probably the Fellows Park Accountant will be the happiest man following the duration of this clash! Walsall put their admission prices up for the visit of the League Champions to Fellows park.

The same difficult task confronts Hull City as they attempt to overcome Arsenal.

The Humberside Club may well concede more goals than any other Club in this Second Round draw when the two matches have been completed.

Barnsley against Wimbledon and AFC Bournemouth versus Coventry City threaten to be close affairs.

The FA Cup holders will welcome the fact that they have two matches with doughty Barnsley. Coventry City may need the home tie to finally establish their superiority against AFC Bournemouth.

VICTIMS OF GLANT KILLING!

Clubs possess.

There still remains the doubt, with Chelsea visiting Scunthorpe Aston Villa with little hope of pro-United. Portsmouth should ensure their Fratton Park First leg match against Scarborough United is an insurance against a shock Oxford United will find Bristol City difficult opposition and will not relish a visit to Ashton gate in the Second Leg without a two goal lead. Blackburn Rovers should prove too strong for Brentford. Stoke City with Chris Kamara in their ranks will have to Athletic will surely prove superior tie. to Darlington Although Peter-

Bradford City were meeting The potential is included in the Reading in League matches last draw but two Legs usually nulli- season so there will be no surin the Second Round are the fies any advantage the lesser prise factor in their meeting in the Littlewoods Cup.

> Birmingham City take on rivals gress. Only the 'local derby' tag makes it a match to savour for the 'Brummies' Villa will be a good bet for progress in this Competition this season.

Sunderland could ensure that West Ham United have a torrid Cup tie. John Lyall's team will have to endure a long searching examination of their endurance and guard against complacency in their stamina. It may take more than the Leyton Orient encounter. Oldham normal 180 minutes to decide this

Ipswich Town will have a difborough United disposed of West ficult First Leg match at Port Vale Bromwich Albion they will surely who relish Cup ties. Their eventual find the task of repeating the act visit to Portman Road may prove to againts Leeds United too difficult. be the Potteries Club's undoing.

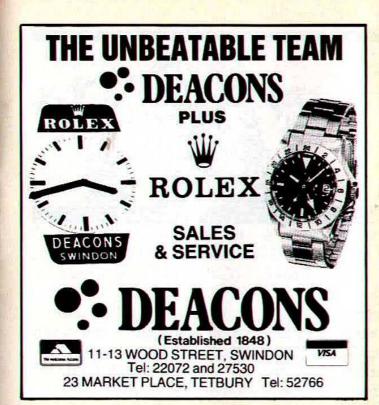
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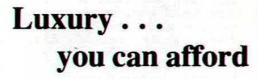
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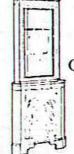
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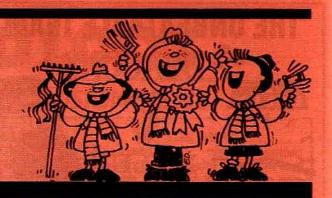
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JUNIOR ROBINS



Today we welcome a party of Junior 'Seagulls' to the County Ground as part of the continuing relationship between Junior Supporters Clubs.

They are providing a mascot and a number of ballboys for today's match.

We shall look forward to our return trip on April 22nd.

Watford Junior Hornets have invited the 'Transplant' Junior Robins football teams (U-10's and U-13's) to play their Junior Hornets, at the Towns away match on October 1st. Lunch will be provided (snacks etc.)

free of charge, tickets at a specially agreed price will be available in their Families section.

May we remind all Junior Robins that when travelling away we are under the Travel Club arrangements and that you all require membership, Juniors 50p for 1 year, adults £3.00 per year or £5.00 for 3 years. Please ensure that any renewals are completed in plenty of time. Cost of travel to Watford is on the Travel Club Notice board.

Ann Swanson of Watford Junior

Hornets will ensure that we will have a fantastic day out. As Watford were one of the pioneers of the 'family' sections at football grounds and have a flourishing Junior and family membership.

So here's your chance to see Dave Bamber in action (not too much we hope) in different colours.

Congratulations go to Liam Tucker who is 7 on the 28th of this month and to Mark Carter of Ruskin Junior School, who is 11 on the 29th.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

We face a busy period in the next twelve days with visits to **Watford** and **Oxford United** before returning to the County Ground to face **Chelses**

All three Clubs were relegated from the First Division last season. Watford, with a huge outlay in the transfer market, have made their intention clear to return as quickly as possible. They have invested three quarters of a million pound in signing Dave Bamber, Paul Wilkinson from Notts Forest and Willie Falconer from Aberdeen. Now managed by Steve Harrison following the departure of Dave Bassett they have made an impressive start to the season.

Local derbys with Oxford United are a feature of the past but they will be renewed when we visit the Manor Ground on Wednesday, October 5th. Now managed by former Liverpool and Eire International Mark Lawrenson, who is assisted by

former Hull City boss Brian Horton they have been busy in the transfer market signing Jimmy Phillips from Glasgow Rangers, John Purdie of Wolves and Gary Smart from Wokingham Town. Gary appeared in our Combination team last season.

