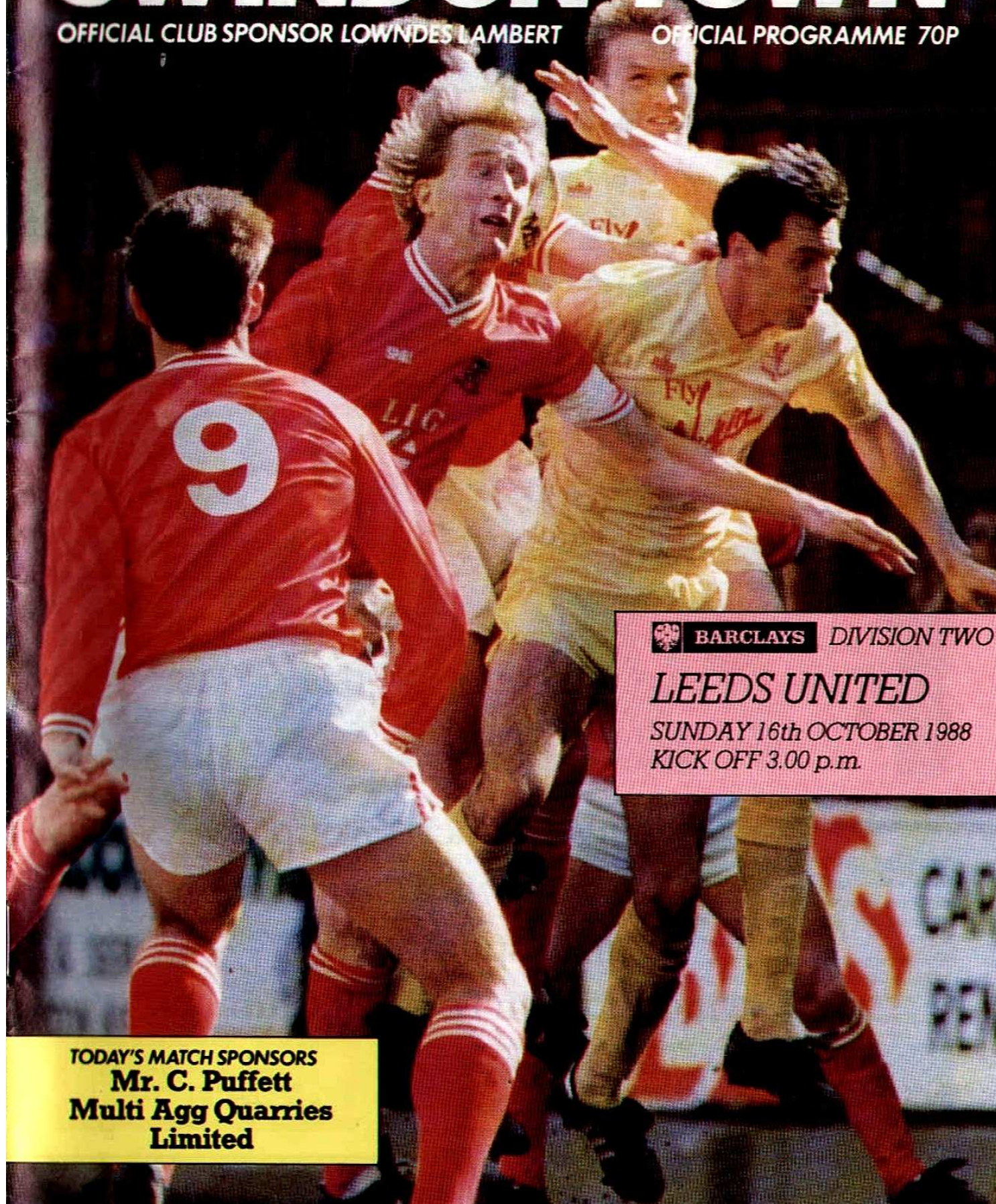


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WELCOME HOWARD

Leeds United this week appointed former Sheffield Wednesday Manager Howard Wilkinson to lead them eventually into the First Division.

Howard will be under no illusions that is what is expected of him and I believe he eventually will do just this.

Personally, I have thought for a long time that Leeds United needed to go for an outsider. A man who was not steeped in Leeds traditions and ways. Recent appointments have always come from the Don Revie era and I think that too much was expected of them and subsequently they suffered from past exploits.

Welcome to the County Ground, Howard, please start your winning ways after today!

**DAMP SQUIB...
BUT A FINE TREBLE!**

Admittedly last Sunday's match with Chelsea was a bit of a damp squib! Expectations are often greater than what is actually fact.

We may not have deserved to have won all three points and yet once we had equalised there was opportunity to clinch the points. It was not to be but it really was not a bad weeks work - we remained undefeated against three teams who were last season playing First Division football - Watford, Oxford United and Chelsea! Well done lads, a lot of people would have betted against that three match run.

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MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE
With the Second Round of the Simod Cup due in the same week as we were due to play our re-arranged game with Crystal Palace at the County Ground, I did not object to Steve Coppell's request to put the game back for a while.

We would not like to have to have met four times in quick succession and three of these games fall into that category. Shades of the Premier Division in Scotland, they do it all the time. I don't think spectators would like to see that happen down here.

NOT A BAD START...
NOW WE MUST CONSOLIDATE
The report reads... Satisfactory... What we now have to do is to build on this good beginning.

Following today's match we meet Sunderland and Leicester City in consecutive away matches. Both clubs enjoy partisan support built on basically First Division tradition. If we can return with our share of points I believe we can then look to hold our own for the rest of the season. Hard work will be needed and that's what our game is based upon.

A (K)NIGHT AT THE PALACE
Our Littlewoods Cup night was one without honour and we never looked as though we would overcome the first leg defeat.

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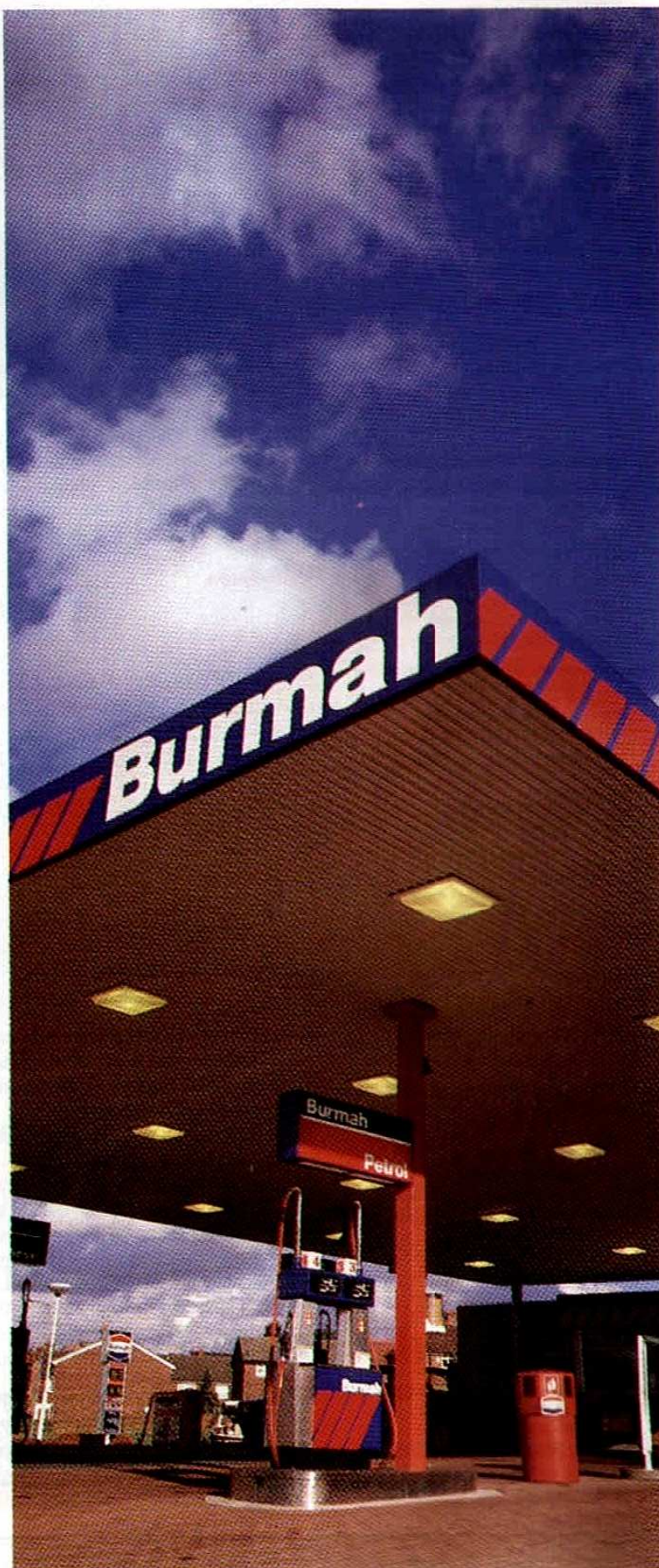
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OH MR. MAXWELL

A Southern League outfit pretending to be Second Division contenders and a First Division side finding life tough in Division Two, provided interesting opposition over the last week or so.

