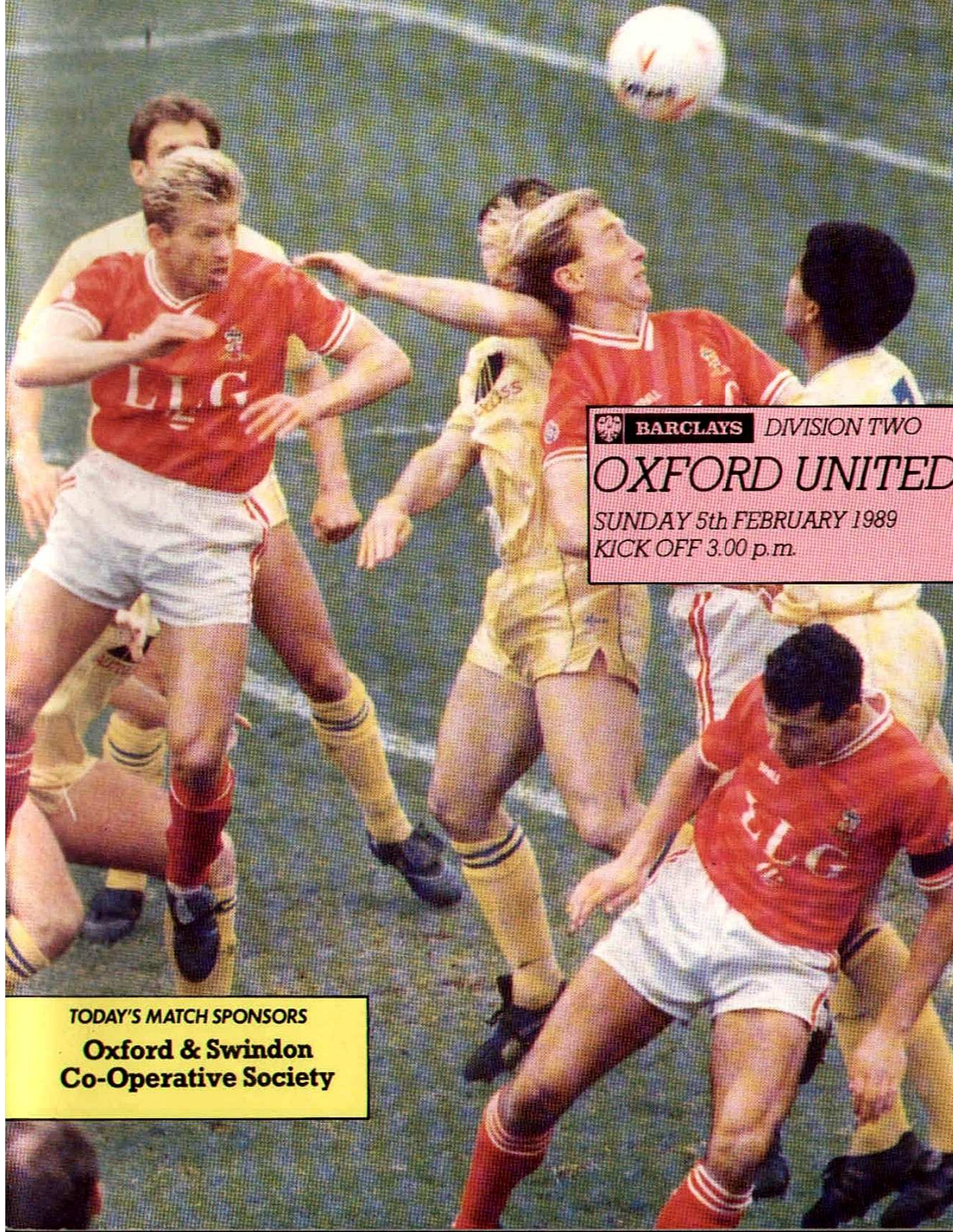


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OFF TO BISHAM ABBEY

After our 0-0 draw with West Ham United last week we faced another tense match in the replay at Upton Park. The previous week we had spent a few days at Weston-Super-Mare.

This week we varied our pre-match routine when 'Chic' took the players to Bisham Abbey on Tuesday morning. Watford had stayed there the previous week and the tonic was that they defeated Derby County 2-1. We hoped that the same exercise might do the trick for us. You all know the outcome by now. Sadly we were defeated by the only goal of the game.

RE-ADJUSTMENT NEEDED!

Recently we have had the former Tottenham Hotspur winger Ally Dick spending a few days training with us. The little Scots winger is currently with the Dutch team Ajax.

It is difficult to assess a player's worth when they have spent a period on the Continent. The football is of a slower pace and the individual needs time to adjust. Whether Clubs can give the player that period of time is variable. Liverpool can with Ian Rush, they have a big enough squad to compensate. Although Mark Hughes appears to be rejuvenated at Old Trafford on his return to my old Club, Manchester United, they also could have waited. Lee Chapman at Notts Forest took time to re-settle. My betting is that Glen Hoddle and Clive Allen would also need time to re-adjust to the increased pace they would meet.

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

GOALS NEEDED

Goals have been at a premium at the County Ground recently and the loss of Duncan Shearer and Steve White was a big blow to us for our Cup matches.

It is not good moaning about misfortune, you simply have to work to overcome the problem. I have been trying to bring a new face to the County Ground to overcome the problem but most Clubs have the same requirement.

NO FACILITIES

The heavy rains of winter compound our lack of training facilities. We have no pitch to practise or train on and really it is an alarming situation for a Second Division Club.

We have to take advantage of several venues during the week but we desperately require a permanent base. Shrivenham Road is frequently waterlogged and due for development and the County Ground extension not suitable on a long term basis with the pitches required for local teams. Can anyone help. There surely must be a piece of land or disused sports field or even a part-sharing complex someone could help us out with? Any local business with an interest in Swindon Town affairs are welcome to give me a ring or call our Secretary **Dave King** to discuss our needs. We do not mind making a rental contribution. Please see if you can help. It would be most appreciated.