Other newcomers to the City of Spires are Phil Heath from Stoke City and Mike Ford from Cardiff City. Mick Lowis arrived from Derby County in a cash plus player exchange for Trevor Hebberd.

Dean Saunders has been in sparkling form this season and will have to be paid close attention to by the Town defence if we are to achieve our customary good result at the Manor Ground.

Chelsea visit the County Ground on Sunday,October 9th, for the first ever League meeting between our two Clubs. There have not been too many changes from their line-up of last season. The two signings that Manager Bobby Campbell did make were significant, with Welsh International Peter Nicholas joining the Stamford Bridge Club from Aberdeen.

The London Clubs other pre-season signing was Graham Roberts who joined Chelsea

from Glasgow Rangers. Graham was formerly with Tottenham Hotspur.

Former Aberdeen Manager Ian Porterfield moved to London to assist Bobby Campbell in an effort to lift the sagging fortunes of Ken Bates Club.

The early season results of all three Clubs before this programme went to print were as follows, with goalscorers in brackets.

Watford: Birmingham City (Home) 1-2 (Bamber). West Bromwich Albion (Away) 1-0 (Gibbs). Crystal Palace (Away) 2-0 (Porter, Wilkinson). Plymouth Argyle 3-0 (Wilkinson, Bamber, Porter, pen). Ipswich Town 2-3 (Roberts 2). Bradford City (Home) 2-1 (Holden 2).

Oxford United: Leeds United (Away) 1-1 (Saunders). Hull City (Home) 1-0 (Saunders). Brighton (Home) 3-2 (Heath, Saunders, Greenall). Chelsea (Away) 1-1 (Leeworth). Leicester City (Home) 1-1 (Shelton). Oldham (Away) 0-3.

Chelsea: Blackburn Rovers (Home) 1-2 (E. Wilson). Crystal Palace (Away) 1-1 (E. Wilson). A.F.C. Bournemouth (Away) 0-1. Oxford United (Home) 1-1 (McAllister). Barnsley (Away) 1-1 (Roberts, pen). Manchester City (Home) 1-3 (Pate).

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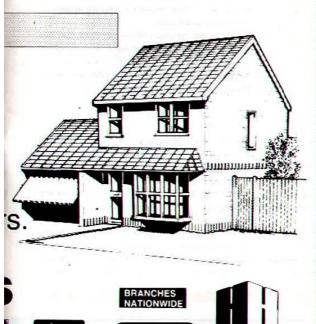


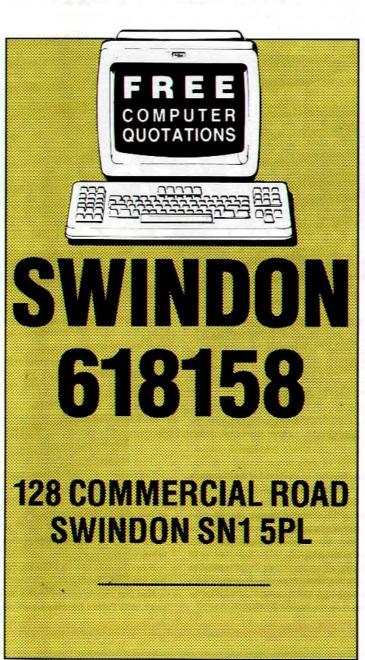
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Second Row: Ian Evans (Asst. Manager), Alan Smith (Coach), Adam Locke, Mark Harris, Mark Hone, Brian Parkin, Gary O'Reilly, Perry Suckling, Paul Rains, Ricky Newman, Dennis Bailey, Brian Owen (Physio), Bob White (Youth Development). Seated: David Burke, Ian Wright, Glenn Pennyfather, Mark Bright, Steve Coppall (Manager), John Salako, Chris Powell, Steve Claridge, Neil Redfern.

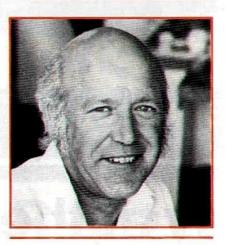
Front: Lawrence Doe, Simon Osbern, John Budden, Gareth Southgate, Barry Ellis, Andy Woodman, David Stevens, Simon Line, Jamie Moralee, Gavin Butler, Russell Green

When Alan Mullery was relieved of the Manager's position at Selhurst Park, Crystal Palace turned to Steve Coppell to rekindle the Clubs fortunes. The former Manchester United and England player, and a colleague of Swindon boss Lou Macari, had been forced to quit the game through a serious leg injury. In June 1984, at 28 years of age, he embarked on a new career. In his first season, 1984/85, he stabilised the Club's fortunes and laid the base for an assault on promotion from the Second Division.

The following season Palace finished fifth and then in 1986/87 season just missed out on a place in the promotion play-offs. During the early part of that season Palace featured in the top three in the Division 2 table, but a run of seven games without a win saw the Club slump down the table.

A revival finally took Palace to sixth place . . . just one place away from the play-offs.

And last season proved to be almost a carbon copy, with Palace just missing out again.



by Dave Eaton

In January of this year they lay in second place, but then slumped to sixth place in just over a month. The finally ended in sixth ... once again one place from the play-offs.

