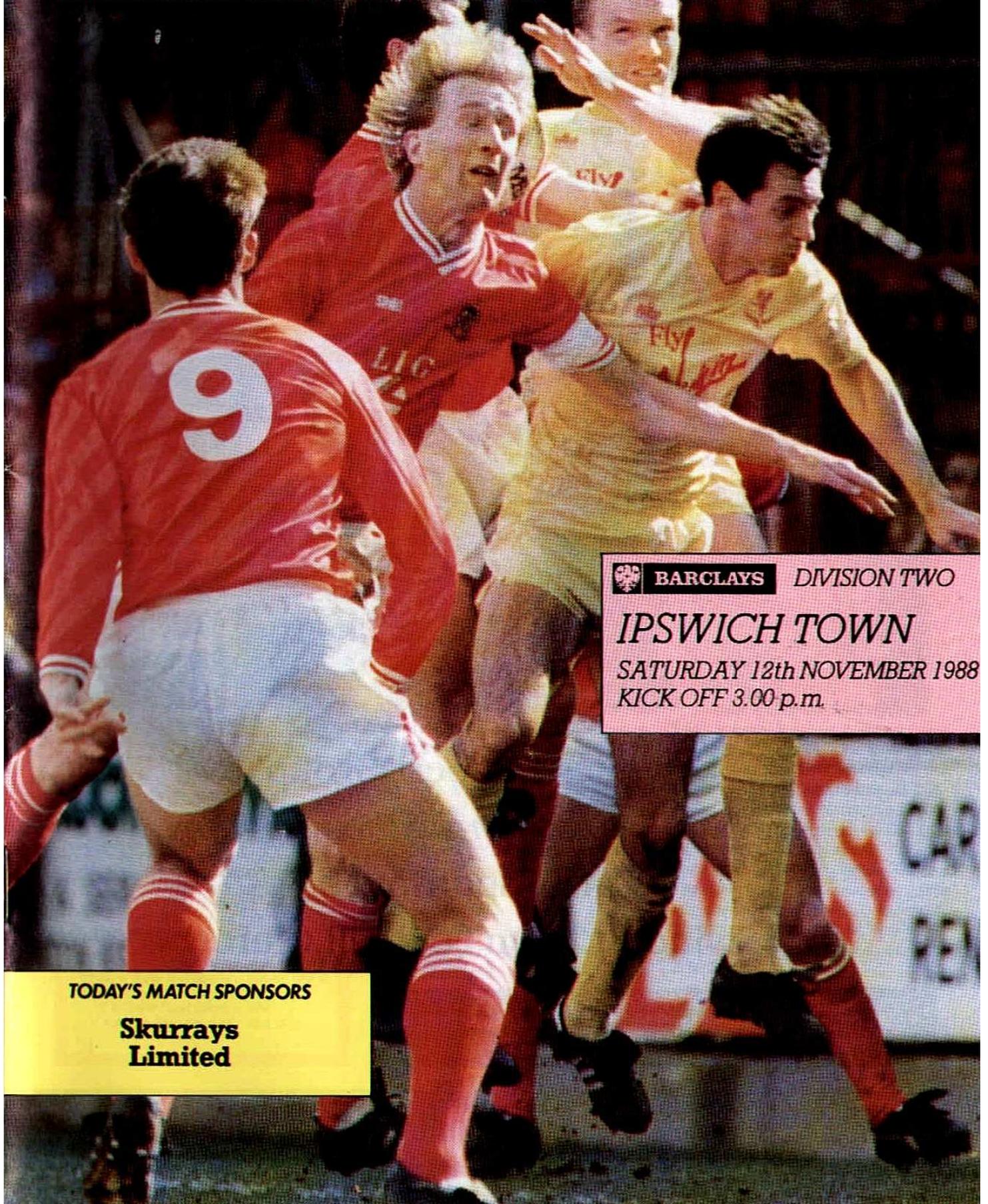


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LUCKILY A SEVEN DAY PERIOD

The signing of David Geddis from Shrewsbury Town came just before our last home match with Birmingham City and although he has been unfortunately suspended for three matches he will be in contention for a place in the team after today's match.

Luckily David's three match ban he incurred playing for Shrewsbury Town comes during a seven day period when we have met Hull City, Norwich City and this afternoon's visitors Ipswich Town. The experience that David has gained in over ten years in the game will be of benefit to us in the Second Division where he has played most of his career. In the transfer market on spiralling fees I believe that David will prove to be a bargain at £40,000.

OVER THE BORDER

I missed the last home match due to some scouting I did up in Scotland. Along with Andy Rowland I took the opportunity to have a look at one or two players I was interested in.

In my absence we defeated Birmingham City 2-1 and gained a valuable three points. When I had a look at the League table the next morning I noticed we were one of two teams undefeated at home and overall we had only lost two League matches. Not a bad record and one that shows the players here at the County Ground have a resilience.

WHY NOT COME ALONG!

Jack Nicklaus, Sandy Lyle, Nick

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

Faldo, Sevy Ballesteros are all the big names of golf, but I am sorry to tell you that not one of them qualified for the Broome Manor v. Swindon Town golf classic at Broome Manor next Wednesday November 16th.

The lads will be teeing off at 8.30 a.m. in a contest they enjoy. If you have a day or a few spare hours, why not go along and watch this classic.

TOOTHLESS

How can a team have so many opportunities and fail to score? That is the question that my players have had to answer this week.

We threw three points away at Hull City last Saturday, they were there for the taking but our finishing was lamentable. It didn't help with our two recent signings out of action, David Geddis suspended and Duncan Shearer short of match practice. When everyone is available perhaps we shall be sharper in front of goal.

OUR VISIT TO NORWICH

Last season we had plenty of cup action, but this season we have made our exit at the first attempt in the Littlewoods Cup and the Simod Cup.

Our 2-1 defeat at Norwich on Wednesday leaves us with just the F.A. Cup matches to look toward in the cup competitions. Despite Steve White's late consolation goal we were unable to close the gap and we faced another disappointing trip back to Swindon.

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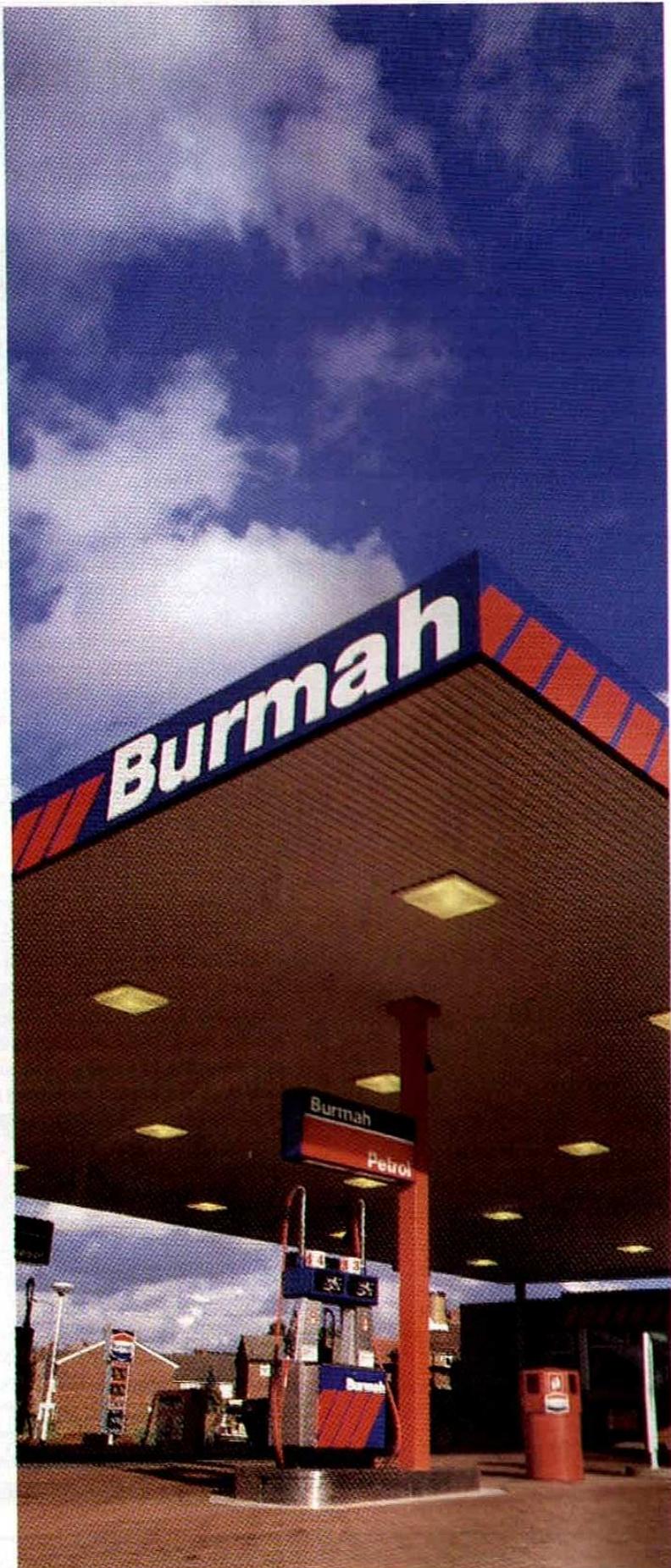
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WHAT WILL LEICESTER COME UP WITH NEXT?