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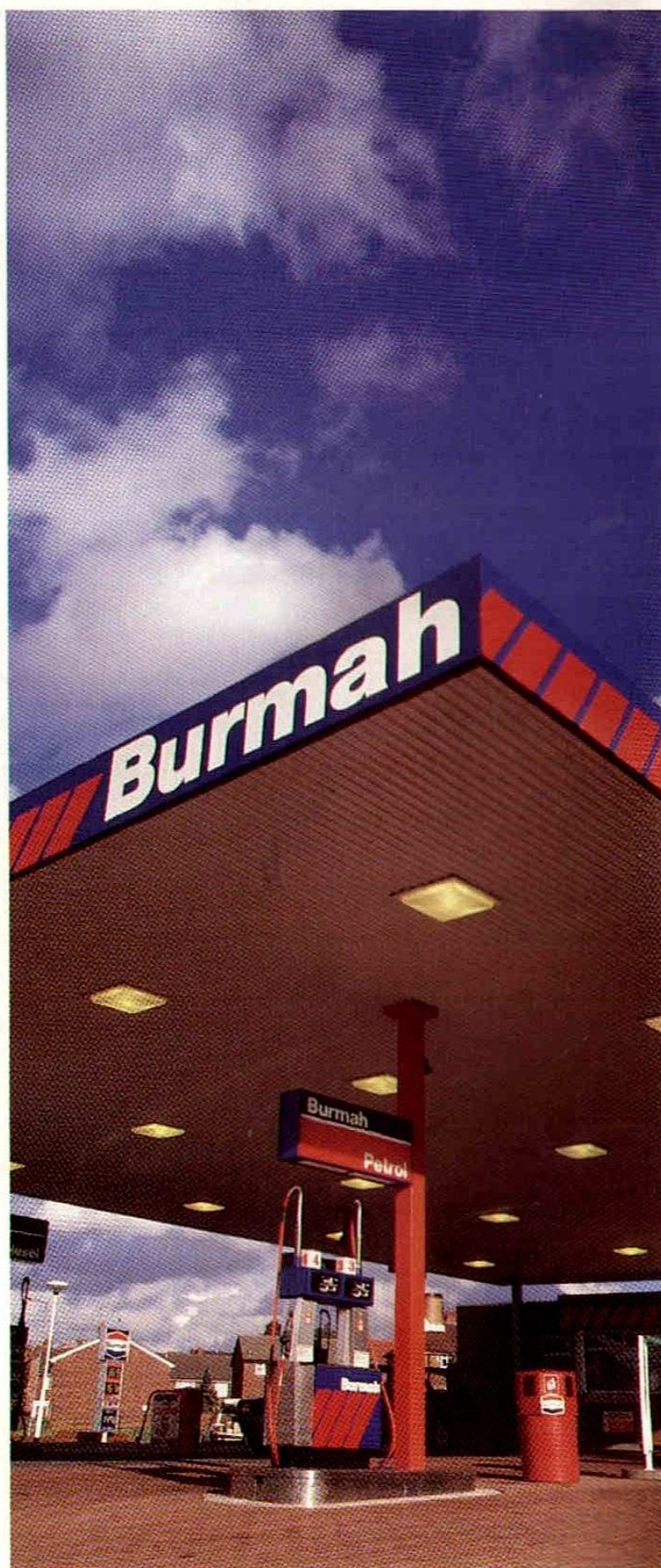
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AN UNTIDY WINNER

The glamorous prospect of a fifth round tie with Charlton Athletic faded into the night on Wednesday, but not without a fight at Upton Park. Before Leroy Rosenier's untidy West Ham winner, the 'Town' had several chances to lead, but without their usual degree of striking ability chances were always going to be harder to take.

A trip to Selhurst Park was not really something too much to look forward to anyway, given our recent form there (and at the County Ground) against Crystal Palace, Charlton's neighbours.

WELL DONE FRASER

For the past week the F.A. Cup has dominated our thoughts, now the League campaign must take over. Fraser Digby's fine performance in last Saturday's game against West Ham has to be this year's cup memory and gave us the chance to fight another day.

IS IT JUST THE REFEREE?

Cup holders Wimbledon seem certain to fight for many days to come following their bruising 4th Round performance at Aston Villa. Any admiration for the 'Dons' no-frills approach soon goes when it is accompanied by needless use of the elbow and reckless tackles. My attendance week in, week out at the County Ground hardly classifies me as a footballing purist, but even I found the 'Dons' methods at Villa Park upsetting as a means of success.

Whilst Bobby Gould publicly frowns on his players misdemeanours, his only action seems to be a careless shrug of the shoulders as if events on the pitch were out of his hands once his 'gang' get out on the pitch. His comments after the Cup-tie seemed to sum up his attitude, suggesting that it is purely the referee's responsibility to curb

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

violence on the pitch, with Managers having no bearing on the problem. With that sort of remark, Gould rivals the buck-passing of politicians and National team Managers. When results go badly, the buck stops at the Managers office and so it should also be when the side gives an undisciplined, violent performance. Managers need to instil into players that excessive dangerous play helps no one. Our own Steve Foley was very lucky to escape with a booking at Upton Park as he stupidly leapt with his elbows angled towards an opponents face. Quite how inflicting a serious facial injury on a West Ham player can help Swindon Town in a Cup-tie is difficult to imagine. Admittedly my judgement is with the benefit of Sportsnight slow motion, but the incident still happened and an elbow in the face is still dangerous. A rigid guideline to send off any player using this tactic is the only answer.

ADVERSE PUBLICITY

Brighton's Gerry Armstrong however, has his own rather more unique way of helping football's flagging public image. Headbutting a spectator during a game should ensure Armstrong genuine punishment. Apart from the adverse publicity he has attracted, his actions were fairly amazing for any professional sportsman. Are we approaching an era when the fencing at grounds is to protect supporters from players rather than the other way around? Maybe Brian Clough's lead has brought football violence respectability, should Gerry Armstrong offer the unfortunate fan the chance to kiss him too?

The seemingly growing tide of ill-temper and violence in the game is surely enough reason for many to consider a boycott, but fears about identity cards are raising even more panic amongst the players.

UNION CHIEF - GARTH

Union Chairman, Garth Crooks, fears a boycott of Clubs once the scheme is introduced, by fans unwilling to endure the membership card scheme. The Governments thinly veiled strategy to cut football attendances will surely cause many to think twice about attending and therefore attack the livelihood of the players themselves.