This season Coppell will be hoping to make it third time lucky by at least reaching the playoffs.

Palace were formed in 1905 and were original members of Division 3 in 1920, and the following season gained a place in Division 2 as the Division 3 champions.

Four years later though they were relegated and remained a Third Division outfit until 1958.

They became a founder member of Division 4, but this was the beginning of an upward trend which saw them rise from 1961 in eight years to reach the First Division for the first time. During that period they finished as runners-up in Division, 4, 3 and 2.

Four seasons were spent in the top flight before they dropped back into the Second and the following year were relegated again.

They managed to regain First Division status again; when they ended the 1978/79 season as Division 2 champions.

Life in the top flight was short-lived, just two seasons. Since 1981 Palace have been members of Division 2. During Palace's history they have used several grounds, with Selhurt Park becoming their permanent home since 1924.

Steve Coppell (Manager). Age 33. Born Liverpool (9.7.55). Joined Crystal Palace as Manager in June 1984 having been forced to retire from the game because of a serious knee injury. Started his playing career with Tranmere Rovers in 1973 as an amateur whilst studying for his Economics Degree at Liverpool University. Signed professional in July '74 and transferred to Manchester United in 1974/75 season. He made 320 appearances for United scoring 53 goals and won 42 England caps. He was an outstanding performer for his country and held a permanent

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right wing position until his injury against Hungary which led to his ultimate retirement. His book Touch and Go' was published last year and received excellent reviews. He led Palace to finish 5th in the table in 1985/86 and 6th in 1986/87, after they had been fighting relegation for the previous four seasons. In 1987/88 Palace finished sixth, missing promotion by just three points. He is married and has a son Mark, and lives in Surrey.

Dennis Bailey. Age 23. Dennis was spotted playing for non-League Farnborough Town in the Vauxhall Opel League. He is a forward who made a spectacular appearance on his debut scoring the winner against Barnsley last Christmas. He has made a number of appearances in our Pootball Combination side, netting with some regularity.

Philip Barber. Age 23. Joined Palace from Aylesbury Town in 1984 and has made a number of appearances in both the centre forward and left wing positions. The £10,000 striker scored on his Palace debut against Grimsby Town. Known at the Club as 'Mister 110 per cent'.

Mark Bright. Age 26 The highscoring centreforward notched 25 goals during the 1987/88 season. Joined Palace from Leicester City in November 1986 for £75,000 after a spell at Port Vale. He struck up a fine partnership with Ian Wright last season to become part of one of the top striking partnerships around the country. The 26 year old came through a serious arm injury to help Palace's push in last season's promotion race.

David Burke. Age 28. The Liverpool born left back moved South from Huddersfield Town during 1987 for £65,000. He had a tough baptism with Palace, making his debut in the South London derby against Millwall. Came through that match and went on to be ever present in the number three shirt in that season. He is married and lives in Surrey.



David Burke

Mark Harris. Age 2S. A central defender. Joined the Club as a full-time contract player during the close season from Wokingham Town. Last season played several matches in the Football Combination side a non-contract player.

Mark Hone. Age 20. Defender. Joined the Club from school as an apprentice player. Appears regularly in our Football Combination side and made his first team debut last season versus Millwall at Selhurst Park.

Jeff Hopkins. Age 24. He joined Palace in August 1988 for a fee of £240,00 which was fixed by a League tribunal. Has appeared in both full international and Under-21 level for Wales. He had been previously a one club man appearing in a Fulham shirt since 1980/81. He made his debut for the West London Club, as a central defender and made 219 League appearances for Fulham. With his move south of the river will no doubt be looking to increase his number of Welsh caps.

Gavin Nebbeling. Age 25. The South African made one of the centre half places his own during last season as well as getting among the goals. He was signed from Arcada Pepsi, Johannesburg, in 1983 for £10,000. Whilst at Palace spent a spell on loan at Northampton Town during season 1985/86. Unmarried, he lives in Addington, Surrey.

Gary O'Reilly. Age 27. The unlucky centre half is the best way of describing his Palace career. He made his debut in January 1987 in the F.A. Cup 3rd round but since that early spell at the Club has been plagued by injury. The latest being the one which occurred at Sheffield United last season, resulting in him being out of contention for a first team place for the rest of the season. Spent a period at the Rehabiliation centre at Lilleshall before spending this summer playing in Sweden. He was signed from Brighton for £40,000, is married and lives in Crawley.

Alan Pardew. Age 27. Wimbledon born, Alan moved to Selhurst Park in 87/88 for £7,500. Signed from Yeovil Town, made his League debut last season and fitted well into the centre of the midfield. He will be keen to make his mark in a highly competitive midfield during this season. He is unmarried and lives in Surrey.

Brian Parkin. Age 22. A goalkeeper who hails from the Wirral. Signed for Palace on a free transfer from Crewe Alexandra in the close season. Completed a 3-month loan period during the middle of last season at the Palace. Made his first team debut recently.