The cage at Oxford, penning the away fans, is something that self-styled peoples champion Robert Maxwell should be ashamed of. The barrier of a few tons of wire mesh and steel posts doesn't encourage supporters to flood back any more than membership card schemes will. Even a trip to the gents proved to be a nightmare, with the bowels of the terrace opening up to a claustrophobic dungeon, another product of Oxford's humble beginnings. If the Manor Club had spent a small proportion on customer comfort rather than containment, they might not have to resort to T.V. advertising to tempt the crowds back.

On the pitch, the action which could be seen, was typically patchy, scrappy stuff, with a draw being the only possible result.

TIM MADE IT ALL WORTHWHILE

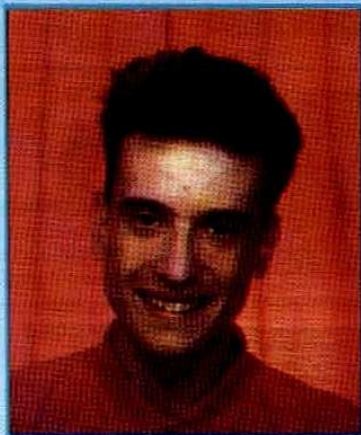
Tim Parkin's equaliser at least brought some relief to those crammed on the away terrace who only had more roadworks and delays to look forward to on the way home. Our own travels were made more difficult by a defective human compass, which did at least make the journey more interesting than the game!

HARD MEN

Chelsea provided just as stern opposition last Sunday, with hard men Peter Nicholas and Graham Roberts allowed to dictate play by virtue of more dubious refereeing.

Though out with injury, Tim

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

Parkin's influence was again strong, with our defensive cover looking decidedly shaky without him.

OLD BOY WELCOMED

Sloppy marking allowed England reject Kerry Dixon to break the habit of his career to put Chelsea into the lead and spark the introduction of the 'Towns' trump card. With an astonishing new hairstyle, but the same undeniable commitment, Leigh Barnard's arrival not only brought the game level, but in the dying stages nearly won it. It's good to have one of the old boys back!

AT THE 'BRINY'

Whilst the 'Town' were holding the hard men of Stamford Bridge, events elsewhere were very interesting. More tough physical play in a tough physical sport was apparently going on at Scarborough.

Not content with being the first non-Leaguers to automatically enter the Football League, the Yorkshiremen seem likely to become history makers in taking their opponents, Leyton Orient, to court.

Analysis of any situation is difficult without witnessing it, but the facts seem to speak volumes about the newcomers attitude.

What seems to be forgotten, is that however inconsistent, the referee is the law on a football pitch. A broken leg caused by violent play is regrettable, but unavoidable with the games high stakes these days. Scarborough's reaction to such an incident in threatening legal action seems somewhat hysterical. Adding to this their pettiness in refusing to shake the Orient players hands after the game and throwing their Managing Director out of the boardroom sums up their look ahead, bright new attitude. More small time attitudes in action it appears.

GLEE FROM ASHTON ALF?

A brighter fact to end on with last Saturday's result from Ashton Gate, City going down 5-1 to Fulham, being greeted with the same glee that our 6-2 home defeat a couple of seasons ago was in Bristol.

REMEMBER THE LAST TIME HOWARD?

Today's game should be another open attacking affair, with Leeds eager to impress their new Manager in their first League game under him. The last time that one of Howard Wilkinson's sides visited the County Ground, they scuttled back North on the receiving end of an embarrassing defeat. Let's hope we can do the same this afternoon.

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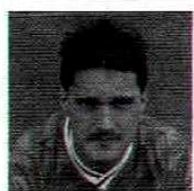
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Speaking

BRIAN HILLIER



Swindon Town Football Club are seeking to improve further the facilities that we are able to offer to the disabled. We have appealed to the Football League Trust for a grant that will enable this Club to improve and provide further facilities for this area.

PERSONAL ATTENDANTS

The County Ground, due to its vacant spaces in front of the North Stand, enables the Club to have extensive scope in this area to make improvements.

With the continuing work on the Stratton Bank almost complete this area will at least be spared the unsightly track marks of vehicles seeking access to the Stratton Bank. We have a current membership of fifty people who seek entrance to the disabled area. No charge for admission is made to this area and we also allow a personal attendant to accompany each person. They are immediately on call to tend to any requirements. The Club also ensures that at least two stewards are on call to supervise this enclosure.

VISITORS ALLOWED

When we receive a grant for the Disabled Enclosure we hope to extend the current facilities and to incorporate a concrete ramp to allow wheelchairs to move more freely to gain access for cover.

It has always been our policy to allow visitors to use this area and watch the game without being confined to just watching their Club in home matches only.

COULD SPONSORSHIP HELP?

Without doubt, available cash enables the Club to improve all facilities and conditions for specific areas such as family enclosures, junior enclosures and sponsorship enables these needs to be met.

Panini with family enclosures have enabled an admirable step to be taken on some grounds. Such a facility is well promoted at Southampton. We hope to introduce such an area in Shrivenham Road soon and I am sure our Commercial Manager Doug Buswell will be actively seeking sponsorship when we are ready.

The disabled area, if given a grant, will see a big improvement. Sponsorship could also be a help as we seek to improve one of the largest disabled memberships in the Football League.

FOR THE BLIND

I am also pleased to announce that this Club has also recently applied to the Football Trust to have made available a grant to enable Swindon Town to improve its hearing facilities for the blind.

It is obviously more advantageous to be able to absorb the atmosphere of match days than to have to stay at home listening to a commentary. No disrespect to Vic Morgan who does a great job for GWR. Vic would be the first to agree with me I am sure.

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE

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attend our League and cup matches.

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This afternoon we are giving each person who enters the disabled area a matchday programme so they can read of how Swindon Town Football Club aims to improve their well being at matches. Once we receive our grant, and perhaps with a little help from other sources, we can make our facilities the best for our membership at the County Ground.

To all of these people I hope you enjoy today's match and I can ensure you that you are prominent in the immediate list of improvements we shall be making at the County Ground when the Stratton Bank work is complete.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our friends from Leeds United. A great Club who are experiencing a difficult time by their own standards.

If you compare their problems with those of over half the Clubs in the Football League they don't have any. It is only by comparison with the times the Northern Club experienced under Don Revie. Obviously the consistent success of Liverpool and Manchester United is held in awe by Leeds fans but I am sure they will eventually return to winning ways. I just hope they don't do so today.

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Barclays League Division Two
Saturday October 22nd
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South East Counties League Division Two
Saturday October 22nd
Bristol Rovers (away)
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Barclays League Division Two
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Leicester City (away)
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Wednesday October 29th
Crystal Palace (away)
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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

THE ELTON JOHN FINANCE MACHINE

Watford last week signed **Charlton** outcast **Paul Miller** for £85,000. The Second Division leaders moved for the former Tottenham central defender when he was told by Charlton Manager **Lennie Lawrence** that he had no further future with the Club after being sent off for spitting at a Newcastle player.

Watford Manager **Steve Harrison** said, "Lennie was understandably disappointed with the way Miller got sent off. I would have been too. Paul has been made well aware of the disciplinary code at this Club and he has said he is happy to abide by it."

Meanwhile, the twenty-eight year-old Paul Miller is midway through a three match ban.

GREEN LIGHT FOR WINSTON

Oldham Athletic have been given the all-clear to play **American** International goalkeeper **Winston Dubose**. The Home Office have granted a work permit.

THE SUBJECT OF CLUB DISCIPLINE

Leicester City have fined **Ally Mauchlen** after he was sent off against Chelsea recently. Mauchlen was involved in an incident with fellow-Scot Kevin McAllister, and Manager **David Pleat** said, "He lost his head and was silly and will be subject to Club discipline. He has been the model of consistency since I came here as Manager and this is the first time that he has been involved in any trouble."

HIS MOST IMPORTANT SAVE

Blackburn goalkeeper **Terry Gennoe** made one of the most important saves of his career - after the match had finished! Terry stepped in to restrain **Crystal Palace** Manager **Steve Coppell** as he stormed after referee Joe Timmons after his side had thrown away a 3-1 lead and lost to a last minute goal. Coppell was incensed by a suspect penalty awarded against his side when they were two goals up and Gennoe said, "There was a lot of tension and emotion as you can imagine. I could see Steve wanted to talk to the referee but I told him he shouldn't in front of so many people."

ON THE MOVE

Birmingham City Manager **Garry Pendrey** has tried to plug the leakiest defence in the

Football League by signing **Newcastle United** goalkeeper **Martin Thomas**. A Welsh International, the former Bristol Rovers player has moved to **St. Andrews** on a months loan.

Manchester City have signed **Bill Williams** from **Stockport County** for £80,000.

Oldham Athletic overcame a recent goal-keeping crisis by signing **Peter Litchfield**, 32, on a months loan from **Bradford City**.

BULLSEYE!

Former **Swindon Town** players were certainly on target in matches last weekend.

In the **Oldham Athletic** and **Stoke City** match at **Boundary Park** it was **John Kelly** who put the home team into a 13th minute lead. Although Athletic increased their lead by half-time, their lead was reduced by a **Chris Kamara** goal in the 57th minute. Stoke eventually equalised to take a point.