OUR ONLY LOCAL DERBY

Oxford United provide us with our only home local derby of the season today, hopefully their supporters will get a better view of the action than we had of this season's 1-1 draw at the Manor behind the towering fence. The atmosphere and passion of our two Cup games should not be forgotten as we take on board the old cliché and concentrate on the League this afternoon!

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Today we welcome as our guests the Highworth Juniors and Abingdon Boys Under-Eleven teams. We hope they enjoy themselves and will have happy memories of their visit. The trip has been organised by one of our most ardent fans, Pete Hennell, who manages the Highworth team. Thank you Pete.

★ ★ ★

We also welcome The Peter Geekie Pools Group one of who's Directors is Mike Spearman from Witney. Mike is one of our Vice Presidents who rarely misses a match.

The Peter Geekie Pools Group has kindly sponsored a Player of The Match Award which will be presented to the winner after the game in our Vice Presidents Lounge.

Our thanks to Mike and his friends for their generosity.

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THE CHAIRMAN Speaking

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A DREAM IS OVER

Our dreams of F.A. Cup success are over for another season and our two matches with West Ham United with a depleted squad of players, due to injury and suspension never fulfilled our hopes.

It is no secret that at present we are experiencing a problem scoring goals and the fact that our two leading goal scorers **Duncan Shearer** and **Steve White** were absent from the two matches was obviously a blow to our chances of making progress.

A settled line-up is what all Managers look to have in their team and when you meet First Division opposition this is a must.

Our players gave their all and nobody can decry their efforts against a fine footballing team. We wish West Ham well in their remaining efforts for the season.

MORE AID FOR SPECTATORS

On Thursday January 26th I travelled to London with our Club Secretary Dave King for a Football League meeting. There were several issues that were the focus for football spectators.

In the morning meeting we were given an insight into the Football Trust's explanation of the division of their funds by the trustees. It was interesting to hear Mr 'Tiny' Wharton describe the grounds of the Football League Clubs as safe as any he had personally experi-

enced. Mr Wharton is a man who has toured the world, in his present capacity and also as a renowned referee.

He explained to the meeting that during 1989 a total of **£5 million** grant aid would be available. This money is collected from 'Spot the Ball' run weekly by the pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors.

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THE SPORTS MINISTER

The Football League meeting was addressed by the Sports Minister, Colin Moynihan. The Minister was in attendance to answer any questions or queries made from the various Club Chairmen.

Despite the fact that most people associated with the game are opposed to the National Membership Scheme, it may be more advisable to fight for change from within. I personally feel that by working with the Minister we may be able to make amendments to the Spectators Bill. It is my considered opinion that the intent of the Prime Minister and Government officials will bring a result to their Bill. Football Clubs, by working together

with the Sports Minister and his department, may be able to produce an answer, although not complete or to everyone's satisfaction, but more acceptable to the majority.

A WARM WELCOME TO UNITED

I would like to welcome to the County Ground, this afternoon, our friends and relatively near neighbours from Oxford United. A warm welcome to the Directors, Officials, players and supporters of United.

Oxford United have achieved phenomenal success in the past decade and are an obvious guideline to all Clubs like ourselves. I am sure that the supporters of Oxford United will reflect in years to come on the past decade with pride.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their behaviour at the County Ground last Saturday and for giving the staff the opportunity of ensuring that everyone was in the Ground prior to the kick-off.

The problems are there for everyone to see if we all wish to see the start of a game and a large crowd is anticipated. Your co-operation is paramount in the success of everything going to schedule. This you achieved last week and may I reiterate our acknowledgement.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

GOING TO BISHAM ABBEY DID THE TRICK!

Watford moved into the last sixteen of the F.A. Cup for the seventh successive season with their 2-1 defeat of Derby County at Vicarage Road last week.

It was also their seventh Cup Tie without defeat against First Division opposition this season and the inspiration behind this success was revealed by Manager Steve Harrison. "There is a growing feeling of togetherness here", he said. "I have learned a lot about them in the last couple of weeks. That five-and-a-half hour bout with Newcastle United in the last Round did us the world of good because it increased our sense of togetherness. And last week we stayed at Bisham Abbey, where the lads had to carry their training equipment on to the pitch and wash their own dinner plates. Instead of putting their feet up they had to look after each other, and they looked after each other on the pitch today."

It was sharpshooter Neil Redfearn whose 20-yard free kick set up the win. In successive Rounds, Neil has beaten two of England's best goalkeepers - Dave Beasant, then of Newcastle United and Derby County's Peter Shilton with 20-yard free kicks. Rick Holden scored the other Watford goal.

Incidentally Town Coach 'Chic' Bates accompanied Physio Kevin Morris when the First team squad left the County Ground on Tuesday morning set for Bisham Abbey in preparation for Wednesday's F.A. Cup replay at West Ham.

ODD MAN OUT!

Gary Blissett, born in Manchester, a City fan who was a schoolboy player at Maine Road, entertained 28 despondent relatives after his two goals inspired Brentford to a 3-1 win against Manchester City, at Griffin Park last week, Gary was the odd man out at his own celebration party!

'THE BEST I HAVE SEEN'

Oxford United Manager Brian Horton

had this to say for Manchester United's strike force after seeing his team fall 4-0 at Old Trafford. "McLair and Hughes are as good as any pair I have seen at making things happen for a long time. Their attitude is brilliant and they scrap for every ball."

NO, I DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO GAZZA LAND

Chelsea midfield player Mike Hazard turned down a £350,000 move to Newcastle United. The Clubs agreed terms but the player, whose contract runs out at the end of the season, had decided against returning to his native North East.

WE ARE TOP CLASS

Crystal Palace goalkeeper Perry Suckling paid tribute to his team mates after an injury-time winner from Ian Wright earned them a Simod Cup Semi-Final date with Nottingham Forest.

"We showed great character and teamwork to come back at a late stage and it only proves what I know already - that we are a First Division team."

GOODBYE!

Manager Terry Dolan and his assistant Stan Ternent were sacked two days after the side were beaten in their Fourth Round F.A. Cup Tie by Hull City, 2-1.

Bradford City's chief scout Maurice Lindley and Youth team coach Arthur Graham Physio Brian Edwards will take joint responsibility for the team until a new Manager is appointed.

KEEPING IN THE RED!

Ipswich Town's new red star Sergei Baltocha must make regular weekly trips to the Soviet Embassy in London to collect his wages.