Printing deadlines usually ensure that this column is a few days out of date, but today I make no excuses for harking back to a game that took place nearly three weeks ago.

David Pleat must be wondering what his Leicester City side can salvage from next seasons fixture after another bizarre finish denied the 'Town' victory.

Last season's three goals flashing past Fraser Digby in the final ten minutes seemed perfectly acceptable when faced with this years refereeing disaster.

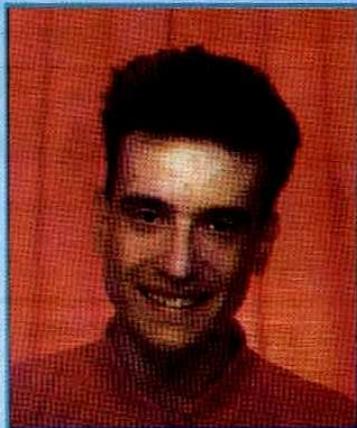
With the 'Town' cruising at 3-0, half time even brought ironic jokes that their lead may not be safe. Referee Morton proved fact to be stranger than fiction and sick humour often the truest with a stunning second half display.

Within ten minutes of the restart his notebook was out and 'Nightmare on Filbert St. Part Two' had flickered into life. A clattering first half challenge and a display of petulance early in the second saw Steve Foley justifiably trudging down the tunnel again, but it was poor refereeing not lack of numbers that cost the 'Town' victory.

A scandalous penalty awarded for a supposed foul a yard outside the area, an own goal forced from a foul on the goalkeeper and an off-side equaliser all contributed to the sense of amazement growing on the away terrace. Tom Jones' for his second *non-bookable* offence seemed to fit in well as the referee struggled out of his depth to become the centre of attention.

Had the all seeing eye of 'The Match' been there with its many camera angles and microphones in the dressing rooms, I'm sure Chic Bates would have provided them with some illuminating full time comments.

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

THE TUNNELS OF LOVE

What a shame that new exciting image of televised football couldn't make it down the 'tunnel of love' at Plough Lane to really put the cat among the pigeons. It is surely only a matter of time before T.V. is the witness to such an unsavoury incident and puts football on trial again.

CROSSROADS

Birmingham City would never draw much of a T.V. audience and were about as interesting as Crossroads during their visit to the County Ground, but still managed to give us a few shocks before we finally struggled through.

The most notable aspect of the game was our brief glimpse of David Geddis, who looks well capable of adding a bit of bite up front. Put him and Charlie together in the forward line and Second Division defences might never be the same again.

NO KILLER INSTINCT

Last Saturdays game at Hull was distinctly lacking in killer instinct as we missed numerous chances after going behind. Although that game ensured that we slipped below half-way, there are still only a few points between the top sixteen Clubs, even if all the favourites are now moving ominously into top gear.

REFLECTIONS

The game this afternoon brings another of David Geddis' former Clubs to Swindon. Ipswich gave him the chance to play in an F.A. Cup winning side, providing the cross that put Roger Osborne on emergency oxygen after scoring the winning goal. The F.A. Cup going back to Suffolk after shocking mighty Arsenal, has a familiar ring to it round these parts, but that similar triumph was twenty years ago.

Last seasons fixture between the two sides at the County Ground saw the 'Town' win 4-2 and featured a marvellous diving header own goal from Ian Cranson to put the 'Town' on course for victory. Hopefully the entertainment will be as good today.

Next week's trip to Stoke gives ua a chance to renew our acquaintance with Chris Kamara, who seems to be making a decent impression in the Potteries. Hopefully Chris will not resort to using the same tactics on his old team mates as Jimmy Quinn did at Leicester, his studs flying at Colin Calderwood would've brought a sending off from a real referee, but fate that night gave us Kelvin Morton. Football would not be the game it is without controversy, but let us hope that this afternoon, the match stays under control and that the twenty two players not three officials provide the talking point.

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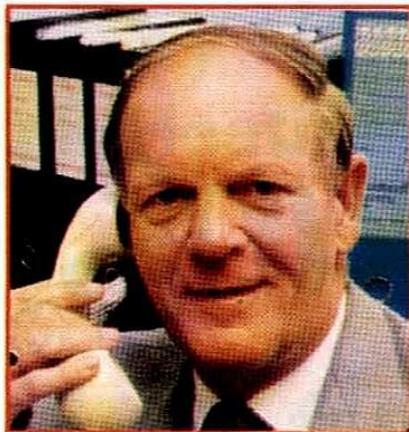
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The presentation will be made on the pitch at approximately 2.45 p.m. and the generous gift, which cost in excess of £1,000, will be accepted on behalf of the Football Club by Dr. John Nicholas and our Club Physio-therapist Kevin Morris.

I am sure you will all show your appreciation of this fine gesture that afternoon and once again I can only reiterate our sincere thanks to each and every member of the Travel Club.

LODGING A COMPLAINT

There is little that can be said or minimal action taken against what we can only term to be an inadequate performance by the referee in our 3-3 draw at Leicester City recently.

There was a degree of support for our consternation from the home team officials which confirmed that most people were of the same opinion, whatever your bias may have been that evening. We have received several

letters to the Club from some of you who were present. Our line of thought is exactly the same as the scribes who wrote and we have acted in an appropriate manner.

WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND - DAVID

This is the first opportunity I have had of welcoming David Geddis to the Club. Of course, David began his playing career with today's visitors Ipswich Town but sadly he will be missing from this afternoon's action because of a three match suspension that he received when he was with his previous Club, Shrewsbury Town.

An experienced player, I am sure his knowledge of playing in the First and Second Divisions will be of benefit during the course of the season. Competition will be keen for the striking positions now that our Manager Lou Macari has not only David Geddis available but also Steve White, Duncan Shearer, Charlie Henry and Bobby Barnes to compete for two or three positions.

THE SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

We are now moving towards the Annual General Meeting of the Football Club which we hope will be held in December to accept the Club Accounts for the Year ending May 31st 1988.

I will keep you informed of the eventual date, time and venue when they have been finalised.

ANOTHER WELCOME!

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome Ipswich Town to the

County Ground this afternoon. They are always attractive opposition whenever they visit us and there always seem to be plenty of goals in our matches with the East Anglian Club.

So I extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Supporters and Officials of the Portman Road Club this afternoon to a match which I have been looking forward to for several weeks.

WELL DONE BOYS

I would like to congratulate our Youth team on their achievements so far this season. They have maintained a position in the two top places of the South East Counties League and progressed into the Second Round of the Midland Youth Cup.

On Monday they enter the First Round of the F.A. Youth Cup when they meet Portsmouth at Fratton Park. Under the guidance of John Trollope it will be interesting to see how they fare in the remainder of the season. If they can maintain the high standard they have set they should conclude the season with high merit.

DONT FORGET

Next Sunday afternoon we meet Gloucestershire County Cricket Club at Fairford Town Football Club in a match for Andy Brassington's benefit.

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SWINDON TOWN F.C. CAROL SERVICE

Swindon Town Football Club's fourth annual Carol Service has been arranged to take place at the **Central Church**, corner of Victoria Road and Groundwell Road, Swindon, on **Thursday 15th December at 7.30 p.m.**

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

THE FORMER PORTMAN ROAD STAR IS NOW IN CHARGE

Former Ipswich Town star **Brian Talbot** has been promoted from captain of **West Bromwich Albion** to player manager.

After four wins in a row as caretaker manager the 35-year-old former Ipswich midfielder succeeds Ron Atkinson who recently resigned to take over Spanish First Division Club Athletic Madrid. Brian's appointment is Albion's 17th managerial change since the war and the success starved Midland Club hope that Brian will lead them back to the big-time. Last Saturday's 3-2 win against **Oxford United** was Albion's fifth successive League victory under Brian's leadership.

OFF... OFF... OFF

Big money signing **Robert Codner** of **Brighton** was sent off in an explosive finish as **Shrewsbury's** four match unbeaten run was ended abruptly by their fellow strugglers last Saturday.

Codner's inevitable red card came after teenage substitute Carl Griffiths was floored in front of the dug-out by a wild kick to the stomach. Codner, a £115,000 signing from **Barnet**, now faces a two match ban.

Brighton won the match 3-1. Former Town striker **Gary Nelson** was among the Brighton goalscorers.

A STEP UP!

Stoke City teenager **Paul Ware** has impressed manager **Mike Mills** so much that he has cancelled his **Y.T.S** status and offered him a full contract despite having nine months of his training programme to run.