Leicester City won by a single goal against **Brighton** at Filbert Street due to a twenty yard free kick by **Jimmy Quinn** six minutes from time. Jim had entered the fray from the substitutes bench!

Howard Pritchard sealed victory for **Walsall** when he scored the 'Saddlers' second goal three minutes from time in their 2-0 win against visiting **Sunderland**.

HOWARD'S WAY AT ELLAND ROAD

This afternoon we welcome former Sheffield Wednesday Manager **Howard Wilkinson** to the County Ground. This will be his first away fixture in charge of the **Elland Road** Club.

The forty-four year-old replaced Billy Bremner. Howard is the eighth man at the helm in the 14 years since the end of the golden Don Revie reign.

A former player with Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton and Boston, Wilkinson later became Manager of Notts County. Howard took over as Wednesday boss in 1983 and guided them into Division One.

Howard follows a succession of the following: **Brian Clough**, **Jimmy Armfield**, **Jock Stein**, **Jimmy Adamson**, **Allan Clarke**, **Eddie Gray** and **Billy Bremner** since Don Revie quit the United hot-seat to manage England.

SECOND DIVISION RECORD ATTENDANCES

Barnsley	40,255	v Stoke City, F.A. Cup 5th Round, 15th February 1936
Birmingham City	68,844	v Everton, F.A. Cup 5th Round, 11th February 1939
Blackburn Rovers	61,783	v Bolton Wand., F.A. Cup 6th Round, 2nd March 1929
AFC Bournemouth	28,799	v Manchester United, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 2nd March 1967
Bradford City	39,146	v Burnley, F.A. Cup 4th Round, 11th March 1911
Brighton & Hove Alb.	36,747	v Fulham, Division 2, 27th December 1958
Chelsea	82,905	v Arsenal, Division 1, 12th October 1935
Crystal Palace	51,482	v Burnley, Division 2, 11th May 1979
Hull City	55,019	v Manchester United, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 26th February 1949
Ipswich Town	38,010	v Leeds United, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 8th March 1975
Leeds United	57,892	v Sunderland, F.A. Cup 5th Round, 15th March 1967
Leicester City	47,298	v Tottenham Hotspur, F.A. Cup 5th Round, 18th February 1928
Manchester City	84,569	v Stoke City, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 3rd March 1934
Oldham Athletic	47,671	v Sheffield Wednesday, F.A. Cup 4th Round, 25th January 1930
Oxford United	22,730	Preson N.E., F.A. Cup 6th Round, 19th February 1964
Plymouth Argyle	43,596	v Aston Villa, Division 2, 10th October 1936
Portsmouth	51,385	v Derby County, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 20th February 1949
Shrewsbury Town	18,917	v Walsall, Division 3, 26th April 1961
Stoke City	51,380	v Arsenal, Division 1, 29th March 1937
Sunderland	75,118	v Derby County, F.A. Cup 6th Round replay, 8th March 1933
Swindon Town	32,000	v Arsenal, F.A. Cup 3rd Round, 15th January 1972
Walsall	25,453	v Newcastle United, Division 2, 29th August 1961
Watford	34,099	v Manchester United, F.A. Cup 4th Round, 3rd February 1969
West Brom. Albion	64,815	v Arsenal, F.A. Cup 6th Round, 6th March 1937

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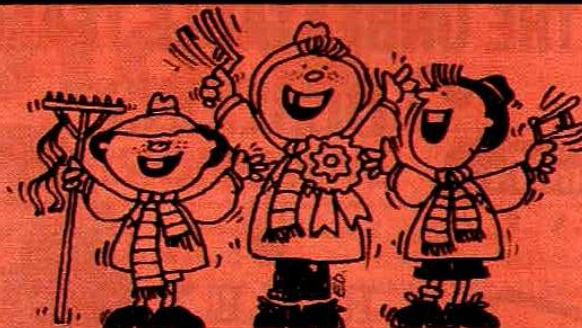
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JUNIOR ROBINS



Match Report for Under-10s between: "Transplant" Swindon Junior Robins

v
Watford Junior Hornets

at
Woodside Sports Centre, Watford
1/10/88

Swindon Robins took a squad of 19 warriors and it was agreed to field 15-a-side teams. The facilities at the Sports Centre at Watford were marvellous and the pitch was ideal for the occasion. The match started at 11.35 am and within 2 minutes Swindon took the lead through Richard Lowe. Swindon were assisted by the slope of the pitch but their passing and tackling was better and more determined than the Hornets. By the seventh minute the Robins had scored their second goal after a through ball by Jay Riley, was knocked in by our newest recruit Michael Trousdale.

The Hornets were still recovering when a series of good passes by the Swindon boys resulted in a neat little back heel to Jay Riley who drove the ball hard into the back of the Hornets' net. Ten minutes before half time a one-two between Jay Riley and Richard Lowe enabled Richard to score his second goal and the Robins' fourth. The fifth goal was added by Michale Trousdale and a minute before half time Terry Larby netted the 6th.

In the second half Watford had the slope of the pitch in their favour but brave goalkeeping by Jason Knight and a solid defence kept Watford to a couple of shots at goal. Midway through the second half confusion in the Watford defence allowed Colin Davis to score from 20 yards (shades of Jimmy Quinn?). As the match progressed both teams were showing signs of tiredness but

the Swindon Robins were determined to keep a clean sheet. In the final moments Watford managed to net the ball only to have the goal disallowed for offside.

Final Score: Watford Hornets (0) 0, Swindon Robins (6) 7.

Men of the Match: Richard Lowe and Jay Riley.

Extra General Points: Junior Robins and Parents should be commended for the effort put in to supporting the event (particularly at such short notice).

Behaviour of Swindon squad was exemplary.

We all enjoyed watching the Senior Squad beat Watford 3-2 (the end of a perfect day).

We appreciated the pre match/interval activities on the Vicarage Road pitch - can we fix it at the County Ground please?

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we travel to the North East to face newly promoted **Sunderland**. On five visits to **Roker Park** we have yet to register a single League point! Even worse, those five matches have seen the Town concede 19 goals. The sequence of results read as follows: **February 1st 1964 (0-6), April 3rd 1971 (2-5), Butler, Rogers, September 11th 1971 (0-1), September 2nd 1972 (2-3), Treacy, Rogers, November 10th 1973 (1-4), Jenkins.**

The last **Swindon Town** team to line-up at Roker Park in a League match in 1973 was as follows: **Allan, Dixon, Butler, Potter, Burrows, Gabriel, Stroud, McGovern, Treacy, Syrett, Jenkins. Substitute: Clarke.**

The match was watched by a crowd of 24,636 and they saw **Dennis Tueart** complete a hat-trick with **Vic Halom** completing the goalscoring. The **Sunderland** team was:

Montgomery, Malone, Bolton, Hornsby, Watson, Ashurst, Kerr, Belfitt, Halom, Porterfield, Tueart.

At Roker Park this season **Sunderland** results have been as follows: Aug. 24th - **A.F.C. Bournemouth 1-1 (Bennett)**, September 10th - **Bradford City 0-0**, October 1st - **Oldham Athletic 3-2 (Gabbadini, MacPhail (pen), Pascoe).**

On Wednesday October 26th we meet **Leicester City** at **Filbert Street**. We have only met in three League encounters at the East Midlands venue. Our first ever visit on **January 17th, 1970** saw a brace of goals from **Arthur Horsfield** before an attendance of 24,378 give the Town maximum points.

On our two other visits to **Filbert Street** we have conceded three goals in each match losing 1-3 on **November 14th 1970** with **Peter Noble** our lone goalscorer before 26,063 people.

Last seasons visit was particularly disappointing. We were seemingly coasting to a 2-0 victory through goals from **Bobby**

Barnes and a penalty from **Jimmy Quinn**, and then disaster struck **Steve Foley's** dismissal saw the Town reduced to ten men. Despite the setback they still looked capable of returning to the County Ground with all three points when calamity appeared in the shape of three goals in the last ten minutes! **Paul Ramsey, Steve Walsh** and **Mark Venus** sending the City contingent in the 8,346 crowd wild with delight. That match was played on **Saturday November 7th.**

The **Leicester City** line-up was: **Cooper, Langan, James, Osman, Walsh, Venus, McAllister, Newell, Rantamen, Ramsey, Ford. Substitutes: Mauchlen and Cusack.**

Swindon Town were represented by: **Hammond, Hockaday, King, Barnard, Parkin, Calderwood, Bamber, Kamara, Quinn, Foley, Barnes.**

Results at **Filbert Street** have been mixed this season for City: August 24th - **West Brom 1-1 (Mauchlen)**, September 10th - **Ipswich Town 0-1**, September 24th - **Watford 2-2 (Walsh, Reid)**, October 8th - **Brighton 1-0 (Quinn).**

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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

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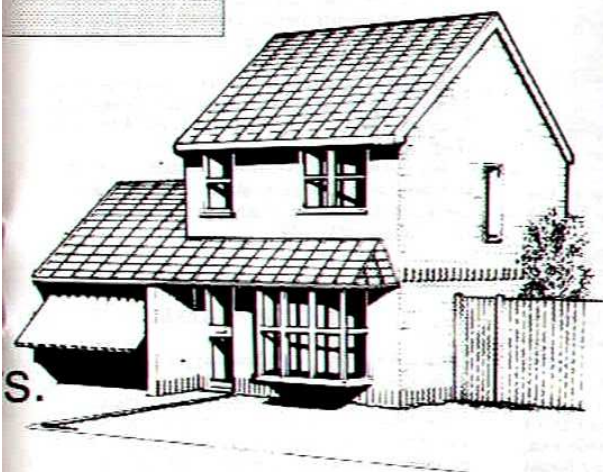
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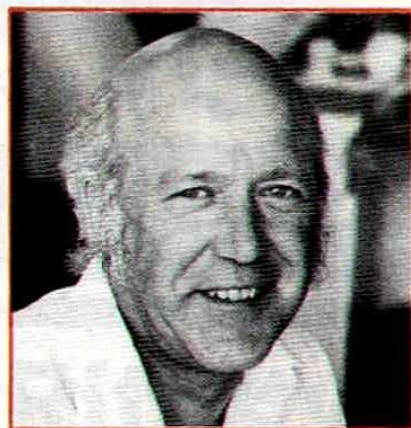
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TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

LEEDS UNITED



by Dave Eaton



Back Row (Left to Right): Peter Gunby (Coach), John Pearson, Jack Ashurst, Mark Aizlewood, Mervyn Day, Peter Haddock, Peter Swan, Neil Aspin.