Ipswich pay Sergei through the Sovintersport Agency.

DAVID MOSS AND ARTHUR HORSFIELD HAVE SCORED HAT-TRICKS! 'CHIC' BATES AND ANDY ROWLAND HAVE SCORED AGAINST UNITED

Past Meetings Between the 'Town' and 'United' at the County Ground

Date	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
Aug. 21st 1965	0-0		20,409
May 6th 1967	3-0	Terry, Smart, Rogers	13,981
April 16th 1968	1-1	Rogers	16,418
Sep. 13th 1969	0-0		21,903
Feb. 2nd 1971	3-0	Nobel, Porter, Rogers (pen.)	17,744
Feb. 26th 1972	4-0	Horsfield (3), Trollope	14,743
Feb. 24th 1973	1-3	McGovern	11,712
Oct. 20th 1973	1-0	Legg	7,537
Dec. 27th 1976	1-0	Prophet	13,503
Mar. 27th 1978	3-2	Moss (3)	9,523
May 2nd 1979	2-0	Bates, Carter	8,975
April 7th 1980	1-1	Rowland	10,327
Sep. 16th 1980	1-0	Miller	7,714
May 4th 1982	3-2	Rideout (2), Carter	7,887

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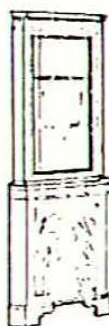
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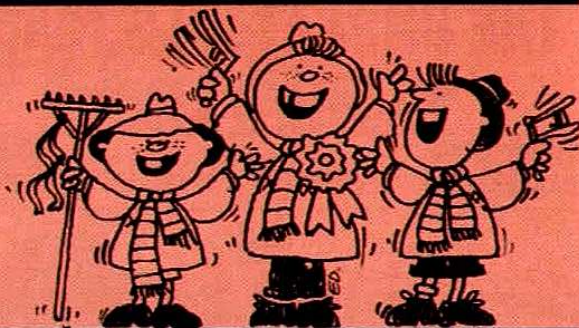
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JUNIOR ROBINS



During recent years I feel we can say we have taken considerable steps at Swindon to encourage young supporters. Visits to places like Watford and Crystal Palace remind one that we still have along way to go to reach the ideal. I mention this fact now, as, next season, Swindon will have funds made available specifically for the development of a family enclosure and it is vital we try to provide what family supporters would like to have. It is also worth noting it seems that family enclosures will be exempted from the Government's proposed ID Card Scheme.

Ticket arrangements for the recent Cup match against West Ham go to show you cannot please all the people all the time but at

least we can find out views on the family Enclosure before it is built. Should it be season ticket holders only? What is a family unit? Where should it be situated? Should it include seats and standing areas? Do please write in to make your views known. I can guarantee we will not be able to satisfy everybody, but I can promise your views will be given consideration before any decisions are made.

We have been lucky in recent years to have the sponsorship of Nationwide to provide reduced price seating for Junior Robins and of the Alamo Club which has made us more than welcome in their premises. It would be nice if we could go on to have our own special area for refreshments and enter-

tainment on the style of Crystal Palace and Aston Villa. Such things cost money however, so if any Managing Director reading this feels they would like to help out please get in touch with the Club.

A word of praise for all travelling Junior Robins. I was talking to travel Club Chairman, Mike Lewis, before the Crystal Palace match and he said how impressed he had been with the behaviour on the Junior Robins coach "absolutely marvellous" were the words he used. Well done, keep up the good work, you help add to Swindon Town's good name.

Finally, a reminder that the Junior Robins are meeting tomorrow night in the Alamo Club at the usual time.

OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we make our first ever visit to **Stamford Bridge** to meet **Chelsea** in a **League** fixture. We have travelled to Stamford Bridge four times in the F.A. Cup. Two Town players who will be looking toward this historic milestone will be **Tommy Jones** who was a former apprentice at the Bridge and former Huddersfield Town striker **Duncan Shearer** who scored one goal in two League appearances in the 1985/86 season for Chelsea.

It would appear that **Chelsea's** return to the **First Division** is imminent and a mere formality. The duo of **Bobby Campbell** and **Ian Porterfield** have galvanised the West London Club into promotion prospects following last season's relegation blue's!

Two defeats in their first three home fixtures against **Blackburn Rovers** (1-2) and **Manchester City** (1-3) and a draw against last week's visitors **Oxford United** (1-1) were but a temporary setback.

Four consecutive home wins against **Leicester City** (2-1), **Walsall** (2-0), **Plymouth Argyle** (5-0) and **Brighton and Hove Albion** (2-0) were halted when **Sunderland** drew 1-1 at **Stamford Bridge** on **November 12th**. A 2-0 win against visiting **Shrewsbury Town**, fourteen days later, saw a return to the winning pattern before **Portsmouth** shared the points in a six goal thriller on **December 10th**. On **Boxing Day** the London Club scored three goals against **Ipswich Town** without reply. The top of the table clash with **West Bromwich Albion** resulted in a predictable 1-1 draw before the highest attendance of the season 25,906 at **Stamford Bridge**. They defeated London neighbours **Crystal Palace** 1-0 in their last home League match.

The recent signing of former Wimbledon captain **Dave Beasant** from **Newcastle United** for a Club record fee of £750,000 highlights the intent of Chelsea to return to the First Division at the first attempt.

The attacking trio of **Kerry Dixon**, **Kevin Wilson** and **Gordon Dowie** is as lethal as any strike force in the Second Division and they will keep the Town defence at full strength with their pace and constant interchanging

of positions.

Graham Roberts has added steel to the heart of the defence since his arrival from **Glasgow Rangers** last summer. His former **Ibrox** team mate **Peter Nicholas** has added the same dimension to the midfield section. Former **Aston Villa** full back **Tony Dorigo** has been reputed to have been in International form this season and many pundits claim that the Australian born defender should be high on the list of England Manager **Bobby Robson** for his **European** and **World Cup** plans.

Darren Wood, a target for the Chelsea boo-boys, recently departed for **Sheffield Wednesday** in a £450,000 transfer deal, while Scottish defender **Joe McLaughlin** appears to have settled his differences with the Club.