John Pemberton. Age 23. He joined Palace from Crewe Alexandra during last season for £60,000. He had previously played for Rochdale. Has the ability to play in any of the defensive positions. He played alongside Geoff Thomas when they were both at Gresty Road. Was substitute on a number of occasions last season but will no doubt be knocking on the first team door this season. He is married and at present lives in Surrey.



· Ian Wright

Geoff Thomas. Aged 24. He enjoyed a very successful first season with the Club, picking up four Player Of The Year Awards after his £50,000 signing. Can play in both midfield and the centre half positions, and this he did for Palace last season. He is married and at present lives in Surrey.



Geoff Thomas

Glenn Pennyfather. Age 25. Joined Palace from Southend United for £150,000, after spending almost nine years at Roots Hall. He has fitted well into midfield, his experience being a vital asset, after making 221 League appearances for Southend. He spends his afternoons teaching in a school local to his Benfleet home.

John Salako. Age 19. This youngster has come through the Crystal Palace Youth side. Made his first team debut in January 1987. He was a leading goalscorer while appearing for the Youth Team and was last season selected for the England Under-20 squad. He plays down either wing but is also keen to play centre forward. He is single and lives in Westerham, Kent.

Richard Shaw. Age 19. Another youngster to graduate through the Youth Scheme to first team football. A regular member of the Reserve side, he also figured in a number of first team matches last season. Made his debut in the 3-2 win at Reading.

Perry Sackling. Age 23. Signed last season from Manchester City for £100,000 after spells at Coventry and a loan period at Chelsea. He has appeared for the England Under-21s on a number of occasions both at home and abroad. Delighted to be back in the South of England and has recently bought a house in South Croydon.

Neil Redfeam. Aged 23. He is a right sided midfield player. Joined Palace via Nottingham Forest, Bolton Wanderers, Lincoln City and Doncaster Rovers. Signed last summer for £85,000 and last season took on the role of Palace's penalty taker. Scored eight goals for the Club in the process. He is married with a baby, and lives in Surrey.

Ian Wright. Aged 25. London born, enjoyed considerable success with Palace during last season scoring 23 goals. He is a firm favourite with the supporters. He picked up the runners-up trophy at the end of season presentations. The main attributes of his game is his speed, fine ball control and turning ability. He is unmarried and lives in Forest Hill.

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10.10 Issue Combat Equipment
10.20 Transport to Main Camp
10.30 Briefing, tea, coffee and biscuits
10.45 Move to Team Camps
10.50 Start first Combat Zone

Barbecue lunch and drinks
Team Camps

13.15
13.45
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17.00
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17.45
Barbecue lunch and drinks
Return to Team Camps
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Tea, coffee and biscuits Main Camp
Transport to Reception Area
End of Combat Zone

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afternoon the exchanges continued.

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TUNE IN WITH GWR'S VIC MORGAN



Good evening and welcome to the County Ground one and all for Little-woods Cup action. A competition of course that is guaranteed to excite any red blooded Swindon supporters, especially this year the 20th anniversary of that triumphant League Cup campaign of 1968/69.

Welcome to Crystal Palace managed by that fine player for Manchester United and England, Steve Coppell. But we trust you won't enjoy your visit too much.

CREDIT TO AFC BOURNEMOUTH

It was, to say the least, a real pleasure to witness the Town's first victory of the season a week ago against AFC Bournemouth. It was the sort of game I love, full of action and excitement right to the last whistle. But it's a reporters nightmare, trying to record the play on paper whilst keeping one's eyes on the field. I really must learn shorthand. Full credit to visitors Bournemouth who came here to make a game of it and they certainly kept me on the edge of my seat in that storming second half recovery.

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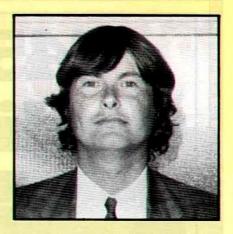
One aspect this season and an integral part of the Bournmouth game is the

condition of the playing surface. Groundsman Geoff Warren has had a long time in which to work on the pitch and its appearance shows it's been time well spent. I've not seen better at the start of the season in the 20 odd years I've been coming to the County Ground, so hats off to Geoff he's done a fine job.

LEE MAY HAVE LEARNT A BITTER LESSON!

One story that's brought a new aspect to the transfer market in the early weeks of the new campaign, is the predicament of former Stoke City and Arsenal forward Lee Chapman. He moved from Sheffield Wednesday to French Club Niort in the summer to become part of the increasing English colony across the Channel. But unfortunately for Chapman and his actress wife Lesley Ash, Niort could not afford to pay off the whole of the transfer fee.

I cannot recall a similar situation, which bearing in mind the spiralling transfer fees now being asked is quite amazing. But is this the tip of the iceberg? how many transfers have gone through with Clubs being unable to make the payments? It's a matter of course that's central to football as we know it and the incident must surely act as a warning to all those concerned. Meanwhile Chapman has had to shop around for a Club back home and he's no doubt learned a great deal from the experience.



ECHOS OF THE 'TANGERINES' WITH JIM!