Middle Row (Left to Right): Norman Hunter (former Coach), Alan Sutton (Physio), David Rennie, Noel Blake, Bobby Davison, Ronnie Sinclair, Gary Williams, Bob Taylor, John Stiles, Dave Blakey (Chief Scout), Billy Bremner (former Manager), Dave Bentley (Assistant Manager).

Front Row (Left to Right): Ian Baird, Glynn Snodin, John Sheridan, Brendan Ormsby, Vince Hilaire, David Batty, Micky Adams.

*Howard Wilkinson is not included in this photograph having been appointed as United's new Manager on Monday last.

Before this season began Leeds United were regarded by many pundits as one of the favourites to win the Second Division crown come next May.

Those feelings were also shared by the bookmakers, who were offering very cramped odds against Leeds.

To date, though, the opening two months of the 1988-89 season have proved disastrous for the once proud Yorkshire Club.

In nine League games, when these notes were penned, Leeds had recorded just one victory - a 2-0 home win against Barnsley on September 21.

The poor run led to the parting of the ways for Manager Billy Bremner, a former player and captain of the Club.

At the beginning of this week, Sheffield Wednesday Manager Howard Wilkinson was named as the surprise successor.

At Hillsborough, Wilkinson had blended together a fine side and Wednesday enjoyed one of their best seasons for some time last year in the First Division.

The Leeds Directors will now be hoping that Wilkinson, the eighth Manager in 14 years since the end of the Don Revie era, can restore the Club back to the top flight once again.

Formed in 1919 as Leeds United after the disbandment, by a F.A. decree of Leeds City, who had been founded 15 years earlier, League status was gained the following year. Since 1920 the Peacocks have, in 68 years, always been members of either the First or Second Division. Undoubtedly though the finest period in the Club's history was that under the leadership of Don Revie in the mid 60's and early 70's.

Leeds United became not only the best Club in England but one of the finest in Europe as well.

Two First Division titles were won in the seasons 1968-69 and 1973-74, and on no fewer than five occasions the Club were just pipped for the title. The finished as runners-up in 64-65 and 65-66, then in 69-70, 70-71 and 71-72.

The F.A. Cup was won in 1972 when Leeds beat Arsenal 1-0 thanks to a goal from Allan Clarke, and also during this period they were beaten finalists three times - 1965, 1970 and 1973.

For the only time in the Club's history they were successful also in the Football League Cup during the 1967-68 season.

On the European front, Leeds twice carried off the European Fairs Cup. They won it for the first time in 1968, ample consolation for being beaten finalists the previous year. The other success came three years later.

In the top two European competitions, Leeds were runners-up in the European Cup in 1974-75 and in the Cup-Winner's Cup in 72-73.

Steeped in tradition, Leeds are undoubtedly a sleeping giant. Will Wilkinson be able to awaken them once more? ... Only time will tell.

MEET THE PLAYERS

Jack Ashurst (Defender). Experienced defender who has missed just 4 games in 2 seasons joining Leeds from Carlisle in July 1986. Began career at Sunderland (debut 71-72), joined Blackpool early in the 79-80 season and subsequently moved to Carlisle in summer of 1981.

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Vince Hilaire (Forward). Winger who cost United £190,000. Followed former Pompey colleagues Ian Baird and Noel Blake to Elland Road. Began career with Crystal Palace making over 250 League appearances before moving, very briefly, to Luton and then on to Portsmouth for whom he played over 150 times. Has won nine England Under-21 caps.



Noel Blake (Defender). Experienced central defender who was signed on a free transfer from Portsmouth in the close season. Began with Walsall, but made his League debut with Aston Villa. He had a loan spell with Shrewsbury before crossing the city to join Birmingham early in the 82-83 season. Signed for Portsmouth in summer 1984.

Gary Williams (Defender). Made his debut for Villa in 78-79. Had a loan spell with neighbours Walsall late the following season. Was a member of the Villa side which won the League in 1981 and the European Cup a year later. A £235,000 buy in summer 1987 Gary scored his first League goal on New Years Day 1988 in the 2-0 home win over Bradford City.

David Batty (Midfielder). A local lad who fought his way into the side in November last season. He made an immediate impact in midfield and quietly claimed a regular place. International recognition soon came his way - he won an Under-21 cap against Switzerland in May.

John Pearson (Forward). Former England Youth International who started his career at Hillsborough, helping Wednesday to promotion in 1983. Won promotion to Division One for a second time in his first season (85-86) with Charlton. Joined Leeds for £70,000 in January 1987. Lost his scoring touch in the first half of last season but enjoyed better fortunes in 1988 with his first hat-trick against Sheffield United.

Bobby Davison (Forward). Experienced striker who was Billy Bremner's most expensive signing. He cost £350,000 from Derby in November 1987. Scored five goals in first seven League games for United including debut v Swindon. Huddersfield first signed him from Seaham C.W. and after two appearances he joined Halifax scoring 29 goals in 63 League appearances. Moved to Derby in 1982 where he maintained his near goal every other game average scoring 83 times from 206 outings.

Neil Aspin (Defender). An apprentice who quickly fought his way into the Leeds first team squad. The defender who has made over 200 appearances for United since making his debut as a 16 year-old against Ipswich Town on 20th February 1982.

Glynn Snodin (Midfielder). Left-sided full-back/midfielder who scored seven goals in 35 League appearances last season, his first at Elland Road under his former boss at Doncaster Rovers. This matched his goal every five games average from over 300 outings with Doncaster though he managed only one goal from 59 games during two seasons (85-86 and 86-87) at Sheffield Wednesday.

Ian Baird (Forward). Started career at Southampton but found chances limited by more experienced former Leeds forwards, Joe Jordan and Frank Worthington. Had loan spells with Cardiff and Newcastle before joining Leeds in March 85. Was United's leading scorer in 85-86 and 86-87. Moved to Fratton Park in summer 87 but it didn't work out at Portsmouth and Ian returned to Elland Road for £185,000 (£100,000 less than Pompey paid) scoring on his 'second debut' against Plymouth.

Peter Swan (Utility). Made his League debut against Oldham on New Years Day 1986. Has now established himself as a member of the first team squad with over 50 appearances, either as centre half or a forward. Scored 10 goals in League and cup last season.

Peter Haddock (Utility). Versatile player who joined Leeds from his home town Club, Newcastle, for £45,000 in summer 1986. His first season at Leeds was hampered by injury, but he missed only a handful of games last season when he was one of United's most consistent performers. Had a loan spell with Burnley (85-86) during his St James' Park days.

John Sheridan (Midfielder). Highly rated midfielder upon whom many United hopes lie this season. Has won four Elre caps and was in the squad for the European Championships. United's leading scorer last season and has made over 200 appearances since his debut against Middlesbrough on 20th November 1982.



Micky Adams (Defender). Left sided full-back who began his League career with Gillingham where he gained England Youth honours. After four seasons he moved to Coventry where he made over 100 appearances in 3½ years. Joined Leeds for £110,000 in January 1987.

Mark Aizlewood (Midfielder). Welsh International with 10 caps to add to earlier Under-21 and Youth honours. Can play in defence or midfield. He was a £200,000 buy from Charlton in February 1987 but missed over half of last season because of injury. Started career with Newport, joined Luton in 77-8 helping the Hatters into Division One in 1982. Soon after he joined Charlton where he made over 150 appearances in just over four years.

Mervyn Day (Goalkeeper). Youngest keeper to win an F.A. Cup winners medal since the war when he played for West Ham in the 1975 final v Fulham. Made over 200 appearances for the Hammers before joining Orient in the summer of 1979. After four seasons at Brisbane Road he moved to Aston Villa for a year and a half. He joined Leeds in February 1985 since when he has missed few games and was United's only ever-present in 87-88.

Bob Taylor (Forward). He was signed from non-League Horden Colliery Welfare in December 1985. Had to bide his time until start of last season when he began as one of the front two. Scored 12 times in League and cup in 87-88.