It will be an interesting visit for Town boss **Lou Macari** who agreed to join the Blues coaching staff last summer, then changed his mind and remained at the **County Ground**. It was his success here at Swindon Town that made him the target for several Clubs. Our meeting with **Chelsea** at the **County Ground** last **October** saw Chelsea's **Kerry Dixon** score in the 1-1 draw.

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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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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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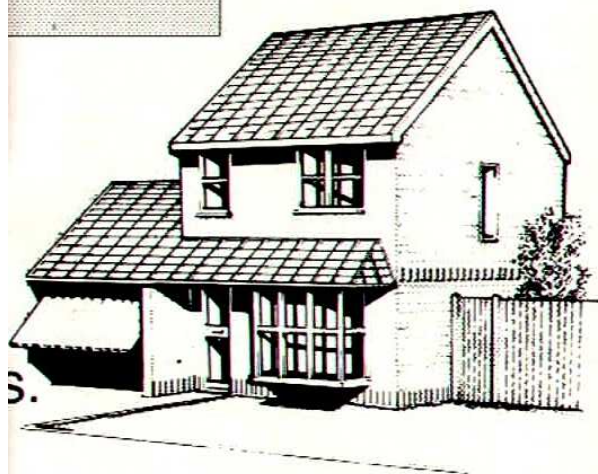
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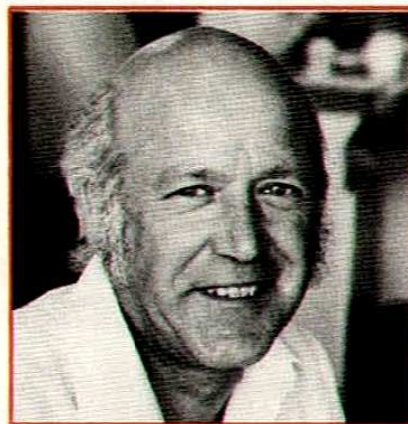
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TAKING THE *Opposite* VIEW

OXFORD UNITED



by Dave Eaton



Back Row (Left to Right): Paul Simpson, Paul Swannack, Richard Hill, Alan Judge, Jimmy Phillips, Paul Kee, Gary Briggs, Sean Reck, Mike Ford.

Middle Row (Left to Right): David Leworthy, Lee Nogan, Jon Purdie, David Fogg (Coach), Mickey Lewis, Maurice Evans (General Manager), Philip Heath, John Clinkard (Physio), Robbie Mustoe, Garry Smart, Eddie Denton.

Front Row (Left to Right): David Bardsley, Gary Shelton, Les Phillips, Colin Greenall, Brian Horton (Manager), Tommy Caton (now Charlton), Martin Foyle, Neil Slatter, Peter Rhodes-Brown.

Missing from photo: Peter Hucker.

This decade has seen today's visitors, Oxford United, enjoying their finest seasons in their brief Football League history.

Two League titles have been captured, First Division status gained for the first time and in 1986 they lifted the Milk Cup.

The Club were formed in 1893 as Headington United and turned professional in 1949. They became known as Oxford United in 1960.

Two years later, after a highly successful time in the Southern League, Oxford were elected to Division 4 in place of Accrington Stanley. And within six seasons

the U's had reached the Second Division.

They were promoted from Division 4 after finishing fourth in 1965 and three years later captured their first title, the Division 3 crown, finishing one point clear of runners-up Bury.

They were relegated back to the Third in 1976 after eight seasons in Division 2 and not too long afterwards hit upon hard times financially.

The intervention of publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell proved to be the turning point in the Club's fortunes on the field. However, off it Maxwell became engaged

in many heated battles with the local Council as he tried to negotiate for the Club to move to larger premises.

He failed to reach agreement with them and eventually handed over the Chairmanship to his son and switched his allegiances to Derby County.

The upsurge in the Oxford's fortunes began in the 83/84 season and within two seasons they had leapt from the Third Division into the First. Under the leadership of Jim Smith they ran away with the Third title in 1984 finishing eight points clear of runners-up Wimbledon and a further four in front of Sheffield United. Twelve months later the Oxford fans were celebrating again as the Club gained a place in the top flight for the first time, finishing two points clear of Birmingham at the top of the Second Division tree.

The fairy tale continued when a fantastic three seasons in a row were completed at Wembley in April 1986 in front of a crowd of 90,396. Oxford thrashed Queen's Park Rangers 3-0 to win the Milk Cup, with goals from Trevor Hebbard, Ray Houghton and Jeremy Charles.

Three years on, only two members of that Cup winning side, goalkeeper Alan Judge and midfielder Les Phillips, are expected to take their places in the Oxford side. Two players of note, Houghton and John Aldridge having transferred to Liverpool for large fees.

Oxford's brief stay in Division One - three seasons - came to an end at the end of last season. Even the appointment of former Liverpool player Mark Lawrenson as Manager in March 1988 failed to stave off relegation.

Lawrenson's reign as the boss at the Manor was to be a short-lived affair though. Following the transfer of striker Dean Suanders for £1 million to Derby, his outburst over the deal led to his dismissal and assistant Brian Horton stepped up to take charge.

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MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

Brian Horton (Manager). Formerly Assistant Manager at the Manor, he succeeded Mark Lawrenson in October last year. Made over 600 League appearances during his spells at Port Vale, Brighton, Luton and Hull City.

David Bardsley (Midfield). Born in Manchester, he began his League career as an apprentice at Blackpool. Made 45 League appearances before joining Watford for £150,000. Whilst at Blackpool he was capped at England Youth level. Signed for Oxford in September 1987 for £265,000 (a Club record) in a deal which also bought Richard Hill to the Manor.

Mike Ford (Utility). Born in Bristol, he joined Oxford United in the summer of 1988 for £150,000 from Cardiff City. A utility player he was signed from non-League Devizes Town by Cardiff in 1985 and was a regular in the team until joining United. Played 162 times for Cardiff scoring 13 times.

Martin Foyle (Striker). Born in Salisbury, the 25 year-old free scoring forward started his career at Southampton. But with first team chances limited he joined Aldershot for a small fee. Oxford signed him from the Shots just before transfer deadline day in 1987 for £140,000. Last season in his first full season for the Club he scored ten times in 33 First Division games.