THE EVERGREEN TOMMY

Tommy Tynan's second hat-trick of the season took him to thirteen goals for the season and he also recorded his **century** of goals for **Plymouth Argyle** in the **Home Park** Club's 4-3 win against visiting **Blackburn Rovers**. Making his debut for **Argyle** was **Mark Stuart** their new £150,000 signing from **Charlton Athletic**. Incidentally **Tommy Tynan** has reached his 100

goals in fewer games - 185 - than any other player!

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE!

Chelsea's 2-1 victory at Vicarage Road last Saturday was a painful experience for **Watford** manager **Steve Harrison** - and his dog!

Steve angry that the Second Division leaders gave Chelsea a two goal lead inside eighteen minutes quipped: "I always end up going home and kicking my whippet after losing a game like that. When we win he is waiting by the door with his lead, but when we get beaten he hides under the table."

HOWARD'S WAY IS BEGINNING TO WORK

New **Elland Road** boss **Howard Wilkinson** is turning the clock back to revive the Leeds glory days. Howard's men have not lost a match in the League since he took over and last Saturday they stretched their unbeaten run to five games thanks to **John Sheridan's** thirty ninth minute penalty against our visitors today **Ipswich Town** at **Portman Road**.

FOR GOD'S SAKE SHOOT SHAUN **Bournemouth** midfielder player **Shaun Brooks** took **Harry Redknapp's** advice to grab a late winner at **Bradford City** last Saturday.

Harry said "He is a great striker of the ball, really incredible but he does not shoot enough. I am always telling him to shoot more. Shaun admitted 'I am usually looking to create chances rather than having a go', He scored with, yes, you've guessed it, a forty five yard rocket shot."

ANDY SET TO TAKE PAUL'S CROWN?

Andy Dibble could take over from former Ipswich Town keeper **Paul Cooper** as the Country's penalty saving king.

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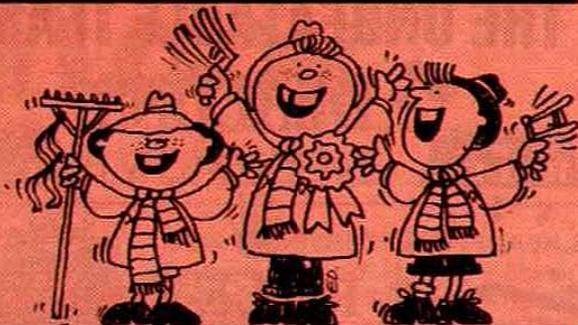
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JUNIOR ROBINS



A REMINDER

to all Junior Robins and parents

Travel Club trip to Stoke City
Next Saturday, 19th November

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Please book into Travel Club in plenty
of time as seats are going fast.

All those with outstanding photos please
get them processed and into the Travel
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Timms.

Match day ticket and lunch - by way of
'complimentary' via Stoke City.

We welcome today Wells City Under-12 and Under-13 Youth Football Teams who both play in the Midsomer Norton Youth League. Last year the Under-13s won the League Cup.

The Clubs runs a full range of youth sides and has supplied a number of players to schools of excellence. Today's two sides are managed by Les Phipps and Tony Fisher who have been associated with the Club for many years.

Last year the Under-13 sides met with Wells, being victorious by four goals to two. Junior Robins have two chances today to reverse that result.

Birthday congratulations go to the following Junior Robins:

Bryan Halestrop of Holy Family Junior who was nine on the 7th November.

Mark Walters of Farmors School, Fairfield, who was thirteen on the 10th.

Mark Yates of Covingham Junior who will be eight tomorrow.

Last, but by no means least, Christopher O'Connell of Holy Family Junior who celebrates his ninth birthday today.

A belated acknowledgement for what must surely be a contender for the Guinness Book of Records, Timothy James Hall, who was born on the 28th September, became our youngest ever Junior Robin when he was enrolled at just four hours old. A precocious chap, he has already decided Bobby Barnes is his favourite player.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we visit Stoke City for only our second League match at the Victoria Ground. On April 23rd we lost on our first visit to the famous Potteries venue by a single goal scored by Simon Stainrod before a crowd of 6,293.

We shall be renewing acquaintanceship with our former midfield player Chris Kamara who moved to the Victoria Ground Club during the summer for a fee of £28,000.

The only team to have taken maximum points from their visit to Stoke this season have been high flying Blackburn Rovers who won 1-0. Today's visitors Ipswich Town were the first visitors to the Victoria Ground sharing the points in a 1-1 draw with Chris Kamara scoring for City. The other teams to share the spoils on visits to the Potteries have been Portsmouth who drew 2-2 with Gary Hackett and Simon Stainrod netting for the

home team. Shrewsbury Town were involved in a goal-less encounter.

The current League leaders Watford came to grief with a 2-0 defeat. Peter Beagrie and an own goal sealing the Vicarage Road Club's fate. Stoke City's other home win of the season came in their last home fixture when they defeated Crystal Palace by 2-1, Tony Henry and Graham Shaw were the City marksmen.

Stoke City are not in action today but will entertain Hull City who were 1-0 victors over the Town last weekend. Probably among the crowd at the Victoria Ground tomorrow will be interested representatives from the Town backroom staff.

Our next home match will see newly promoted Walsall visit the County Ground. The West Midlands Club gained promotion to the Second Division by the same means that we did the previous season - the play off system.

Goals have been difficult to come by in away matches for manager Tommy Coakley's

team Walsall have failed to find the net in four of their seven League matches away from Fellows Park. Ironically they scored two of their four away goals this season in a 2-2 draw at Maine Road against Manchester City on the opening day of the season. Willie Naughton scoring both of Walsall's goals. It is fair comment that Walsall are becoming the draw experts of the Second Division. They have participated in three goal-less matches at West Bromwich Albion, Hull City and Shrewsbury Town. They have been beaten in three away fixtures, the first a 2-0 defeat at Chelsea before their 3-0 demise on Oldham Athletic's plastic surface last Saturday. Former Town winger Howard Pritchard and Willie Naughton were the Walsall goalscorers in their 2-2 draw at Brighton, their fifth draw in seven away League matches! On Tuesday last they were defeated by today's visitors Ipswich Town, at Portman Road. Their consolation goal from a last minute penalty came from Trevor Christie.

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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.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

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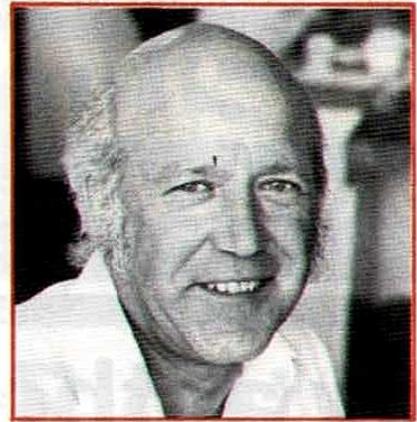
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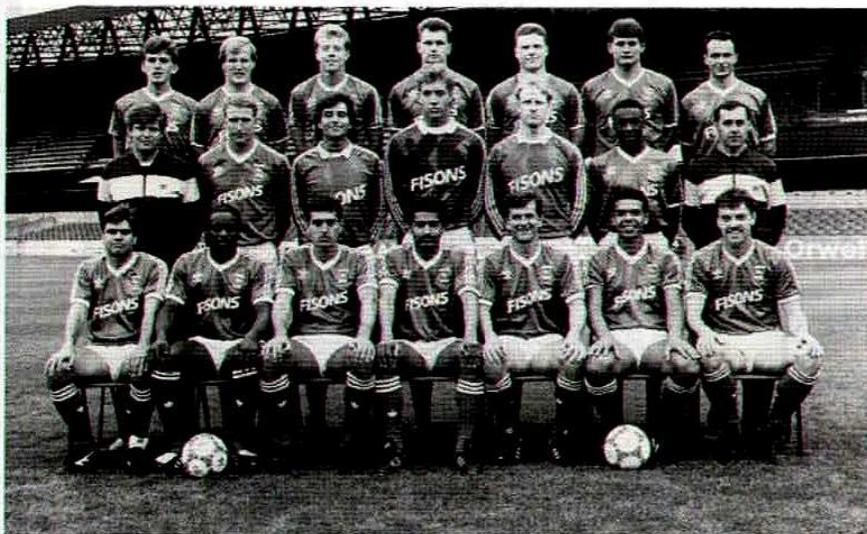


TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

IPSWICH TOWN



by Dave Eaton



Back Row (left to right). David Lowe, Graham Harbey, David Hill, Tony Humes, Chris O'Donnell, Neil Woods, Simon Milton.

Middle Row: John Duncan (Manager), David Linighan, Ron Fearon, Craig Forrest, Jon Hallworth, Chris Kiwomya, Peter Trevivian (First Team Coach).

Front Row: Mick Stockwell, Dalian Atkinson, Mich D'Avray, Romeo Zondervan, Frank Yallop, Jason Dozzell, John Wark.