John Stiles (Midfielder). A midfielder who has also played a full-back, John is an established member of the first team squad at Elland Road. Somewhat unfortunate with injuries in 87-88, he has made over 50 appearances since his debut at Middlesbrough in March 1985. Son of the former England International Nobby Stiles, who was a member of the 1966 World Cup winning side.

David Rennie (Utility). A former Scottish Youth International who started career at Leicester. He was signed for £55,000 in January 1987, since when he has made over 70 appearances for United.

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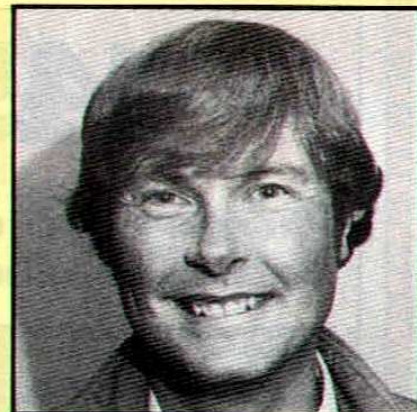
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WELCOME LEEDS

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground especially to those of you making the long journey down from Yorkshire to support Leeds United. The match has, of course, an added significance since the appointment of Howard Wilkinson as the Manager at Elland Road. His is a difficult and challenging task which has defeated many before him, to restore the famous Leeds United to its former status enjoyed in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

I wish him well, he's certainly got the managerial credentials to succeed after his experiences at Notts County and Sheffield Wednesday.

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

Seven days ago Chelsea were the visitors here and took away a point in a 1-1 draw. One feature of that game was the standard of refereeing. It's difficult to imagine what goes on in the minds of some officials these days when the innocuous gets punished and the cynical is allowed to flourish. On more than one occasion fouls were committed away from the gaze of the referee but easily visible to the linesman but were not detected. If offences were perpetrated in view of the referee the decisions were not consistent, cautions were not dispensed for two similar actions. I really do think that the standard of officiating has to be looked into for the sake of the game.

Well, that's enough of the soap-box for a little while, I realise referee's are only human and have failings like the rest of us and they deserve our thanks for the work they do generally.

AFTER ROBIN - FRANK AND MIKE

So what else is there in the wacky old world of sport to discuss? Poor old Frank Bruno's had a lot to put up with lately hasn't he? At the time of writing world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is endeavouring to postpone their meeting for a fifth time - that's thrice more than the League game here with Crystal Palace. When Tyson burst upon the world scene he seemed the perfect successor to Mohammed Ali. A man to bring credibility to the title of world heavyweight champion.

But the publicity Tyson has engendered of late does no credit to the noble art and poor old Frank has to train continually in the hope he may get another crack at the richest prize in sport. Perhaps when the contest takes place Bruno's frustration will spill over and help him to triumph, the man deserves it for his trouble.

LET'S BACK BOBBY

Back on the football front, it's World Cup week for England as they start their campaign at Wembley against Sweden. Success at this level is becoming more and more difficult to attain and a poor result against

the Swedes will no doubt lead to more bloodletting in the national press. Bobby Robson has rung the changes in his squad in an effort to find a winning formula, but it remains to be seen whether or not those brought into his line-up can perform at the highest level. I hope he is bold enough to introduce young blood into the fray, if he does and they fail we should applaud Robson, not crucify him. The job he does is a difficult one.

HOW DO YOU DO IT LOU?

Finally the ups and downs of G.W.R. F.C. continue. Following my pleasure at the recent improved performance of the side it was back to the depths of despair following a 4-0 defeat by Green Baize. I should, I suppose, have locked the side in the dressing room for an hour after the game. Unfortunately there was no dressing room and a heated discussion in the car park behind the church at Liddington is not quite the same. Anyway, several of our squad had to rush to the County Ground to watch the Chelsea game. However, we shall recover from this setback and rise again - (!).

A GREAT CLUB

Time now then to settle back and enjoy Swindon Town versus Leeds United, it's a pleasure to see such a great Club here again. Let's enjoy a good, and above all peaceful, game of football. Keep tuned. See you soon.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

Our South East Counties Youth League team successfully defended their unbeaten record when they entertained Brentford in a Second Division fixture on Saturday October 1st at Lydiard Park. The Griffin Park put up a brave fight before conceding the points in a 2-1 defeat.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope**, was pleased with the win, as he described: "It was a good team performance in which we continued our excellent start to the season. A good move in the seventh minute saw a perfect cross from Richard Walker met by **Nicky Summerbee** who scored with a perfect header." John paid tribute to both teams. "Both teams worked hard in an even game with not too much constructive play." John described the Town's second goal. "A ball from Mark Lea into the heart of the Brentford defence, followed by a wayward back pass, saw **Paul Hunt** pounce and score from a narrow angle.

John continued his account of the match by saying, "Although both sides had chances it was five minutes from time when Brentford reduced the arrears through **Haigh**, and we had to defend in depth to survive." John summarised the latest youth team win by

saying, "It was a good hard working team performance, but we lacked thought and imagination when we had possession."

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Walker, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan. **Substitutes:** Spalding (for Walker in 66th minute), Braidwood.

A distinct lack of finishing power was the main reason that our Alliance Football Youth League team lost their unbeaten record when they met Hungerford Town on Monday October 3rd. The single goal defeat could have been averted if they had snapped up any one of the numerous opportunities that they continued to squander.

John Trollope's account of the game read: "We unexpectedly suffered our first defeat of the season. It was a game where we should have won by several goals. We had at least seventy-five per cent of the play, creating numerous openings, only to waste them by poor finishing and good goalkeeping." John then added, "Although the ball did not run kindly for us, heads dropped and we stopped attempting to do the right things. This let Hungerford into the game and from one of their few breaks they scored the only goal of the game."

John was clearly disappointed. "It was not losing the match, it was the manner and response from our players when things did not go their way."

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Braidwood, Quinn, Lea, Payne, Sawyer, Grounsell, Murray, Holt, Walker. **Substitutes:** Graham (for Sawyer in 46th minute), Trollope (for Grounsell in 78th minute).

Our Reserve team tumbled to their second successive defeat when they were beaten 2-0 by Tottenham Hotspur in their 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture at White Hart Lane on Saturday October 9th.



● **Paul Hunt** – one of the Town goal-scorers on the attack against Brentford at Lydiard park.

Town Coach **Andy Rowland**, in his report on the match, said: "Overall this was a disappointing performance by recent standards. We never showed any of our normal form. Although we had several first team squad members in the team, we really should have played better. After all, we were facing a youthful Spurs team.

The game was lost late in the second half when **Gary Stevens** scored twice. His first goal came from a free kick and the second from the penalty spot. We did manage to put the ball into the net only for Fitzroy Simpson's effort to be ruled off-side. A disappointing effort."


Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Casserly, Henry, Barnard, Maclaren, Simpson, Bodin, Tomlinson, Coyne and Viveash. **Substitutes:** Marshall (for McLoughlin in 50th minute), Michael Macari (for Tomlinson in 75th minute).

***Michael Macari** is the fifteen-year-old son of Town boss Lou and is still in schooldays at Churchfield School. Will he qualify as the youngest player to appear in our Football Combination team?



● **Gavin Sandrey** clears a Brentford attack with goalkeeper **Paul Thompson** watching anxiously.

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BAD LUCK KEN

Misfortune struck former Town goalkeeper **Kenny Allen** when he broke his leg in **Bath City's** West Country **Beazer League** derby with **Dorchester**.

If ever insult was added to injury it was when Dorchester's Peter Morrell crashed home a penalty as Ken was being taken from the ground on a stretcher. The incident had happened when home striker Craig Morrison jumped in the area with Ken competing for a long clearance from Dorchester keeper Martyn Jones.

Referee Chris Topliss adjudged that Ken had fouled Morrison and pointed to the penalty spot. Ken, 36 was Vice Chairman of the Players Football League Association last season when he was with Torquay United.

SIMOD CUP

Forty Clubs have entered the Simod Cup this season. **Sixteen** from **Division One** and all in **Division Two**. Of the **Division One** Clubs **eight** will be seeded until **Round 3** of the competition - **Nottingham Forest, Everton, Queens Park Rangers, Wimbledon, Newcastle United, Luton Town, Coventry City and Sheffield Wednesday**.

Again, determined by Barclay's League positions at the end of the **1987/88** season, each of the sixteen Clubs will have a home tie in **Round One** against one of the other sixteen Clubs. These sixteen 'seeded' Clubs are: **Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford City, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Norwich City, Oxford United, Portsmouth, Southampton, Watford and West Ham United, Round One** matches are due to be played during the week commencing **7th November**.

The **sixteen** matches due to be played during the week commencing **21st November** and the **eight Round Two** winners will be joined by the eight seeded Clubs (as above) for **Round Three** which will be played during the week commencing **12th December**.

The dates of **Round Four** and the **semi-finals** are week commencing **9th January 1989**, and **13th February** respectively and the **final** will be played at **Wembley Stadium** on **Sunday, 12th March, 1989**. The finalists will postpone their Barclay's League match due to be played on **11th March**.

For **Swindon Town** it is another trek to

East Anglia for we were drawn away to **Norwich City** at **Carrow Road**. Our **First Round** match will be played on **Wednesday, November 9th, kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

Our **First Round** match in this competition against **Peterborough United** has been arranged for **Monday, October 31st** at **London Road, kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

STILL GOING STRONG!