● Martin Foyle

Colin Greenall (Defender). Born in Billinge the central defender started his career at Blackpool where he played with current team-mate David Bardsley. He joined Gillingham for £40,000 in September 1986 and after some solid displays for them signed for Oxford United in February 1988 for a fee of £235,000. To the beginning of this season, the 25 year-old had made a total of 257 League appearances for Blackpool, Gillingham and Oxford.

Philip Heath (Forward). Began his career with his home town Club - Stoke City. He made his League debut as substitute versus

Coventry on 7.5.83. He went on to make a total of 166 appearances - 19 goals for Stoke before joining Oxford in June 1988 for £80,000.



● Colin Greenall

Richard Hill (Forward). Born in Hinckley. After a spell at Leicester City and at non-League Nuneaton he made his League debut for Northampton Town. Scored 46 League goals in a very successful two season stay there before joining Watford for £235,000. But after only a very brief time at Vicarage Road signed for Oxford for the same fee in September 1987.

Alan Judge (Goalkeeper). A Londoner he started his career with Luton Town and from there, joined Reading on a free transfer. Signed for Oxford in 1986 and was a member of the 1986 Milk Cup winning team. Has also spent short periods on loan at both Lincoln and Cardiff.

Mickey Lewis (Defender). Born in Birmingham, his first League Club was West Bromwich Albion for whom he made 33 appearances before joining Derby County for £25,000. The former England Youth player played a further 49 times for the Rams before signing for United in the summer of 1988 as part of the deal which took Trevor Hebbard to Derby.

Robbie Mustoe (Midfield). Born locally he has progressed through the Youth and Reserve teams. Made his first team debut in November 1986.

Les Phillips (Midfield). A Londoner, the competitive player made his League bow for Birmingham City and joined Oxford for £5,000 in 1984. He was not a regular player until the 1985/86 season when he was a member of the Milk Cup winning team. Has a good goal scoring record in the Littlewoods Cup, scoring nearly 50% of his goals in that tournament.

Jon Purdie (Forward). Born in Corby, he joined Oxford on a free transfer from Wolverhampton in July last year. He made his debut for Wolves on the opening day of

the 1985/86 season and was a regular player for the next two seasons. Last season his appearances were limited and he went on loan to Cambridge for two months.

Gary Shelton (Midfield). Born in Nottingham, 30 year-old Gary started his career with Walsall in 1976 before joining Aston Villa. Whilst with Villa he had a loan spell at Notts County but became a first team regular after joining Sheffield Wednesday in a £50,000 deal. He spent 8 years at Hillsborough before joining Oxford for £150,000 at the start of last season.

Neil Slatter (Defender). Born in Cardiff Neil is a current Welsh International. The defender started his career at Bristol Rovers making his debut in 1981. Whilst at Bristol, earned Welsh Youth caps and six U-21 caps. He joined Oxford for £70,000 in the summer of 1985 but in each of his three full seasons at the Manor he has picked up an injury which has hindered his progress. Despite missing 25 weeks out with injury won his 17th full Welsh cap last summer.

Garry Smart (Defender). Signed from Wokingham Town in the summer of 1988. Made his debut at Bournemouth in September 1988.

Jimmy Phillips (Defender). Signed from Glasgow Rangers in August 1988 for £150,000. Began as an apprentice at his local Club Bolton Wanderers and became Graeme Souness' first signing at Glasgow Rangers. He has experience of European Competition.

Paul Simpson (Forward). Born in Carlisle, the 22 year-old began as an apprentice at Manchester City. After making over 100 League appearances for City he became Manager Brian Horton's first signing joining Oxford in November last year for £200,000. He is a former England Under-21 International.



● Les Phillips

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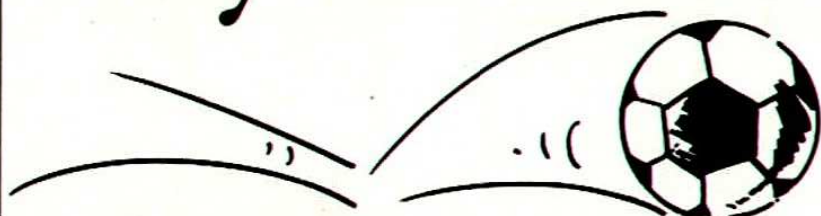
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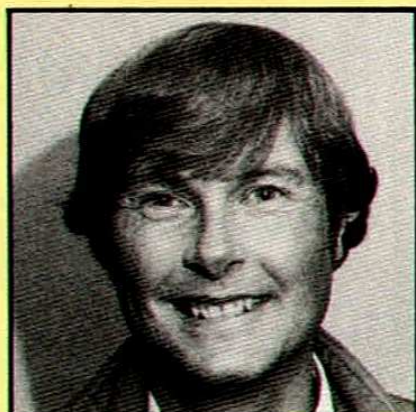
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WELCOME UNITED!

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground, especially those of you from the other end of the Oxford Road. It's been a long time since the two sides met here, a 3-2 victory for the Town methinks, it's good to renew old rivalry.

At the Manor earlier in the season the points were shared in a 1-1 draw of course. Not the most exciting of local derbies, but well contested and I dare say this one will be also.

NO REAL SHOCKS

Co Cup week has come and gone with the shocks not that prominent. Sutton United's dream came to a crashing end at Norwich with that 8-0 defeat. The Surrey side may well have been somewhat crushed, they should have been considering the difference in status, but they gave us a fine few weeks following their superb win over Coventry. Their Manager Barry Williams was magnanimous in victory and dignified in defeat. Sutton, thanks a lot.

Liverpool moved smoothly into the Fifth Round with a tremendously professional performance at Millwall. The match, unfortunately, was live on television and exceptionally boring. I don't blame Liverpool for that, they went to the Den to survive in the F.A. Cup and that's just what they did. I was disappointed with Millwall though, the Lions didn't really roar and the Red went through with ease. There were more attractive games the Beeb could have broadcast live and, thankfully, they have picked what looks a fine game in Watford v Nottingham Forest in Round Five.

FRASER - YOU WERE SUPERB

Swindon did their bit in representing Division Two against Division One, and put up a good fight in the 1-0 defeat at Upton Park. Fraser Digby was superb

at the County Ground in one of his finest displays for the Town, but a special word, I think, for Paul Bodin and Alan McLoughlin. Both these players have been out of first team contention for the majority of the season but have come in during the recent injury and suspension crisis and performed superbly. Well done lads, you've deserved the credit you've gained.