After an unbroken run of 18 seasons in the First Division, in which time they won both the F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup, Ipswich Town face the hard task of trying to regain senior status.

Relegation at the end of the 1985-86 season was a bitter blow for the East Anglia Club. However, they went very close to winning promotion back to Division One, at the first attempt. They were beaten though over two legs by Charlton Athletic in the First Round of the newly-instituted Play-offs.

Last season saw a change in the managerial seat at Ipswich with John Duncan taking over. A Scot, he became only the Club's seventh Manager since they turned professional in 1936 – a remarkable record in the modern footballing climate.

But there was no fairytale start for Duncan at Portman Road. A poor start and end to the season ruined any chances of a top five spot . . . Ipswich eventually finished in eighth place.

Ipswich were formed as an amateur Club

in 1878 – exactly 100 years later they celebrated their centenary by winning the F.A. Cup on their only Wembley appearance, Roger Osbourne scoring the only goal to sink Arsenal.

On becoming professional Ipswich entered the Southern League and won the title at the first attempt. Two years later, 1938, they were elected to the Third Division South.

In the 1953-54 season they collected their first League title – the Third Division (S). Life in the Second Division lasted only one season, but in 1956/57 they won the Third South title again under Alf Ramsey who had taken over from Scott Duncan as Manager.

Under Ramsey things really began to take off at Portman Road. In season 1960-61 Ipswich won the Second Division crown and secured a place in the top flight for the very first time.

Twelve months later Portman Road were celebrating again, with virtually the same side, they had lifted the First Division Championship and thus qualified for Europe for the first time.

By the end of the 1963-64 season Ramsey had departed to become England team Manager, and Ipswich were back in the Second Division.

Four years later, under Bill McGarry, Ipswich were Second Division Champions again.

He then departed, and in January 1969 Bobby Robson became the new boss at Portman Road.

It heralded a decade or so of golden years for the East Anglian Club.

Robson's youth policy, sprinkled with class players such as two Dutchmen, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, saw Ipswich enjoy its best years. The F.A. Cup victory in 1978, followed by the U.E.F.A. Cup success in 1981, plus going very close on several occa-

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sions to winning the First Division Championship again.

Robson's reign at Ipswich came to an end in 1982 when he became the second Ipswich Manager to be appointed the England supremo.

Bobby Ferguson, his chief coach, succeeded him, but Ferguson's contract was not renewed at the end of the 86-87 season and in the June John Duncan accepted the post of Ipswich Town Manager.

Meet the Manager and Players

John Duncan (Manager). Succeeded Bobby Ferguson as Manager of Ipswich Town, joining the Suffolk Club from Chesterfield. Entered football management at Scunthorpe and, after steering the Lincolnshire Club to the fringe of promotion in his second season, was surprisingly dismissed. Spent a brief spell at Hartlepool before leading Chesterfield to the Fourth Division title three years ago. In his playing days a prolific scoring centre forward. Moved from Dundee United to Spurs for £140,000 in 1974, and ended his playing career at Derby.

Mick D'Avray (Forward). The longest serving player on the books. Born in Johannesburg, he joined Ipswich on the recommendation of former payer Colin Viljoen. In the late 1970's appearances restricted owing to the two player foreigner rule. Now a British citizen, with two England Under-21 caps.

Jason Dozzell (Midfield). Local born, he joined Ipswich straight from school. He became the youngest ever First Division goalscorer when, as a schoolboy, he came on as a substitute and scored at Coventry four years ago. He has been capped by England at both Youth and Under-21 level.

Romeo Zondervan (Midfield). A former Dutch International, he was signed from West Bromwich Albion for £70,000 in March 1984. A versatile and popular player at Portman Road, voted the fans Player of the Year for 86-87 season when he only missed three League games.

Mick Stockwell (Midfield). The 23 year old has been with Ipswich for five years. He was an amateur on Orient's books. Made 24 appearances during 86-87 season and scored his first senior goal at Derby, but finished on the losing side. Last season made 43 appearances, the only game he missed was the 3-2 win at Barnsley.

Frank Yallop (Defender). Signed as an apprentice in 1979, he has been capped five times by England at Youth level. Born in Watford, he made his Ipswich debut at Everton in March 1984. Played 41 times last season to bring his senior appearances to 122.

Tony Humes (Midfield). A native of Blyth in the north-east, he joined Ipswich as an

apprentice. The tough tackling 22 year old's League appearances have been restricted considerably owing to two broken legs. Made 27 first team appearances last season.

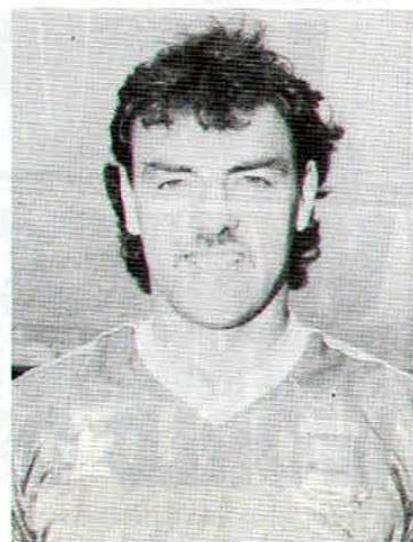
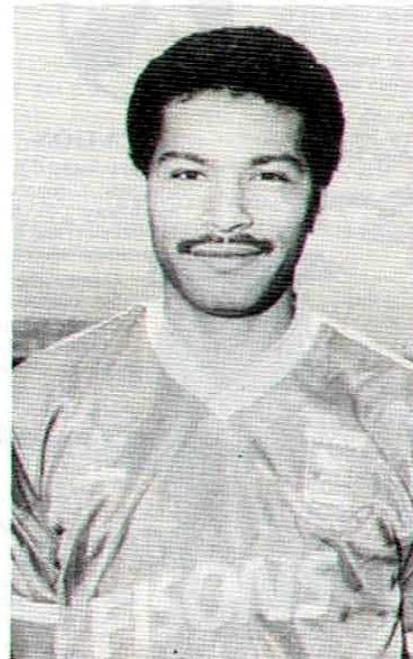
Graham Harby (Defender). The 24 year old was signed from Derby for a fee of £60,000 during the summer of 1987. Made 40 League appearances in total for Derby whom he joined as an apprentice. Appeared in 35 League games for Ipswich last season scoring his only goal against Manchester City.

David Lowe (Forward). A Liverpoolian, he was Manager John Duncan's first signing. Cost £80,000 from Wigan after ending as the Lancashire sides top scorer in 86-87 season with 20 goals. Top scorer for Ipswich last season with 16 goals in 41 League appearances. Capped by England ten times at Youth level.

Simon Milton (Midfield). Born in Bury St. Edmunds, he made his League debut at Swindon last season on December 28, a match Ipswich lost 4-2. Went on to make a further seven appearances. Has also had brief loan spells at both Exeter and Torquay.

Dalian Atkinson (Forward). The 20 year old striker or winger was signed from Telford into apprentice professional ranks at Portman Road. Made 17 appearances last season, scoring eight League goals. Rocked the Club recently by requesting a transfer after being left out of the side.

Craig Forrest (Goalkeeper). The 21 year old joined Ipswich as an apprentice professional from Vancouver. Made 11 League appearances last season for Colchester whilst on loan. Has assumed the number one goalkeeping jersey at Portman Road this season from Jon Hallworth.



John Wark (Midfield). The 31 year old Scottish International rejoined Ipswich from Liverpool towards the end of last season. Began his career at Portman Road, making his debut in the home 2-1 victory over Leicester in March 1975. Went on to complete 296 League games, scoring 94 times before transferring to Liverpool during the 1983-84 season. In his first full season at Anfield appeared 40 times scoring 18 goals.

Chris O'Donnell (Defender). A 20 year old who hails from Newcastle. A former Ipswich apprentice, made his League debut at home v Sunderland in September 1986. Up to beginning of this season had made 12 League appearances for Ipswich and one whilst on loan to Northampton.

Chris Kiwomya (Forward). Born in Huddersfield, the 18 year old forward forged his way into the first team for the first time this season.

David Linighan (Defender). The 23 year old defender was signed from Shrewsbury Town during the summer. Made 41 League appearances for the Shropshire side last season and 65 in all. Born in Hartlepool, he began as an apprentice with his local Club, making his League debut during the 81-82 season. Left Hartlepool for Derby at the end of the 85-86 season. Failed to break into the Rams first team and subsequently moved on to Shrewsbury.

David Hill (Defender). An £80,000 purchase from Scunthorpe United. The 22 year old, Nottingham born player made his League debut for Scunthorpe at home against Southend United in September 1983. It was a game, though, he may wish to forget... Scunthorpe lost 6-1! In five League seasons at the Old Showground he made 140 appearances, scoring ten times before moving to Portman Road.