There are **39** players who have pulled on a Town shirt in League, Cup, First team, Reserve, Youth or even pre-season friendlies or on a trial playing in the foundation of the Football League. Here they are Division by Division.

First Division: Roy Wegerle (Luton Town), Glenn Cockerill, Tim Flowers and Paul Rideout (Southampton), Tom McAllister (West Ham United), Jake Finlay (Coventry City), Nicky Coleman (Millwall).

Second Division: Ian Millar (Blackburn Rovers), Gary Smart (Oxford United), Jimmy Quinn (Leicester City), Dave Bamber (Watford), Chris Kamara (Stoke City), John Kelly (Oldham Athletic), Jon Hallworth (Ipswich Town), Brian Williams (Shrewsbury Town), Garry Nelson (Brighton and Hove Albion), Howard Pritchard (Walsall), Denny Mundee (A.F.C. Bournemouth).

Third Division: Craig Maskell (Huddersfield), Paul Franklin (Reading), Colin Gordon (Fulham), Bryan Wade (Swansea City), Martin Ling, Chris Ramsey and Derek Hall (Southend United), Steve Berry (Aldershot), Jimmy Gilligan (Cardiff City).

Fourth Division: Mike Graham (Carlisle United), Paul Batty (Exeter City), David Cole (Torquay United), Dominic Genevese (Peterborough United), Paul Crichton (on loan - Torquay United), Mark Gardiner (Crewe Alexandra), Colin Russell (Wrexham), Ian Muir (Tranmere Rovers), Colin Bailie (Cambridge United), Gary Williams (Tranmere Rovers), Scott Endersby (York City), Shaun Taylor (Exeter City).

THE LATEST NEWS OF MARK

Out of sight, but not forgotten by Town fans is injured midfielder player **Mark Jones**. We asked the Town's experienced physio **Kevin Morris** to tell the complete story and treat-

ment that Mark has undergone in his attempts to regain fitness.

Kevin had this to say: "Mark's real problem began in training on the **13th November 1987** when he twisted his left knee. Mark made strenuous efforts to return to action but he kept breaking down. This was obviously frustrating for Mark and following consultation with **Dr. John Nicholas**, the **Club Medical Officer**, an appointment was made for Mark to see **Mr. G. K. Sefton**, a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at **Harrogate General Hospital** in Yorkshire.

"The outcome of that consultation resulted in Mark entering Harrogate General Hospital on January 18th of this year for surgery to his left knee. In medical terms Mark underwent what is termed as **leed-keio-anterior cruciate ligament replacement with extra articular reinforcement**. The **posterior cruciate ligament** and **collateral ligaments** were found to be intact.

"Mark was discharged from Harrogate General Hospital on January 30th with his left leg in a plaster cast cylinder from the toes to the top of the thigh. The next step for Mark was another appointment with Mr. Sefton at Harrogate on February 22nd, when the plaster cast was removed and a knee brace fitted. On April 18th Mark reported to the **Football Association Rehabilitation Centre** at **Lilleshall in Shropshire** where intensive **physiotherapy** and **rehabilitation** is carried out from Monday to Friday eight hours a day."

Kevin continued, with his admiration of the centre quite evident. "It is a good centre, especially for Mark because he was in the company of other professional footballers from other League Clubs with serious injuries."

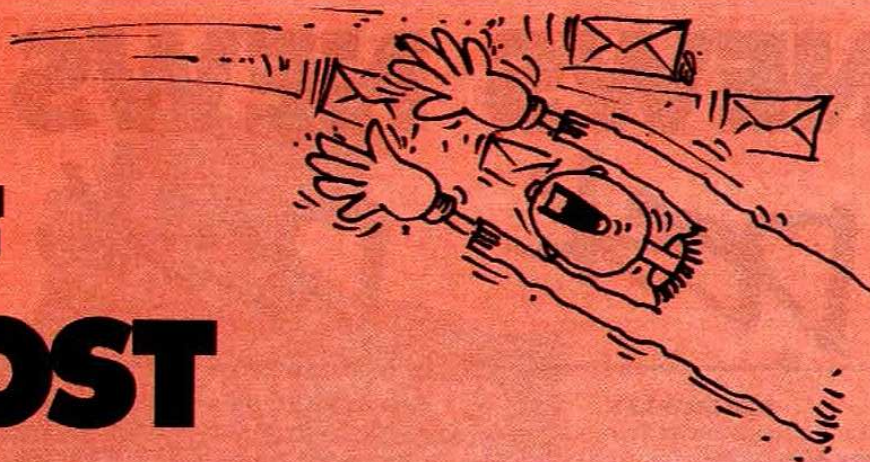
"To update you on the present situation, I cannot stress how hard Mark Jones has had to work, believe me, very, very hard to build up the group of muscles around the left knee and hip."

"Mark still spends two weeks at Lilleshall alternating with myself at the County Ground. I liaise with the F.A. Centre when he is up there and they give me a regular progress report.

"We have set a target for Mark's return to full time training and at present it is looking realistic. All we can hope is that Mark carries on where he left off before that unlucky **Friday the 13th of November**."

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IN OFF THE POST



Dave & Helen Fylan-Smith
18 The Bramptons
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Dear Mr. Hillier

I am writing to thank Swindon Town F.C. for an excellent afternoon on September 24th when our son David was a mascot for the Brighton game.

Many thanks to Mr. Chadwick, Charlie Henry, Bobby Barnes, Kevin Morris and Colin Calderwood for helping David overcome his initial shyness. The atmosphere in the dressing room was tremendous before the game and the game was very entertaining.

David was very proud to be your mascot and the video you allowed us to take will remain a very treasured memento of a great day. This type of club/supporter relationship can only enhance the game of football and I wish the team every success this season.

Regards
Dave Fylan-Smith

**This letter was sent to John Barnes by
one of our loyal supporters.**

Ipswich Town F.C.
Portman Road
Ipswich

Dear John,

It was nice meeting you in Germany. I hope you have not found work too hard this week and the weather has been kinder to you than it has been here. We have had rain three of the five days since I returned.

I enquired from Halifax if they had pin badges for sale. I would have sent for one for you but didn't know which you would prefer. They are both priced at £1.30p but they have the official Halifax Town Club badge and a Supporters badge. No doubt you know their address, especially with your vast knowledge of football – but it is Shay Ground, Halifax HX1 2YS, West Yorks. Their Commercial Manager said they would be pleased to deal with any requests.

I expect you have seen the fixtures and Swindon are not due to visit us until 4th March but if you are at the match early enough, do ask for me at Reception and if there is time perhaps I could show you a little behind the scenes. No doubt Janet will be here too.

With very best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Pat Cobbold

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I should be grateful if you could possibly, via your programme, give your supporters news of this seasons efforts to raise funds for this years appeal.

To coincide with the TV/Radio broadcasts the W.P.C. will be issuing a sales list and an offers list where all the money raised will be sent to the fund. Should any of your supporters and/or your Club wish to donate any programmes to be added to the lists I should be grateful if they could be sent to me as soon as possible. The programme can be from any match, any season, any competition. The older/special programme will be listed via the offers list, all others will be on the sales list. If any supporter would like a copy of the lists could they please send me a large stamped, self addressed envelope. Full details of how to order, make offers etc. will be given on the lists.

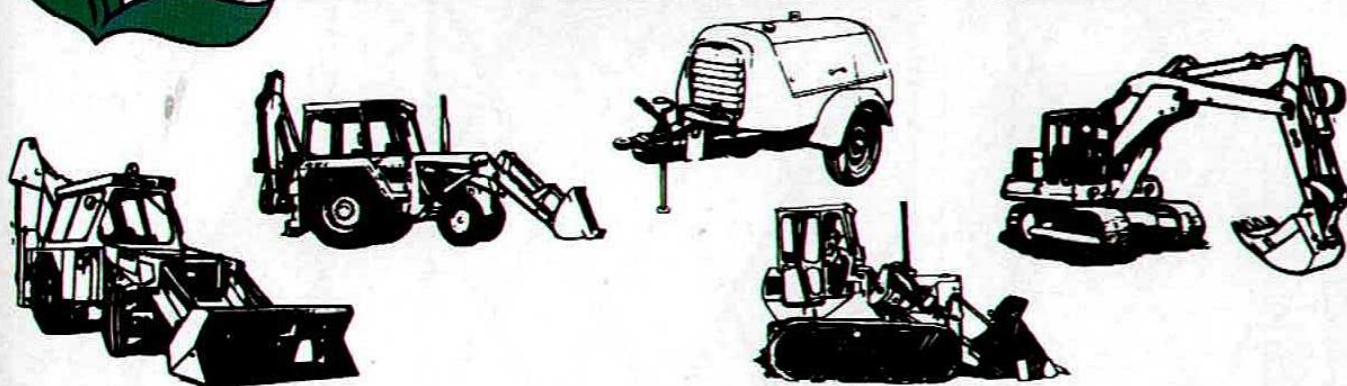
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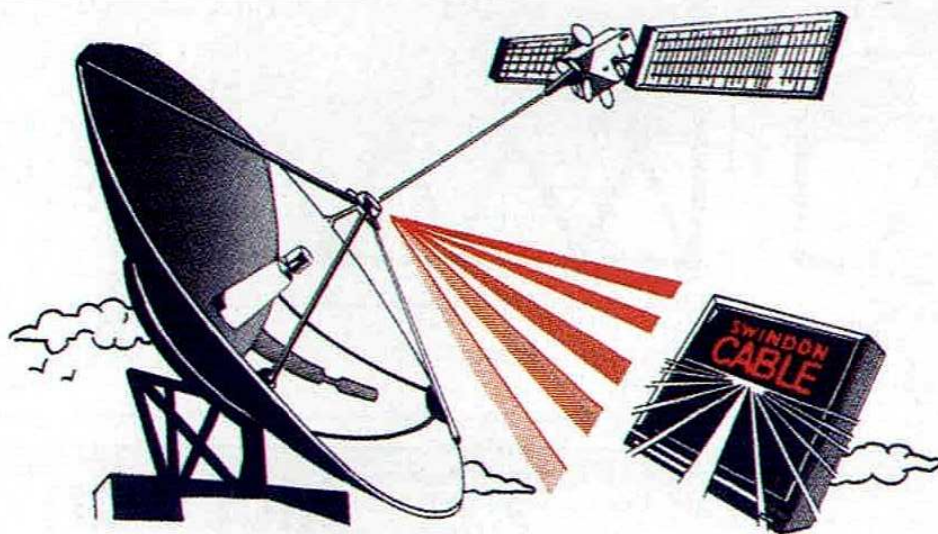