A couple of weeks back Swindon gained a great point at Blackburn, a fine performance lads against one of the better sides in Division Two. It was a result made even more pleasurable for me due to a chance meeting before the match. The Ewood Park press box is among the friendliest in the League and I always enjoy its atmosphere. On this occasion however, I happened to meet Jimmy Armfield the former Blackpool and England full back. After the usual conversation about how the Town had been playing we got onto a famous match between Swindon and the Tangerines in 1970.

Both sides were in with a chance of promotion but Blackpool held the Town to a 1-1 draw despite Arthur Horsfield sending a packed County Ground wild with a fourth minute goal.

Mr. Armfield still remembers that match vividly and rated that Town side very highly. Well, praise indeed from a great player and it's always a pleasure to be able to meet and talk to one of football's greats as he undoubtedly was.

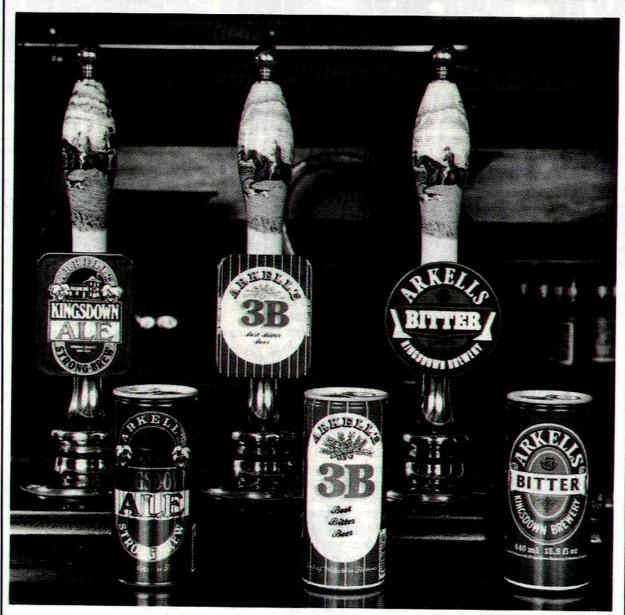
CAN THE TWO CLUBS REPEAT THE ENTERTAINMENT?

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

TWICE IN FOUR DAYS

Our Youth team made their second exit from a Cup competition within the space of four days when they were defeated 4-3 by Bristol City on Saturday, September 17th at Lydiard Park in the South East Counties League Cup. It was only four days earlier they had been dismissed by Southampton in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

John Trollope our Youth team Manager was naturally disappointed with this second defeat.

"It was a game we could have easily won and we only had ourselves to blame. Paul Hunt and Nicky Summerbee gave us an ideal start by putting us two goals ahead in the first eighteen minutes. Unfortunately we failed to build on this lead and found ourselves 3-2 down by half-time through bad defensive errors.

Gavin Sandrey equalised from a Paul Trollope corner in the first minute of the second half and set us up for what should have been the necessary boost for a win. Again we did not capitalise when we were having the bigger share of the play."



 Gavin Sandrey – who not only scored against Bristol City but also received praise for his all-round performance – and promotion to our Combination team

John concluded, "We then conceded a scrappy goal from a corner which proved to be the winner."

In his appraisal of both the team and the individual performances, John added, "it was a poor team performance and only Gavin Sandrey came out with any credit. In Cup matches there is no second chance".

Team: Lovegrove, Lea, Graham, Spalding, Sandrey, Quinn, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan. Substitutes: Walker (For Hunt in 86th min.) Murray (For Spalding in 66th min.)

In our second Allied Counties Youth League match of this season we again recorded a resounding victory when we defeated Hungerford Town Town by 4-0.

Talking of this game, John Trollope, reported "following a goal-less first half, our good approach work was spoiled by poor finishing. The second half saw more of what we expect of these young lads and all four goals were scored within a 20 minute period. The first a penalty by **Neil Quinn** after Paul Trollope was brought down in the area. Substitute **Nathan Holt** finished a good left wing move two minutes later with **Martin Grounsell** completing the scoring with two further goals."

John summarised the performance, "Paul Trollope and Jason Braidwood controlled the game in midfield with good passing and support. Some of the schoolboys in the team are beginning to show signs of promise which is encouraging."

Team: Lovegrove, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Murray, Payne, Spalding, Trollope, Grounsell, Walker, Braidwood.

Substitutes: Holt (For Walker in 61st min.) Sawyer (For Spalding in 61st min.)

Our Football Combination team travelled to London on Wednesday,



 Alan McLoughlin – who returned to Reserve team action following injury, to score the winning goal in the Reserve teams 2-1 win at Millwall.

September 21st where they faced Millwall at The Den. They recorded their second victory of the season overcoming the home team 2-1.

It was a win that Town coach **Andy Rowland** described as, "we gained our first away win of the season with a good hard working performance. We took the lead after **fifteen** minutes of play when **Peter Coyne** scored from twelve yards following good work by Alan McLoughlin."

Millwall equalised two minutes before half-time through **Thompson** when he scored from close range following a goalmouth scramble.

Andy continued his summary by concluding, "with Gavin Sandrey playing his first game at Reserve team level and with Leigh Barnard employed in a sweepers role we always looked in control of the game. It was fitting that **Alan McLoughlin** should clinch the victory when he ran through the Millwall defence unchallenged to score the winner."