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10.50	Start first Combat Zone
13.15	Barbecue lunch and drinks
13.45	Return to Team Camps
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17.20	Transport to Reception Area
17.45	End of Combat Zone

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WELCOME IPSWICH

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Seriously though, it's a pleasure to welcome a Club who have, over the years, been a role model for those who strive to compete with the big City teams. It can't be easy with your near neighbours Norwich City top of Division One, but thanks for the pleasure your football's given us in recent times.

A BRIDGE TOO FAR!

Well dear reader, it was a case of so near and yet so far seven days ago on Humberside. The spectacular view of the Humber Bridge in the winter evening sky was not enough to console those hardy souls who'd made the long journey to the north following the Towns one-nil defeat. It's difficult to explain to people over 150 miles away just how dominant Swindon were at Boothferry Park, but victory should have been accomplished with ease. The Hull City goal resembled a coconut shy for the majority of the ninety minutes, but remained intact. Those of you who were at Stoke last season will have seen a similar game, but unfortunately in next years football annuals it goes down as a defeat. Still, that bridge was a fine sight.

SEARCHING IN THE DARK!

One of the highlights of long journey's home from away games is a ritual that takes place at any one of several motorway service stations which provide temporary solace for the Travel Club coaches. This ritual sees normally placid, respectable people turn into raving and sometimes frustrated human beings, deeply envious of the small percentage of successful participants. What is it? Well it's the sprint event for the Saturday evening sports paper, printed in the nearest city to our mid-journey break. Competitors limber up as the coach pulls in and then the race is one once the doors are open. If you are successful, it's a warm smug look that settles over your motorway hardened countenance. If you fail, depression is hardly the word, Saturday night is not the same. The Nottingham Football Post, The Birmingham Sports Argus and The Leicester Mercury are all names to gladden the hearts of supporters everywhere. Wouldn't it be grand to see the Football Pink grace the newstands once more.

WOMBLING OFF COURSE!

Violence, it seems, has reared its ugly head once again in professional football. I was not present at Plough Lane when the recent alleged middleweight contest between two First Division players took place. Nor were the countless former Managers, football officials and pundits who rushed into print to recommend various sentences to the various combatants. How can the game

be benefitted by hype, for that is what it is, of this kind. Once again Association Football is dragged through the mire, presenting it as some kind of primitive, brainless thrash about. Sanity must return to the game we all love, but how can it be achieved? We all have a responsibility, from the supporter to the President of the F.A. Let's, for goodness sake, own up to that responsibility and endeavour to bring pride once more back to the game.

WELL DONE SWINDON RUGBY CLUB

Time now to salute another of Swindon's sporting outfits, the Town's Rugby Club. What a fine performance they put up against London giants Blackheath in the Pilkington Cup. It was the proudest day in the Club's 93 year history and they certainly enjoyed it. G.W.R. F.M. rugby correspondent, Mike Wills, is even now recovering from the after match celebrations, his son Phil is a goalkeeper with the G.W.R. football team. We lost 4-0 the following day, can there be any connection?

GEOFF, WHERE IS THE MANURE?

The side to vanquish us in the Chairmans Trophy was Lenith Wanderers who took full advantage of a pitch in fine condition. It was helped by liberal sprinklings of horse manure, which I had to clear from the playing surface with a shovel - ah, how Town groundsman Geoff Warren must envy me. Finally, as always, let's enjoy a good, peaceful game of football.

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A SHOCK DEFEAT

Our highly successful South East Counties Youth League team slumped to a surprise defeat against Bristol Rovers in their away fixture on Saturday October 22nd.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope's** report of the match read as follows. "This was the first League defeat of the season and also our worst performance. Our approach to the game left a lot to be desired, we assumed it would be easy against bottom of the table opposition. On the day we did not deserve anything and that is exactly what we obtained. Hopefully this was a one-off performance that we can quietly put behind us. Rovers thoroughly deserved their win and only two late goals from **Nicky Summerbee** and **Paul Hunt** made the scoreline more respectable."

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan.

Substitutes: Walker (for Murray in 71st min.) Spalding (for Lea in 71st min.)

AN IMPROVEMENT

Our Allied Counties Youth League team defeated Thatcham Town 3-0 on Monday October 24th in an Allied Counties Youth League Cup fixture.

A performance that delighted Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope**, as he explained. "After two indifferent games we came back to give our best performance of the season. We tackled the game in the right manner and showed a lot of enthusiasm. Two goals in the first half from **Richard Walker** and **Michael Macari** set the tone for a fine win and when **Nathan Holt** scored from a Paul Trollope free kick it gave us a deserved win. With several lads giving good performances we now play **Ruislip Manor** in the next Round of this Cup competition."

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Braidwood, Quinn, Murray, Graham, Walker, Trollope, Macari, Lea, Sperring.

Substitutes: Holt (for Sperring in 70th min.) Payne (for Quinn in 72nd min.)

BACK ON TOP

Our South East Counties team moved back to the top of Second Division League table with this 4-1 win against Tottenham

Hotspur at Lydiard Park on Saturday October 28th.

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope's** report was encouraging for the future. "This was a game that we dominated from start to finish with a much improved performance in the wake of our shock defeat at Bristol Rovers. Although we created several good openings at the start of the match we failed to take our chances and we allowed the visitors to break and take the lead through **Anthony Potts**. We equalised shortly before half-time when an effort from **Paul Hunt** hit both posts before rebounding to allow **Mark Lea** to shoot home. We were well on top in the Second half and two goals from **Tony Hammersley** and **Paul Hunt** gave us a deserved win." John concluded. "This was a good team performance in which everyone played a part in a hard working and thoughtful manner."

Team: Thompson, Lea, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Murray, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Morgan.

Substitutes: Walker (for Summerbee in 79th min.) Spalding (for Graham in 72nd min.)

ON SONG!

The Town Reserves hit visiting Reading for six when the Elm Park Club visited the County Ground on Tuesday November 1st for an 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture. The Town finishing with a convincing 6-1 win.

The Town fielded two new signings in this match David Geddis and Gareth Morgan both players were among the goalscorers.

The Town took the lead in the twenty fourth minute through **Peter Coyne** and it was following some fine play by the same player that we increased our lead in the 40th minute through **David Geddis**.

The Town's domination of play brought a penalty in the 59th minute when **Adrian Viveash** was pulled down in the area and **Paul Bodin** scored from the rebound after his spot kick had been saved.

Gareth Morgan then hit the target after breaking through the defence and scoring. With **Neil Tomlinson** playing well it was no surprise when he was brought down in the



● **Peter Coyne** – who celebrated signing his new contract with the Club by being among the goalscorers in our 6-1 win over Reading.

area and **Ross Maclaren** safely steered the penalty home. Reading reduced the arrears through substitute **Dave Charles** before **Neil Tomlinson** scored with a tremendous cross shot to finish a high scoring game.

Team: Hammond, McLoughlin, Bodin, Barnard, Maclaren, Simpson, Tomlinson, Coyne, Geddis, Morgan G and Viveash.

Substitutes: Marshall (for Simpson in 60th min.) Hunt (for Viveash in 60th min.)



● **Neil Tomlinson** – who was in outstanding form in the Reserves 6-1 trouncing of Reading.

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November 20th

Sheffield Wednesday v Tottenham Hotspur

November 27th

Newcastle United v Manchester United

or West Ham United v Everton

December 4th

Arsenal v Liverpool

December 11th

Liverpool v Everton

December 27th

Aston Villa v Queens Park Rangers

or Manchester United v Nottingham Forest

January 1st

Manchester United v Liverpool

ENGLAND INTERNATIONALS 1988/89

November 16th

Saudi Arabia v England Friendly

February 8th

Greece v England Friendly

March 8th

Albania v England World Cup

April 26th

England v Albania World Cup

May 27th

Scotland v England Rous Cup

June 3rd

England v Poland World Cup

June 7th

Denmark v England Friendly

ANDY'S TESTIMONIAL FIXTURE

Andy Rowland the long serving Town servant has finally obtained opponents for his benefit match.

West Ham United have agreed to visit the County Ground on a date in the New Year. Andy had received a negative reply from

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Arsenal, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa to his request.

A THREE WAY TRANSFER AND NO MEETINGS!

Amazingly the David Geddis transfer was conducted with the two Clubs, Managers, Secretaries and the players never meeting while the negotiations took place!

Town Manager Lou Macari finally settled on a fee with the Shrewsbury Town Manger Ian McNeill. The next step was to ask David Geddis to leave his Sutton Colefield home and reach Villa Park where he held lengthy telephone talks with Lou. The facilities were available for forms to be transmitted between Aston Villa and the County Ground.

Time was passing quickly and to beat the deadline it obviously require careful planning between a local firm in Shrewsbury and the 'Shrews' for a four way negotiation to take place.

The scenario was now complete it involved Lou Macari and Dave King and the administration staff at the County Ground, the Shrewsbury Town secretary Malcolm Starkey, at Aston Villa their Secretary Steve Stride and the player David Geddis while at Lytham St Annes the Regulations Department were on full alert to beat the deadline. At 4.45 p.m. the player said yes to the move, within seconds it was all action. Without the full co-operation of all parties concerned the transfer could not have taken place. Our grateful thanks to everyone connected in the Thursday express.