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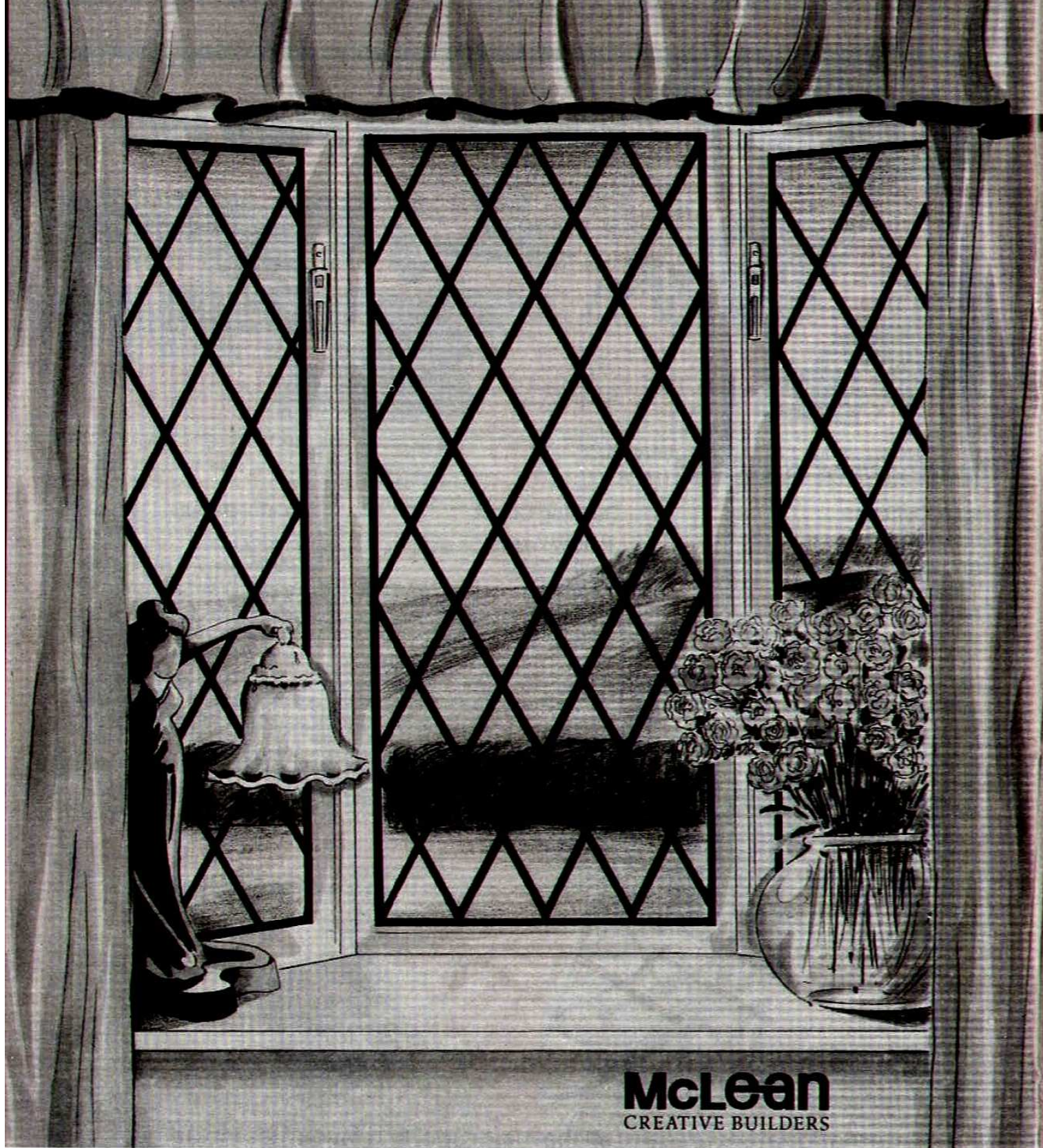
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««VIEWPOINT»»

A LOT OF SATISFACTION

My equalising goal against one of my former Clubs, Chelsea, obviously gave me a lot of satisfaction.

I was signed for Chelsea by a former Swindon Town player! I have learnt this fact since I came here, for John Neal was Manager at Stamford Bridge in my early days. Although it was Ian McNeil, now Manager of Shrewsbury Town, who I feel helped my career along. It was Ian, a fellow Scot, who I came into most contact with at Stamford Bridge.

STAR NAMES IN FRONT OF ME

I have never considered that I should have done better at Stamford Bridge than I did.

It was difficult to break into the Chelsea line-up with two Internationals, Kerry Dixon and David Speedie holding down the striking positions. It was a useful apprenticeship for me, although I must stress I was not actually on apprenticeship forms for I had joined Chelsea from Highland League Club, Inverness, for £18,000. There was a time when I could have moved to Reading but at that stage I did not think I was ready for such a move.

A GREAT START IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Eventually I moved to Huddersfield Town. I regarded it as one with an opportunity and I really began with a bang. I was lucky enough to score a hat-trick in my first match against Barnsley.

The next game was against Stoke City and I managed a 'double' against them. It was important that I got off to a good start and luckily the Huddersfield fans took to me.

'MICK AND MALC'

During my time with Huddersfield things went well and it came as a big shock to the team and players when Mick Buxton was dismissed as Manager.

No. 6

DUNCAN SHEARER

The players and the fans always thought a lot of Mick and although Steve Smith, who took his place, kept the Club in the Second Division we were beginning to slide and Steve was eventually replaced by one of the big names in English football - Malcolm Macdonald.

HE JUST COULD NOT DO IT

I suppose everyone thought the former England International would rejuvenate Huddersfield Town.

In reality he could and did not. Malcolm had a lot of ideas but they did not work out. To be honest our defence was a shambles and the squad of players nowhere near good enough.

TOWN OR ALBION?

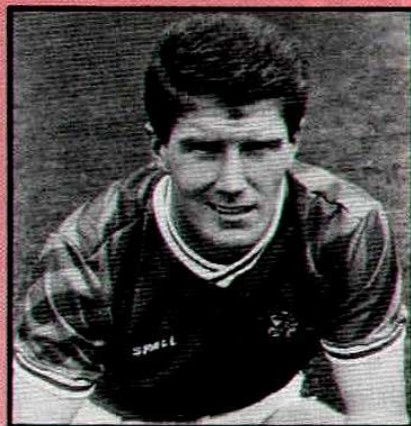
West Bromwich Albion or Swindon Town, that was the choice I had during the summer. I chose Swindon for a good reason.

I believed Swindon Town were the better team and as a striker I would have more opportunities with our style than with Albion's. I found Lou Macari and Brian Hillier to be nice people and felt that both of them were keen to sign me. That makes a lot of difference to a player if he feels he is really wanted.

'CHALKY' AND ME - IN REVERSE!

Pre-season went well, goals galore for me and sadly none for my striking partner 'Chalky' White, and then when the season began we changed roles. Goals coming for 'Chalky' and none for me!

Don't believe what strikers tell you - I've heard it said many times but it's rubbish: 'As long as the team win I don't mind if I don't score'. Well I do, I become depressed if I don't score.



● Duncan Shearer

That is what people should expect me to do. The rest of my game is not so important as hitting the back of the net to me.

IDEAL STATE

Swindon's style of play is ideal for goalscorers. The ball is played up front quickly and, although I want and need to score goals, I must state the fans here have been marvellous to me.

I like to score in doubles with a hat-trick now and again, then I feel good. The 30 yard effort I scored at Watford is one out of the blue and really my goals come from close in. The six yard box is really my domain. The majority of my goals will come from there.