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Casserly, Barnard, Sandrey, Henry, Young, Simpson, Coyne, Bodin and Viveash. Substitutes: Tomlinson and Marshall.

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ALL AWAY

Following our match with Arsenal in the 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination at the County Ground tomorrow afternoon Wednesday, September 28th, kick off 2pm our reserve team have three away trips to face . . Tottenham Hotspur . . on October 8th ... we travel the relatively short distance to ... Oxford United ... on October 12th and then return to London to meet ... Crystal Palace ... on October 26th

HOW THE POST WAS DELIVERED

While the Post Office strike was in operation the Football League still managed to deliver their mail to each of the 92 Clubs! They delivered to every home Club who had a fixture each weekend. Therefore Portsmouth collected their mail at the County Ground on Sunday, September 11th. The following week we collected our mail at Ewood when we travelled to meet Blackburn Rovers.

FIRST CLUB ON THE TREK FOR SPORTS AID

Swindon Town were the first of the ninety two Clubs to be visited by serving members of R.A.F. Lyneham when they set out on their marathon journey on **Sunday**, **September 11th**.

They arrived at the **County Ground** at **8.20 a.m.** as arranged and were presented with an autographed football, penant and team photograph by Swindon Town Secretary **Dave King** before they set out for Oxford United on their second call.

THE SITTING MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL

When Club Chairman Brian Hillier and Secretary Dave King travelled to Sheffield on Tuesday, September 13th, for the League Tribunal hearing of Kieran O'Regan who had signed for Huddersfield Town on freedom of contract. They were confronted with the same panel who had made the decision regarding the Bryan Wade conditional transfer in Bristol in August.

They were Lawrie McMenemy, Professor John Woods, Gordon Taylor and Mike Foster of the Football League. Each represents an organisation, F.L.E.S.A., the P.F.A. and the independent Chairman.

Also present on behalf of **Hudders**field **Town** were the Leeds Road Club Manager **Eion Hand** and their Secretary **George Binns**.

Before the **Kieran O'Regan** hearing **Notts County** and **Aston Villa** were in attendance to contest the value of **David Norton** who moved from Villa Park to Meadow Lane in the summer.

The Town duo headed back south from Bramall Lane after hearing that the Tribunal had set a fee of £15,000 for the transfer of registration for Kieran O'Regan.

WHO IS WEARING SWINDON TOWN KIT?

On Saturday, September 17th the Town's laundry room was broken into and the thieves departed with our Reserve team kit! It's difficult to imagine how a team is going to turn out in Swindon Town shirts. The police have apprehended three people in

connection with the theft and other charges are pending in relation to Swindon Town Football Club.

Any person who has a Swindon Town shirt in their posession that they have purchased in innocence should contact the police on **Swindon 28111**.

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Since its inauguration the competition has been given three titles. The League Cup, then the Milk Cup and more recently the Littlewoods Cup.

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WHERE WILL IT ALL END?

The recent injury that former Town player Glenn Cockerill sustained during Southampton's 2-2 draw against Arsenal at Highbury highlighted a growing concern within the game.

Glenn had a **cheekbone fractured** and his **jaw displaced** in an incident that happend off the ball! Glenn had to have a plate inserted in his jaw. **All in the name of sport!**

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I am very interested in football and collecting the badges of the football Clubs in Europe.

I am very interested in your Club and I am fan of your Club. I would like to carry on an exchange with you.

I am begging you to send me some badge – Swindon Town F.C.

I would also like to come into contact with the fan's of your Club.

My address.
Adam Olesinski
31-861 Nowa-Huta
OS Niepodlegtosci 8/101
Krakow
Poland.

Editor: Anyone interested? If you are please write direct to Adam.

Dear Sir/Madam

Ovenden Papers Combination - Season 1988/89

I would ask you to note that it is Club policy that only Chelsea Club Members and Season Ticket Holders are permitted entry to our home Combination games.

I would be grateful if you could make this fact known to your supporters in advance of our fixture at Stamford Bridge.

We shall of course issue tickets for your players' families upon request.

Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully Jane Wayth Secretary

Editor: We are due to play this fixture on Tuesday April 25th. So there is plenty of time to make alternative arrangements! mgr Stanislaw R. Diabin Konczewice 1 87-140 Chelmza POLAND

Dear Sirs,

I am a polish collector of the football keepspakes. In my collection are the club badges almost all the English league clubs. The trouble is I am lacking badges of yours famous Club.

That is why I am daring to turn to you with the ask to send me the badges of yours Club.

I am in the know, the club keepspakes in England are for sale and it make profit from the clubs. Unfortunately I live in country, where is an unconvertible currency and I can not buy the keepspakes simply.

I am interesting in another keepspakes of the football clubs, too. (Particularly: publications, programs of games, lance-pennons, emblems, etc.) But I am very particular about to collect all the badges of the English football league clubs.

I apologize for any inconvenience that may have been brought about my ask. I sincerely hope you would be so kind as to help me in this matter and I shall be grateful for any help.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours respectfully. Stanislaw R. Diabin

Editor: Swindon Town seem to be very popular in Poland. We have numerous letters from the Iron Curtain country. Would anyone care to write to Stanislaw?