ON TRIAL

Currently on a months trial with the Club is Gareth Morgan from Great Mills Western League team Minehead. Gareth who has played for England Schoolboy's Under-19 team spent a trial period with Coventry City.

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MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

After defeating Peterborough United in the First Round of the competition we now face Shrewsbury Town at Gay Meadow.

FAREWELL

The talented Dean Casserley has decided to seek his future outside the game. Dean has now accepted employment locally and will now play his football on a part time basis. Although we shall retain his registration. Whatever course Dean decides to take we wish him well in his new endeavours.

F.A. YOUTH CUP

Our Youth team travel to Fratton Park on Monday evening, next, November 14th, when they meet Portsmouth in the First Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. The kick-off is at 7.00 p.m.

JIM'S IN CHARGE

Former Swindon Town Goalkeeper Jim Barron is the new Manager of Cheltenham Town. One of Jim's first jobs was to take a look at our 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture here at the County Ground against Reading on Tuesday November 1st.

ALLIED COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

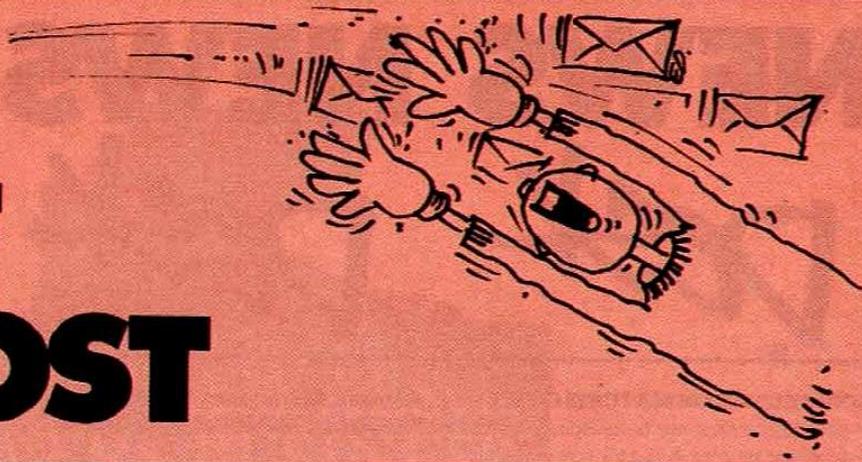
Following our 5-1 win at Ruislip Manor on Wednesday November 2nd our Youth team will now meet the winners of the Hounslow and Maidenhead United tie.

STEVE BERRY JOINS NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Former Town midfielder player Steve Berry joined Northampton Town from Aldershot last week in a £45,000 transfer deal. Steve celebrated his first match for the 'Cobblers' by scoring in their 3-1 win in an away fixture against Wigan Athletic last Saturday.

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Dear Dave,

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you, Lou Macari and Andy Rowlands for your help in making the 'Official Switching On' of our floodlights last Wednesday a terrific success. Although suffering the expected heavy defeat, I hope our young players at least learn something from the experience.

We hope this fixture is the start of a close liaison between our respective Clubs and look forward to further games either with or for you in the future.

Yours Sincerely
Ron Swatton
Chairman

Ipswich Town F.C. Supporters
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Dear Sir,

Re Swindon Town v. Ipswich Town, 12 November 1988

Would you be kind enough to print a mention of our Branch in the programme for the above match?

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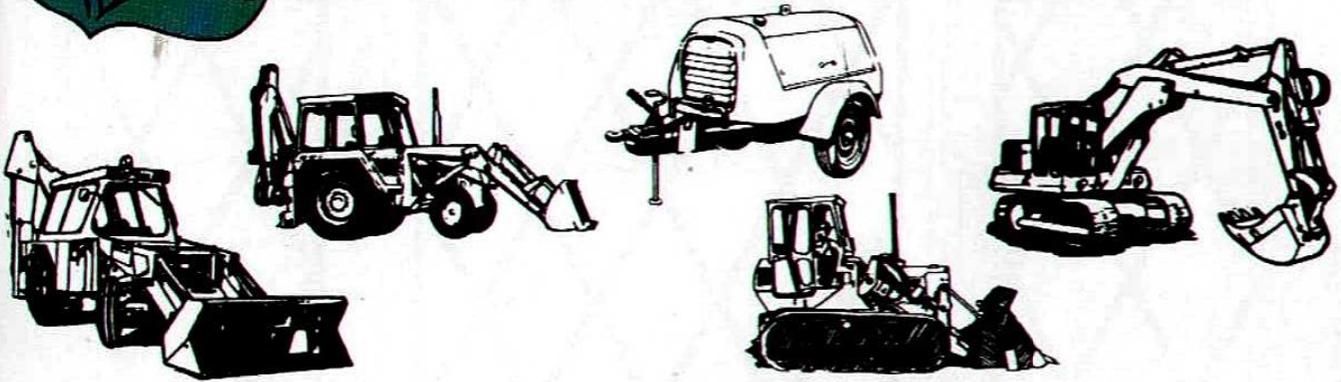
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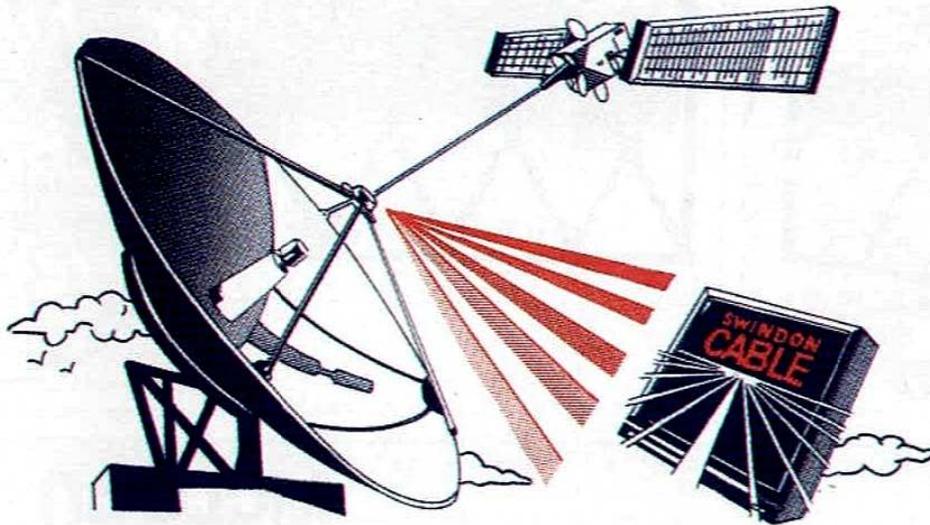


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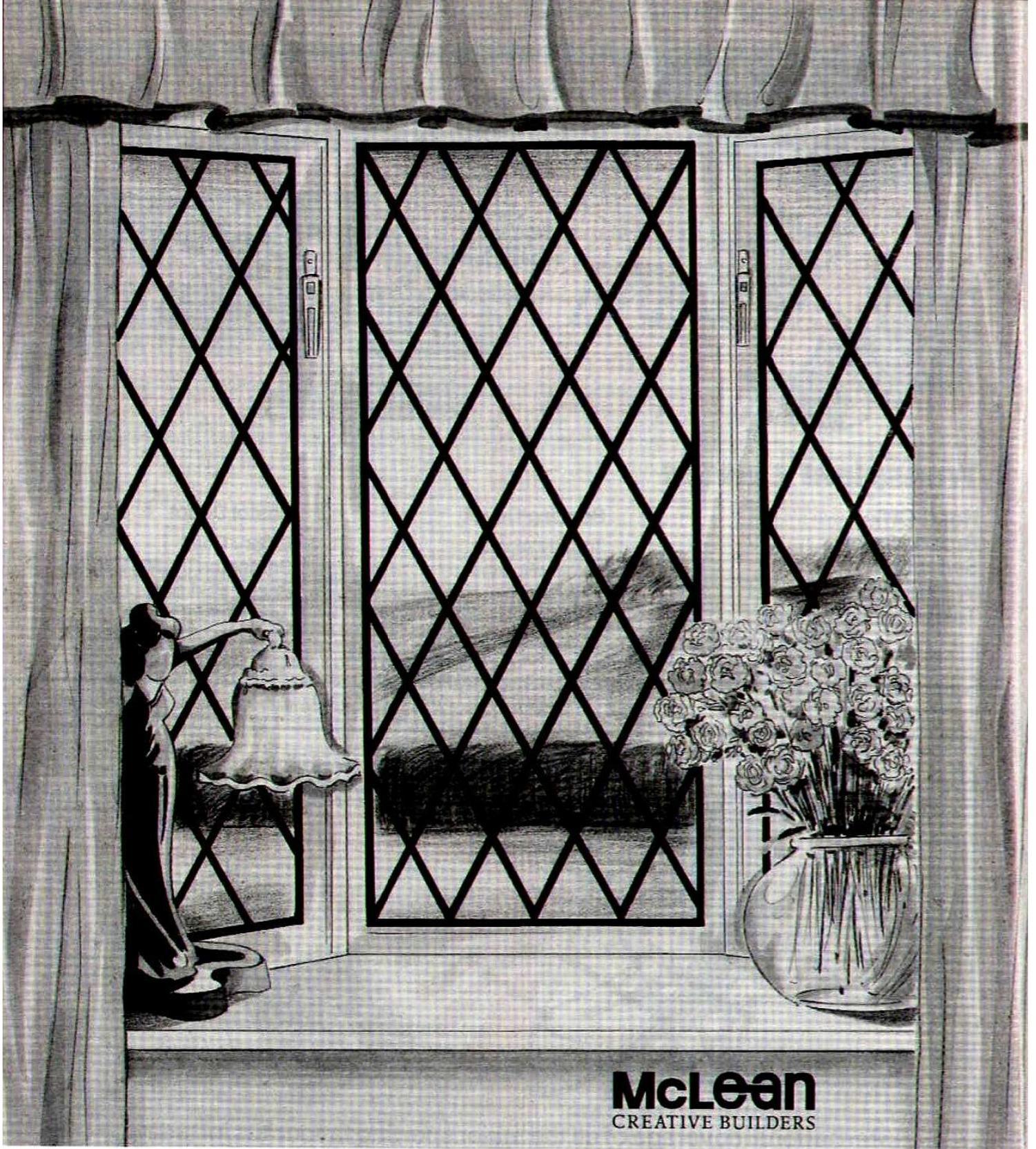
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THANK YOU