THANKS A LOT

I have settled down well here and I must thank a few people who helped me out. McLean's helped me buy a house quickly and I would like to thank Chris and Aileen - who were only too pleased to help me find a house and push the sale through quickly.

Yes, I have been lucky. This is a good Club, the people are nice and I want to repay everyone. Goals are my best way of repayment and I will be trying to score as many as I can for you all.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Ghats Ghats Ghats*

● Steve Foley hitching a ride in last Sunday's draw against Chelsea.



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• Goal-scoring hero Duncan Shearer crosses into the Chelsea goalmouth before heading the Town's only goal last week.



• Striker Duncan Shearer heading the all-important equaliser against Chelsea.

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DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON	BARNSELEY	A	6,034	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT	WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN	PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
17.9.88	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	7,622	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
20.9.88	TUE	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH (7.45)	H	8,065	3-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren (1)(p)	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,585	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE	CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT	WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED	OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Gittens	Foley
9.10.88	SUN	CHELSEA	H	11,927	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	McLoughlin	Gittens	Foley
12.10.88	WED	CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Gittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
16.10.88	SUN	LEEDS UNITED	H									
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									
9.11.88	WED	NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A									
12.11.88	SAT	IPSWICH TOWN	H									
19.11.88	SAT	STOKE CITY	A									
26.11.88	SAT	WALSALL	H									
3.12.88	SAT	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A									
10.12.88	SAT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H									
17.12.88	SAT	BRADFORD CITY	A									
26.12.88	MON	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H									
31.12.88	SAT	MANCHESTER CITY	H									
2.1.89	MON	PORTSMOUTH	A									
14.1.89	SAT	BARNSELEY	H									
21.1.89	SAT	CRYSTAL PALACE	A									
5.2.89	SUN	OXFORD UNITED	H									
11.2.89	MON	CHELSEA	A									
18.2.89	SAT	SUNDERLAND	H									
25.2.89	SAT	LEEDS UNITED	A									
28.2.89	TUE	LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	H									
4.3.89	SAT	IPSWICH TOWN	A									
11.3.89	SAT	HULL CITY	H									
14.3.89	TUE	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A									
18.3.89	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A									
25.3.89	SAT	WEST BROM	H									
27.3.89	MON	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A									
1.4.89	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H									
4.4.89	TUE	BRADFORD CITY (7.45)	H									
8.4.89	SAT	MANCHESTER CITY	A									
15.4.89	SAT	WATFORD	H									
22.4.89	SAT	BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	A									
29.4.89	SAT	WALSALL	A									
1.5.89	MON	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H									
6.5.89	SAT	STOKE CITY	H									
13.5.89	SAT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A									
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Blackburn Rovers	Ewood Park Blackburn BB2 4JF	(0254) 55432
Bradford City	Valley Parade, Bradford	(0274) 306062
Brighton & Hove Alb.	Yorkshire Goldstone Ground, Old Shoreham Road.	(0273) 739535
Chelsea	Hove, Sussex BN3 7DE Stamford Bridge Ground, Fulham Road, London SW6 1HS	01-385 5545
Crystal Palace	Selhurst Park, London SE25 6PU	01-653 4462
Hull City	Boothferry Park Hull HU4 6EU	(0482) 51119/563750
Ipswich Town	Portman Road, Ipswich IP1 2DA	(0473) 219211
Leeds United	Elland Road Leeds LS11 0ES	(0532) 716037
Leicester City	City Stadium, Filbert Street, Leicester LE2 7FL	(0533) 555000
Manchester City	Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14 7WN	061-226 3143
Oldham Athletic	Boundary Park, Oldham	061-624 8110
Oxford United	Lancs OL1 2PA Manor Ground, Headington, Oxford OX3 7RS	(0865) 66440
Plymouth Argyle	Home Park, Plymouth	(0752) 562561/2/3
Portsmouth	Fratton Park, 57 Frogmore Road, Portsmouth PO4 8RA	(0705) 731204
Shrewsbury Town	The Gay Meadow, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6AB	(0743) 60111
Stoke City	Victoria Ground, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4EG	(0782) 413611
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The 'Toffemen' Start The TV Matches

Everton will kick-off the seasons live TV coverage against Manchester United at Goodison Park on Sunday October 30th. A week later armchair fans can watch Nottingham Forest meet Arsenal. Altogether ITV will screen 18 live League games a season.

Warren Finished and Started a Season

Did you realise that Warren Aspinall appeared in our final home match of last season and the first of this season at the County Ground? Warren played for promoted Aston Villa in May and relegated Portsmouth in September!

The Just Sixteen!

Our Reserve match with Arsenal at the County Ground on September 28th produced gate receipts of £16.40. An attendance of 56 saw sixteen paying supporters while the remaining forty were Season Ticket holders. It was purely a rumour that a player sought a crowd bonus after the game!

Gimme, Gimme the Money

Ron Futchler on why he chose Port Vale instead of Bristol City. "Bristol have a marvellous set-up but Vale have a great team spirit. Although they have much smaller crowds they had the 'readies' and that is important at my age."

Vic on Course

Football League referee Vic Callow has started a course for would-be referees. The minimum age is 14 and the course is now in the middle of its six week duration. Vic says "The course has been very successful with a high rate of passes."

Bring On the Beauties, They May Save Us

Professor Dunning of Leicester University: "Women steady men down, men don't generally swear or fight in front of women, so, if we can attract women to matches, it would create the same sort of steadying influence. We have a long way to go."

By St. George to a Paddy

John Sheridan, the Leeds United midfielder player is but one of the current crop of Eire Internationals who were born in England. John was born in Stretford, the others are: Paul McGrath, Chris Hughton, Tony Galvin, Chris Morris, John Aldridge, John Byrne, David Kelly, Mark Kelly and Tony Cascarino.

The Lure of Lira and the Dollar

Italy have named 12 venues for the 1990 World Cup. The Italians have sanctioned £3 billion to be spent on transport, communications, hotels and stadia. The United States are predicting at least a £100 million surplus when they stage the 1994 finals.

A Lot in Common

Both Neil McDonald of Everton and Peter Beardsley play their football on Merseyside, both were products of Wallasey United. Both players were with Carlisle United, Neil on schoolboy forms. Later both played for Newcastle United.

The Last!

Did you know that the FA Cup trophy, won by Newcastle United when they defeated Barnsley 2-0 in 1910, was never played for again! It was presented to Lord Kinnaid in recognition of his 21 years as President of the Football Association.

It's Buster for Ashton Gate

John Summerbell quit as Bristol City's physiotherapist after a month in the job. City moved quickly to replace him, by appointing Buster Footman who had been with Southend United for ten years. John returned to National Health duties.

Bernie - Tailor Made for Lou?

Bernie Slaven, the Middlesbrough striker, was not found celebrating after his recent hat-trick against Coventry City. "I have the rest of my life to drink, now is the time to play football." What are the odds he will find favour in Lou's little black book?

A Sad Reminder

The first F.A. Cup Final at Wembley that involved a replay was between Leeds United and Chelsea in 1980. Forty-one finals had passed before one ended in stalemate after extra time, the scoreline read 2-2. Chelsea won the replay at Old Trafford 2-1 after extra time.

Saints - Peter and Mark ... But Not Paul, Saints Alive!

Southampton turned a loss of more than £135,000 into a profit of £500,000 in the last financial year. The figures do not include the fee they paid for ex-Town player Paul Rideout. The accounts revealed Peter Shilton and Mark Wright were paid £150,000 and £60,000 respectively.

Days to Remember

Leeds United won the Fairs Cup in 1968 and again in 1971, becoming the first British Club to win a European trophy for a second time. The 1971 victory over Juventus actually ending 3-3! United thus becoming the first team to win a European trophy on the 'away goals rule'.

John the First

In June 1957, Leeds United's Welsh International player John Charles was transferred to Italian Club Juventus for £65,000. John became the first British player to be transferred overseas. John still holds the Club record of 42 goals in a season, scored in the 1953-54 campaign.

Him Indoors!

Leeds United were set to sponsor the largest indoor five-a-side competition in the country at the start of this season. The League was set to run in 16 sports centres throughout the Leeds area and involve some 300 teams and almost 3,000 players.

Thank You Maam!

Four former Leeds United players have been given a Royal Honour! They were Eddie Gray who was awarded the MBE in 1963, Don Revie was given the OBE in 1970, Jack Charlton the same award in 1974 and Jock Stein the CBE in 1970.

Records All The Way

The season of 1968-69 was a record campaign for Leeds United. They set these Club records: League wins 27. Most points 67. Unbeaten at home. Conceded 26 goals, nine of these at home. Least defeats 2 (both away) and totalled 39 home points.

When Will We Meet?

Following our first ever League meeting with Chelsea last Sunday the only Clubs we have yet to meet in a League match are: Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester United, Scarborough, Wolverhampton Wanderers and West Ham United.

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4. Tommy Jones
5. Tim Parkin
6. Jon Gittens
7. Steve Foley
8. Colin Calderwood
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Steve White
11. Bobby Barnes
12. Leigh Barnard
14. Charlie Henry

LEEDS UNITED

Team Changes

1. Mervyn Day
2. Neil Aspin
3. Glyn Snodin
4. Mark Aizlewood
5. Noel Blake
6. David Rennie
7. David Batty
8. John Sheridan
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