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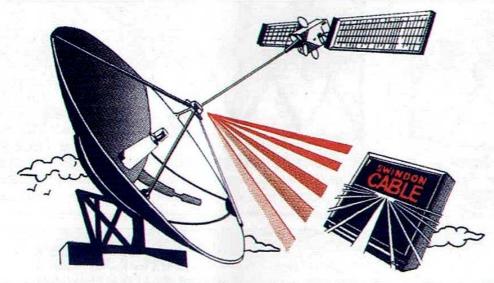
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The injury I received at West Bromwich appeared worse than it turned out to be. The kick I received on the inside of the ankle required three stiches.

I had an exploratory X-ray and the ankle was badly swollen for a week but it mended quickly. The price you have to pay if you are quicker to the ball than an opponent!

I HAVE BEEN LUCKY During my career I have been lucky with injuries, none that have taken months to overcome.

Probably the most serious injury I have sustained was the broken rib which put me out of action here at Swindon for three weeks.

IRONIC I CAME BACK AT BLACKBURN

It was ironic that I was able to play at Blackburn following my injury. For it was at Ewood Park that I started my career.

I always enjoy returning there. It was at sixteen years of age that I started with Rovers and most situations have changed since then. Simon Garner is the only player remaining from my days with the Club. In fact Simon and I began as apprentices. It is nine years since I left Ewood Park and the ground has developed since my early days.

No. 4 TIM PARKIN

P.F.A. REPRESENTATIVE At all the Football League Clubs there is a Players Football Association representative. Here at the County Ground I am in that position.

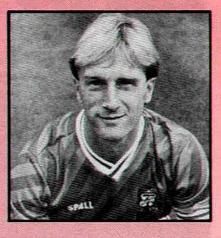
My duties consist of passing onto the playing staff here any news from the P.F.A. offices and also helping any of the players who might have a problem or two that his Association can help him to sort out.

Another of my duties is to collect the players subscriptions. At the completion of each season I have to arrange the ballot for the P.F. A's Player of the Year and also the Divisional awards.

MY AWARD

It was indeed an honour to be voted Player of the Year at Swindon. It had previously been my luck to have been voted the same in my last two seasons with Bristol Rovers.

When you are a defender you always think a striker stands a better chance of being voted into this coveted position. After all goals attract publicity, and rightly so. It is just nice to know that the Swindon Town supporters appreciated my endeavours.



• Tim Parkin

AT A PEAK At the age of thirty I feel my play has reached a peak. I am quite confident that I can continue

playing into my mid thirties.

As I have matured the feeling that I would like to continue in the game has grown. The first step along this path was for me to obtain my full F.A. coaching badge.

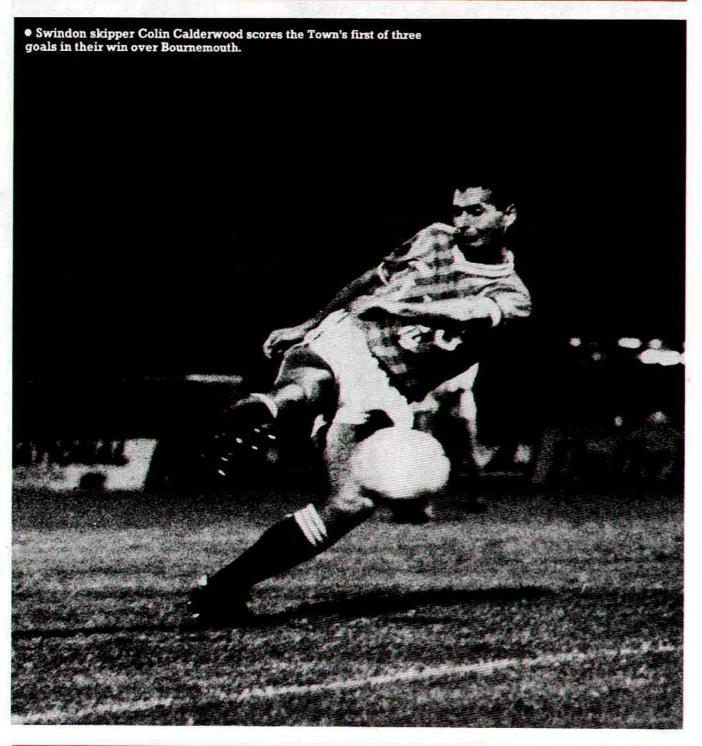
Nobody can foresee the future and I am set to take a correspondence course in Recreational Management. Another avenue which proves I have no set ties.

THE WEST COUNTRY The West Country is a beautiful place to live and I may well settle here for good.

Both my wife and I come from the North of England and obviously there are times when you feel as if you would like to be nearer our families. Having played part of my career abroad I have always felt I can settle anywhere. I might just stay here but who really knows?