THE CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST

Another Fourth Round game that attracted its share of attention was the catchweight contest at Villa Park between Aston Villa and Cup holders Wimbledon. Now Wimbledon are a friendly bunch who experienced the high's of that glorious Wembley triumph and would do anything to go through it again. They haven't got the greatest skill in the world so they make up for it in other ways. Love them or hate them, you have to have a sneaking regard for them. I'd like to see the Wombles win the Cup again.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION

Another issue to come to the fore in recent weeks is the banning of cricketers with South African connections. The policy of apartheid is to be deplored, there is no doubt about that. But some of the cricketers who go to South Africa coach in the black townships giving the young kids who live there valuable lessons in the ways of the game. So maybe by preventing those players from going to South Africa you deprive the very people you are trying to help. Times may change of course and the Government in that Country may see the error of their ways, but until they do I suppose these actions have to be taken. I hope, though, that those struggling in the desperate townships don't feel even more isolated than they are already.

THOSE INFLATABLE OBJECTS!

On a lighter note the appearance in recent weeks of all sorts of inflatable objects on the terraces has brightened up the football scene no end. The inflatable doll held above the heads of the West Ham fans on the Stratton Bank was terrific. Plastic crocodiles, pink panthers and of course the banana have now become commonplace. Can it be that the humour that has been sadly lacking in our grounds in recent years is not returning - without the aid of those ridiculous identity cards? I hope it continues. I'm currently trying to obtain one of those plastic skeletons. I was one or two of the trainees rescue one from 'the Bank' on Tuesday. I'll try to banter with them.

G.W.R. F.C. AND HONDA

Finally, to the fortunes of G.W.R. F.C. Our recent improvement has been well chronicled and worthy of mention, but I have to report somewhat of a slump against Honda F.A. Their side was strengthened by the return of several key players from Japan. I wish they'd stayed there. Their team also included one Mark Hughes, the former Swindon version, not Manchester United's. Young Mark showed he had considerable skill in helping his side defeat, no not strong enough, crush us. Well done Honda, but I can't help but feel that desperately trying to get the wheel to go round on the pitch marker sapped a lot of my strength and my midfield performance wasn't quite in the Liam Brady class. The wheel, by the way, was frozen, as was our caravan. We also obtained our first booking of the season. All in all a bad day.

Back then to the match in hand, let's settle back and enjoy a good, peaceful local derby. (Dean Saunders plays for them doesn't he?) Stay tuned.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

REVENGE

Our Youth team were able to avenge their 1-0 defeat of the previous week against Newbury Town in rapid time last week. In the return match played at Hungerford Town on Monday January 23rd they won the home game 3-2.

In a closely contested Allied Counties League match the Town went ahead in the fifteenth minute when **Liam Dixon** netted with a header from Michael Macari's centre.

Just four minutes later **Liam Dixon** was on target again when his low shot from Mark Lea's pass went into the net of an upright to give the Town a 2-0 interval lead.

Midfield player Alex Graham had hit an upright earlier but his shot rebounded wide.

The second half saw Newbury hit back with a 58th minute goal by Allen and a bad mistake by Neil Quinn allowed Bowden to equalise. Martin Churchward was dominant in the Town defence and his defence capabilities halted Newbury's fight back. **Mark Lea** scored the decisive goal when he netted with a volley when the visitors only half cleared a corner.

Team: Thompson, Lea, Braidwood, Graham, Churchward, Quinn, Walker, Trollope, Macari, Christopher, Dixon

Substitutes: Payne (for Christopher in 74th min.) Murray (for Braidwood in 65th min.)

TOWN'S TOP GOALSCORER NICKY IS ON THE MARK AT BOTH ENDS!
Our Youth team tightened their grip upon



● **Nicky Summerbee** - The Youth team's leading goalscorer netted his goal of the season in our 2-1 win against A.F.C. Bournemouth at Lydiard Park on January 28th.

the leadership of the South East Counties League Division Two last Saturday January 28th. They defeated AFC Bournemouth 2-1 at Lydiard Park.

In poor conditions and in driving rain they still managed to play some attractive football and took the lead in the **twenty second minute** when **Liam Dixon** put the Town ahead from Richard Morgan's in swinging corner.

A penalty appeal was turned down when Paul Hunt was brought down after collecting a long clearance from keeper Paul Thompson.

The town went further ahead in the **thirty first minute** with a fierce drive from **Nicky Summerbee** after Tony Hammersley had headed on Richard Morgan's centre. The Town held their two goal lead until the interval but in the second half they did not have the best of luck when a lob by Hunt beat Bournemouth keeper McCarthy only to see the ball land the wrong side of the upright.

Tony Hammersley also hit the visitors crossbar. Nicky Summerbee managed to get on the score sheet again when he had the misfortune to see his attempted clearance with a header glance into the net with two minutes of play remaining!

Town Youth team Manager **John Trollope** praised his side by saying, "In difficult conditions we played well especially in the first half and we could have scored four goals by half-time. In deteriorating conditions it became a physical battle and we gave a hard working performance and deserved our win."

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

Substitutes: Quinn (for Murray in 67th min.) Spalding.

IT WAS RETURN TIME AT THE COUNTY GROUND

It was return time at the County Ground last Tuesday January 31st for our 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination match against Fulham.

Phil King was back in action after suspension and **Tim Parkin** and **Dave Hockaday** returned after injury. While **Colin Gordon** returned to the County Ground wearing the colours of Fulham.

We made a fine start with **Fitzroy Simpson** putting the Town ahead as early as the **seventh minute** with a magnificent effort. The Town continued to dominate the first half exchanges and by half-time they had put the result beyond doubt with further goals from **Gareth Morgan (2)** and **Bobby Barnes**.



● **Adrian Viveash** - The former Town trainee is the only player to have made maximum appearances for our Reserve team this season. **Adrian** scored the fifth and final goal in our resounding 5-1 defeat of Fulham at the County Ground on Thursday last.

The second half saw the Town go further ahead when **Adrian Viveash** increased the Town's already commanding lead. The visitors managed to net a consolation goal through former Wimbledon striker **Andy Sayer**. Both **Tim Parkin** and **Dave Hockaday** came through the match with no ill-effects from their recent injury.