The last home match that we played here at the County Ground against Birmingham City will be one that I shall always remember.

Not for any particular incident or the standard of the game, for to be honest it must have been a poor match to watch, but for the way I was applauded when I left the field in the second half after being substituted by David Geddis.

At least it showed your appreciation of my honest endeavours. Thank you.

IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY?

For players such as myself it is fair to say that we do not reap the rewards that players who constantly switch Clubs reap. This season I will have been at the County Ground for ten years.

The vast majority of those years I have thoroughly enjoyed. Swindon Town is my Club and I have always felt that my efforts have been one hundred per cent for the Club. Quite honestly I don't know how to play any other way. Obviously I have survived a few Managers at the Club and I like to think that my attitude has been well thought of by most of them.

I ALMOST LEFT

It is no secret that during the course of last summer I nearly left the Club. Several Clubs approached me during the close season and to be quite honest with you their offers were an improvement on what I was offered to stay here.

Cambridge United made me a good offer and so did non-League Cheltenham Town. What I really wanted was for this Club to make me an acceptable offer to stay here. Eventually they did and so I stayed.

COMPENSATION

Players who stay at one Club for a long period of time lose out financially in the world of signing on fees and increased wages. The compensation has to come from a testimonial.

The Board of Directors have been kind enough to allow me to have a testimonial this year. What I propose to do, along with a Committee I have formed to work on my

No. 8 CHARLIE HENRY

behalf, is to stage several events during this season and next summer. I hope to be in a position to make you all aware of what they will be and where they will be staged within the next few weeks. I also hope to produce a testimonial brochure which will be on sale during the season.

Chris Nicholls and Lou Macari have both said that they will allow their players to be available for a Swindon Town v. Southampton confrontation later this season. My grateful thanks to both Managers.

PAUL RIDEOUT

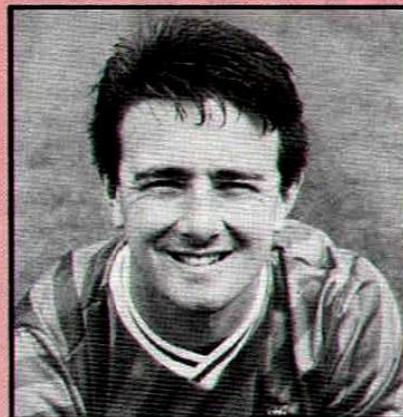
Of course nothing will give me greater pleasure than having Paul Rideout, my brother-in-law, in the Southampton team. At one stage last summer there was speculation that Paul could be returning to Swindon Town. The speculation was unfounded, but Paul comes to most of our matches when he is able to get away from his commitments with Southampton.

Paul joined Swindon Town as an apprentice, like me, but it was his good fortune to move on to bigger Clubs and make a name for himself. I am sure you will all enjoy seeing Paul line up with another former Town player, Glenn Cockerill, at the County Ground again.

THE FUTURE

There is nothing like playing first team football and every professional likes to be involved with the senior team. It is impossible for any Manager to play all of his entire squad. What every player hopes for is to be given an opportunity to play in a position he feels best suited for.

It is difficult to say whether I would have preferred to have been regarded as a one position specialist or to have been used in several positions. To some extent I have been fortunate in several departments of the team. All I hope is that I am given an



● Charlie Henry

extended run to prove that I am worthy of selection in one position. Mind you, I know that I am always a good bet for inclusion if I can play in a variation of roles.

I prefer to play up front and, if not, in midfield. There is no thrill like scoring goals and when I scored those 16 goals during the 1985/86 season as we swept all before us in taking the Fourth Division Championship, it was a fantastic feeling.

My contract expires next summer and naturally I hope the Club will want me to stay.

THE SECOND DIVISION

Having been with the Club for ten years I know what it means not only for Swindon Town but also to the supporters for everyone to feel that Second Division football is here to stay, unless of course we can gain further promotion to Division One.

This is a difficult Division and only full commitment will enable Swindon Town to remain in the Division. I suppose it is something special for me because I have experienced the low spots with the Club when we were relegated to the Fourth Division. The rise of Swindon Town obviously meant a deep satisfaction to myself, as it did for all of you. The only promise I can give you is that when I am called upon to play I will be doing my utmost to at least retain Second Division football. Swindon Town Football Club is as big a part of my life as it is yours. Thanks for your support during my time here, it is most appreciated.

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DAVID GEDDIS

The 30-year-old, Carlisle born striker moved to the County Ground on Thursday October 26th in a £40,000 transfer deal from Shrewsbury Town.

Dave scored his first goal for the Club in our 6-1 'Ovenden Paper' Football Combination win against Reading at the County Ground on Tuesday November 1st.

The much travelled striker actually began his playing career with today's visitors Ipswich Town. Dave made his League debut in a 0-0 draw against Derby County (Away) on May 10th 1977. Full details of Dave's playing career prior to his move to Swindon Town are as follows:



1976-77	Ipswich Town	2	-	1984-85	Barnsley	14	10
	Luton Town (Loan)	13	4		Birmingham City	18	12
1977-78	Ipswich Town	26	4	1985-86	Birmingham City	26	6
1978-79	Ipswich Town	15	1	1986-87	Birmingham City	26	6
1979-80	Ipswich Town	-	-	1986-87	Birmingham City	2	-
	Aston Villa	20	2		Brentford (Loan)	4	-
1980-81	Aston Villa	9	4	1986-87	Shrewsbury Town	15	4
1981-82	Aston Villa	14	6	1987-88	Shrewsbury Town	15	5
1982-83	Aston Villa	4	-	1988-89	Shrewsbury Town	9	1
	Luton Town (Loan)	4	-				
1983-84	Aston Villa	-	-				
	Barnsley	31	14				



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● Tim Parkin nods a long throw into the Birmingham area in Swindon's last home win.



● Steve Foley in action against Birmingham.



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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	Cittens	McLoughlin
3.9.88	SAT WEST BROM	A	7,512	1-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Cittens	Bodin
11.9.88	SUN PORTSMOUTH	H	11,443	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood	Cittens	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)	Cittens	Foley
24.9.88	SAT BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	6,585	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Calderwood (1)	Cittens	Foley
27.9.88	TUE CRYSTAL PALACE (7.45) (LCC1)	H	7,064	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
1.10.88	SAT WATFORD	A	11,657	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
5.10.88	WED OXFORD UNITED	A	9,398	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin (1)	Cittens	Foley
9.10.88	SUN CHELSEA	H	11,927	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	McLoughlin	Cittens	Foley
12.10.88	WED CRYSTAL PALACE (8.00) (LCC1)	A	6,015	0-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Cittens	Henry	Jones	Foley
16.10.88	SUN LEEDS UNITED	H	9,234	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
22.10.88	SAT SUNDERLAND	A	13,520	0-4	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
26.10.88	WED LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Cittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Cittens	McLoughlin
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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	Number of Managers since 1946	Number of previous grounds	Pitch measurements
Barnsley	8	-	110 x 75 yds
Birmingham City	14	3	115 x 75 yds
Blackburn Rovers	15	4	116 x 72 yds 2 f
A.F.C. B'nemouth	14	2	112 x 75 yds
Bradford City	16	-	110 x 76 yds
Brighton	15	3	112 x 75 yds
Crystal Palace	18	4	110 x 74 yds
Chelsea	11	-	114 x 71 yds
Hull City	12	4	112 x 75 yds
Ipswich Town	6	-	112 x 75 yds
Leeds United	14	-	117 x 76 yds
Leicester City	10	4	112 x 75 yds
Manchester City	14	6	119 x 79 yds
Oldham Athletic	13	1	110 x 74 yds
Oxford United	8	1	110 x 75 yds
Plymouth Argyle	17	-	112 x 75 yds
Portsmouth	11	-	116 x 73 yds
Shrewsbury Town	11	1	116 x 76 yds
Stoke City	8	2	116 x 75 yds
Sunderland	12	6	113 x 74 yds
Swindon Town	11	1	114 x 72 yds
Walsall	20	-	113 x 73 yds
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A.F.C. Bournemouth	12	6	1	5	22	18	13
Oxford United	11	6	1	4	17	19	13
Brentford	10	5	2	3	19	13	12
Southampton	9	4	3	2	22	12	11
Wimbledon	10	5	1	4	24	20	11
Colchester United	11	4	3	4	22	20	11
Bristol City	9	2	5	2	10	9	9
Brighton & Hove	11	2	5	4	16	17	9
Tottenham Hotspur	12	3	1	8	18	33	7
Northampton Town	9	2	2	5	17	26	6
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LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK.