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11.9.88	SUN	PORTSMOUTH	H	11,4
17.9.88	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,6
20.9.88	TUE	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,0
24.9.88	SAT	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,5
27.9.88	TUE	CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	
1.10.88	SAT	WATFORD	A	
5.10.88	WED	OXFORD UNITED (7.45)	A	
9.10.88	SUN	CHELSEA	H	
12.10.88	WED	CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	
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22.10.88	SAT	SUNDERLAND	A	
26.10.88	WED	LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	
29.10.88	SAT	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	
5.11.88	SAT	HULL CITY	A	
12.11.88	SAT	IPSWICE TOWN	H	
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17.12.88	SAT	BRADFORD CITY	A	
26.12.88	MON	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H	
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18.2.89	SAT	SUNDERLAND	H	
25.2.89	SAT	LEEDS UNITED	A	
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ROUND TWO

The draw for matches in this round is as follows:

1988/89

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Luton Town

Rotherham United

Scunthorpe United

Everton

Portsmouth

Liverpool

Oxford United

Lincoln City

Nottingham Forest

Blackpool Hull City

Swindon Town
Derby County

Blackburn Rovers

Leicester City

Birmingham City

Sheffield United

Sunderland

Norwich City

Manchester City

Millwall

Middlesbrough

Port Vale

Barnsley

A.F.C. Bournemouth

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Darlington

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Northampton Town

Peterborough United

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v. Bradford City

v. Burnley

v. Manchester United

v. Chelsea

v. Bury

v. Scarborough

v. Walsall

v. Bristol City

v. Southampton

v. Chester City

v. Sheffield Wednesday

v. Crystal Palace

v. Southend United

v. Brentford

v. Watford

v. Aston Villa

v. Newcastle United

v. West Ham United

v. Preston North End

v. Plymouth Argyle

v. Gillingham

v. Tranmere Rovers

v. Ipswich Town

v. Wimbledon

v. Coventry City

v. Stoke City

v. Oldham Athletic

v. Cardiff City or Swansea City

v. Charlton Athletic

v. Leeds United

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SHORT SWEET

It's a funny old game. The day
we lost 3-1 at West Bromwich
Peterborough United, who had been
3-0 conquerors of West Brom at the
Hawthorns in midweek in a Littlewoods
Cup Tie. They lost 4-1 at home to
Scarborough in Division Four!

The Fooball League have retained several referees beyond the normal retirement age of 48. George Tyson who is the oldest ever Football League referee will be 50 next May.

When Gillingham defeated Chesterfield 10-0 on September 5th 1987 it was the first time in 61 Football League games with a double figure score that no player managed a hat-trick.

Hereford United 'keeper Kevin Rose made his 300th consecutive first team appearance against Plymouth Argyle in the Littlewoods Cup match at Edgar Street recently. He reached that total with 232 League and 68 Cup games.

Swindon Town Football Club now have a membership total of 15,300.

It was on the some day, September 5th, 1987 that the first senior game to be played on a plastic pitch in Scotland was played. Stirling Albion drawing 1-1 with Ayr United.

Ray Wilkins – talking about his early days in the Scottish premier – "the first lesson I learned was never to put your foot on the ball. If you do you're liable to lose both!"

The first Fooball League matches were played on September 8th, 1888 and Preston scored the first goal.

On August 18th, 1987, Michele Cockburn from Guiseley, Leeds, became the first woman to qualify for the Football Associations highest coaching award. Brian Stein who scored against the Town in last seasons Simod Cup 2-1 defeat at Kenilworth Road against Luton Town is out of action for three months after a knee ligament injury sustained playing for French First Division side Caen. Shrewsbury Town's Victor Kasule was substituted after 69 minutes of his teams recent match with Bradford City – only 33 minutes after he himself came on as sub!

Newport County finished last season with a team completed by YTS boys. They called apon 41 different players last season conceding 105 goals and 22 players shared their own modest 35 goals. Soviet International midfield player Alexander Zavarov is to join Juventus in a £3.8 million move from Dynamo Kiev. Zavarov is the third Soviet Union star to go west in the last year.

England Test star Ian Botham currently recuperating from a back operation has recently taken a share in a £2,500 executive box at Sunderland.

Last season York City were never out of the bottom two positions in the Third Division and they saved their best performances for when they were relegated managing to overhaul Doncaster Rovers in the process!

50% of goals come from set plays (free kicks, corners, throw ins).

BBC's Sports Night recently celebrated its 20th anniversary!
The programme began on September 12th, 1968.

Tottenham's home match with Coventry City is off again! A new date had been set for September 21st, but Spurs who have a strong Jewish following, had rejected it because it clashes with Yom Kippur – one of the most important dates in the Jewish calendar.

Between 70 and 80% of goals at any level of football come from three passes or fewer.

The Police Federation Journal on Chelsea "The unspeakable fans and the unrepentant Neanderthal man in the Chair deserve each other... Chelsea have been relegated, snarling on and off the field, to the Second Division" 29 June 1988.

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CRYSTAL PALACE

	Team Changes
1. Brian Parkin	
2. John Pemberton	
3. David Burke	
4. Alan Pardew	
5. Jeff Hopkins	
6. Gary O'Reilly	
7. Neil Redfearn	
8. Geoff Thomas	
9. Mark Bright	
10. Ian Wright	
11. Phil Barber	
12. John Salako	*******
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