Aston Villa banked Club record receipts of £201,000 from a 41,409 crowd on September 10th when they drew 1-1 with Liverpool. Villa hope they now draw the Anfield Club in all Cup matches this season!

EXPELLED BY TEACHER!

Leeds City, although no connection with United, became the first Football League Club to be expelled in October 1919. They were wound-up due to irregular practices. Port Vale replaced the Club and took over the fixtures.

'DIXIE' REMEMBERED

A lasting tribute to William Ralph 'Dixie' Dean can be found on the window of St. Domingo Methodist Church in Liverpool. His record of 60 goals in 1927-28 was put into place at Everton's birthplace in May of this year. Dixie scored an amazing 349 goals from 399 League games.

THEY STILL BELONG IN SPIRIT

Although Newport County were relegated to the G.M. Vauxhall Conference last season, they are not cut off completely from the Barclays League. During the next twelve months they will continue to receive financial support from the Leagues 'mutuality pool'.

WILL HE MAKE IT?

Yeovil Town defender Steve Rutter has thrown in his £15,000 a year police job to become a full-time footballer. Yeovil Manager Brian Hall has rejected approaches from several League Clubs telling them, "This lad is too good for you - he can go all the way."

A GOOD BOY!

Wimbledon's controversial combatant Vinny Jones is going out of his way to mend a somewhat battered public image. His latest attempt at good public relations involves prefixing autographs with the advice: 'Be good'.

GOOD OLD WEST COUNTRY AIR

The success story of Norwich City this season could be due to West Country air for the Carrow Road Club played Bath City, Clevedon, Gloucester City and Mangotsfield United in pre-season fixtures although they lost all three friendlies against League opposition! Hereford United, Mansfield Town and Ipswich Town gave the First Club an early lesson.

IT WAS NOT BEN!

Luton Town had only one arrest inside their ground and only one outside and that for a drugs offence, unrelated to football, since they adopted their home fans only rule for the 1986-87 season.

OPENING AS USUAL

Shops around Kenilworth Road, Luton, which once had to close when Luton were at home can carry on trading while local residents no longer need fear assault or damaged property.

GOING DOWN

Luton Town admit that the investment in the equipment and administration to run the card only scheme, together with the loss of revenue from visiting supporters has hit the Club financially. Gates last season were down around 8,000 - 2,000 less than three seasons ago.

SHADES OF BIGGLES

During the recent postal strike, Bradford City resigned Peter Jackson from Newcastle United City Chairman Jack Tordoff, a qualified pilot, flew Club Secretary Terry Newman to Newcastle in his private plane for the appropriate documents to be completed. They then flew on to the League Headquarters.

WE ARE GETTING THERE!

Wembley Stadium is having four thousand extra seats installed in boxes hung from beneath the stands, similar to the T.V. gantry. There is also a complete re-design of the Bristol Rail station which backs on to the complex.

DREAMS OF ROME!

The complete re-development of Wembley Park tube station will make access to the complex quicker and more comfortable for the paying public. A modern continental piazza in the forecourt area of the stadium right in the shadow of the impressive twin towers is also planned.

OH ADOLF!

Clive Thomas on an Everton Football Club dinner. "I stood up - silence. No applause. I spoke for 35 minutes and there was silence, no interruptions, no barracking, I sat down - no applause. The chairman asked for questions, the cameras rolled, a questioner asked, 'Mr Thomas, what I'd like to know is why Hitler didn't bomb Treorchy first?'"

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IS STUART A YORKSHIREMAN, ENGLISHMAN AND A SCOT?

Yorkshire born Stuart McCall, now with Everton, travelled on an England Under-21 trip to Turkey four years ago without playing. Later he made his debut for Scotland, the birthplace of his parents, against England at Nottingham in March 1984.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX... SEVEN!

Vauxhall Opel League team Stevenage Borough were booted out of the F.A. Cup recently for fielding an ineligible player. Goalkeeper Barry Aldridge helped Stevenage beat Burnham 3-2, but did not fulfil the seven day qualification period.

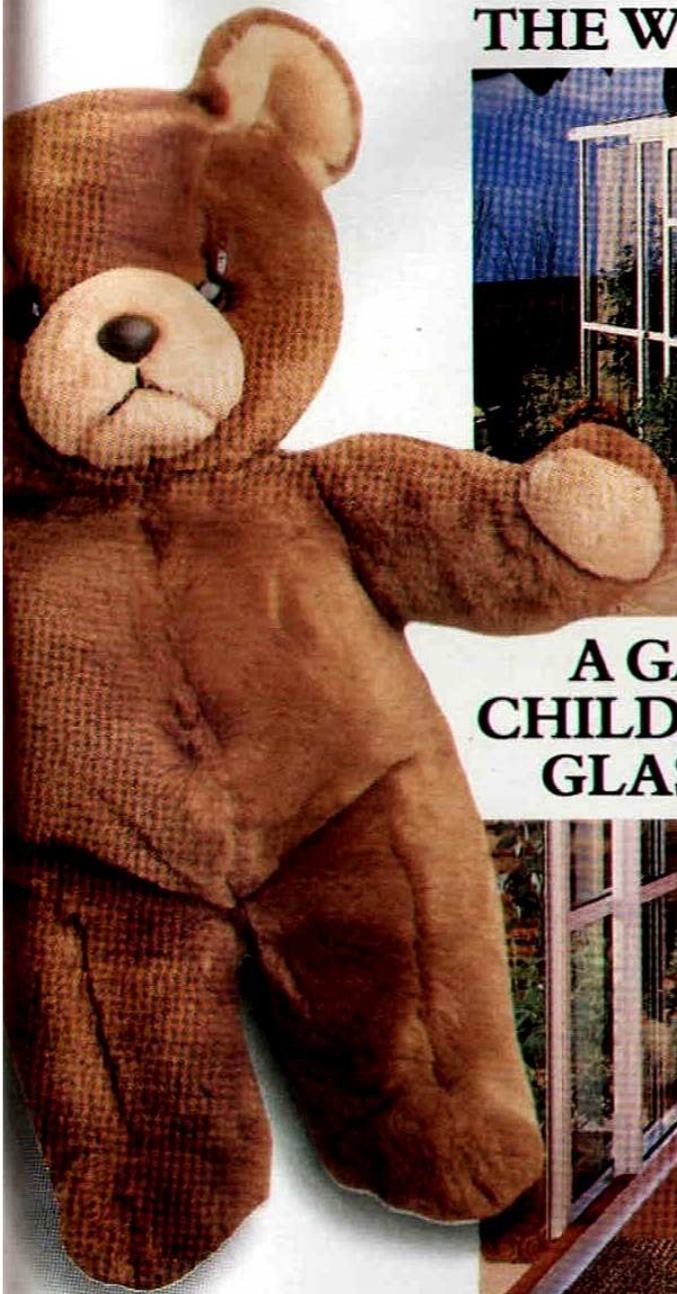
WHY DON'T YOU LOT GO WOMBLING?

Brian Clough can't like Wimbledon. Why not? Clough said: "Nottingham People don't know how lucky they are. They're always on somebody's back. If they don't like what they see at the City Ground, I suggest they go and watch someone else... Wimbledon, for example."

Bobby Robson's England squad will be joined by Executive Groupies' paying about £5,000 per head when they fly to Saudi Arabia next Monday. England are to travel by specially chartered Concorde, accompanied by over 50 'captains of industry'. The 'Groupie Special' was the idea of British Aerospace.

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Team Changes

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

IPSWICH TOWN

Team Changes

1. Craig Forrest
2. Frank Yallop
3. Graham Harbey
4. Roneo Zonderven
5. Tony Humes
6. David Linighan
7. David Lowe
8. Jason Dozzell
9. John Wark
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