Team: Petterson, Hockaday, Marshall, Barnard, Parkin, King, Tomlinson, Simpson, Viveash, G. Morgan, Barnes.

Substitutes: Sandrey (for Parkin in 70th min.) R. Morgan (for Hockaday in 70th min.)

TABLE OF RESULTS

to Monday 30th January 1989 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
Tottenham Hotspur	22	15	6	1	56	18	36
Arsenal	19	15	4	0	54	20	34
Luton Town	27	12	10	5	65	38	34
Wimbledon	24	15	3	6	50	25	33
Watford	21	11	7	3	50	32	29
Chelsea	22	11	4	7	41	33	26
Oxford United	22	9	5	8	48	52	23
Norwich City	23	9	4	10	42	42	22
West Ham United	24	7	8	9	37	38	22
Southampton	23	8	6	9	38	43	22
Swindon Town	20	8	4	8	39	38	20
Crystal Palace	21	7	6	8	28	29	20
Brighton & Hove Albion	22	5	10	7	32	41	20
Fulham	21	8	3	10	31	39	19
Millwall	18	6	6	6	34	26	18
Ipswich Town	21	7	4	10	31	42	18
Charlton Athletic	20	4	4	12	33	46	12
Queens Park Rangers	21	3	4	14	19	42	10
Portsmouth	20	3	2	15	18	58	8
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A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie is smiling and holding a dark hat aloft with his right hand. He is also wearing a dark beanie with a light-colored pattern. The background is white with a decorative border of small black floral motifs.

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FOR THE RECORD

While **124** is the highest attendance that we have recorded for one of our 'Ovenden Papers' **Football Combination** fixtures to date this season. **Oxford United** have seen as many as **511** watch their Reserve team match with **Ipswich Town**. Matches in this competition against East Anglian Clubs appear to be attractive for today's visitors for there were **694** at **Carrow Road** when they visited **Norwich City**.

For the record our Combination attendances this season are as follows: **West Ham United 54, Arsenal 57, Reading 114, Southampton 214, Watford 94, Brighton and Hove Albion 77, Portsmouth 171, Wimbledon 113, Charlton Athletic 70, Fulham 40.**

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

We meet **Leicester City** in the **First Leg** of this competition on **February 22nd** at **Filbert Street** kick-off **7 pm**. The **Second Leg** will be played at the **County Ground** on the **20th March** kick-off **7 pm**

WELCOME BACK DAVID

Former Swindon Town favourite **David Moss** will be making a return to the County Ground today in his capacity as one of the **Coaches** on the staff of today's

visitors **Oxford United**

It should come as no surprise that the **Manor Ground** Club added the former Luton Town star to their staff. David was a former team mate of United Manager **Brian Horton** at Kenilworth Road.

A MAGNIFICENT SERVANT

This afternoon may be the last visit of **Oxford United** Secretary **Jim Hunt** to the **County Ground** in an official capacity. Jim, who recently celebrated his sixty fifth birthday, plans to retire at the end of this season.

Jim has given many years of devoted service to Oxford United and his knowledge and administration skills will be sorely missed by the Manor Ground Club. We wish Jim and his wife a happy retirement and we hope it will not be their actual last visit to the County Ground. Jim may now be able to relax and enjoy football in a more leisurely manner.

VISITORS

For those of you who like to keep a record of visiting supporters to the **County Ground** we have compiled a list of the following for your perusal: **Portsmouth 3,699, AFC Bournemouth 854, Brighton and Hove Albion 505, Crystal Palace (Littlewoods Cup) 453, Chelsea**

1,526, Leeds United 1,465, Birmingham City 513, Ipswich Town 761, Walsall 303, Oldham Athletic 101, Plymouth Argyle 805, Manchester City 1,346, Portsmouth (F.A. Cup) 1,098, Barnsley 260, West Ham United (F.A. Cup) 5,355.

A STEP UP THE LADDER

The Club Chairman **Mr Brian Hillier** is now a member of the Football League's **Play-Offs Sub-Committee**. The Committee consists of **Mr R. G. Noades (Chairman from the Management Committee)** the other members are **W. Fox (Management Committee), R. J. Driver (Associate Members' Advisory Committee), M. D. B. Sinclair (Associate Members' Advisory Committee), M.M. Large (Brentford).**

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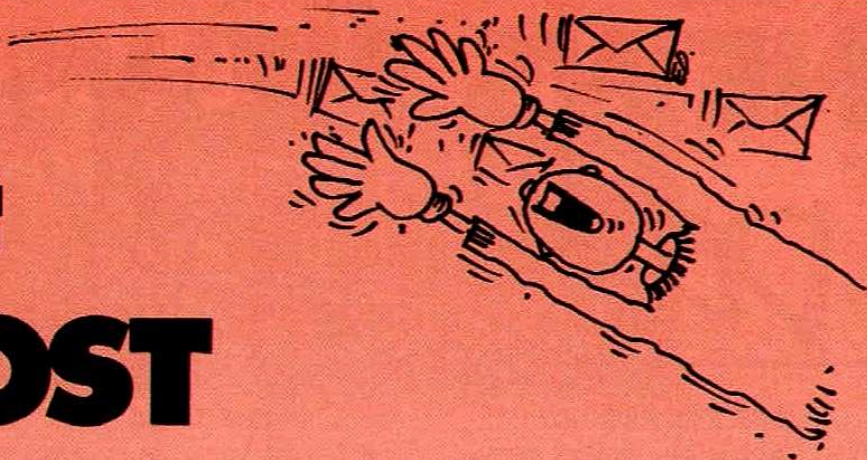
Town goalkeeper **Fraser Digby** is the only player to have appeared in all of our **25** League matches.

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IN OFF THE POST



Southbrook Street
Swindon, Wilts

Dear Sir,

My daughter, Mrs Karen Wood, of 21 Cloverland, Swindon, an ex-secretary of Lloyds bank, Swindon, has been a supporter of Swindon Town Football Club since she was a child, and has hardly missed a home match for the last 14 years. She attended the match against Plymouth on Boxing Day, and was admitted to the Princess Margaret Hospital the same evening, where she gave birth to a daughter, Hayley, the following day.

This birth made a little bit of history, as her husband, who broke his ankle 2 months previous, while playing for Penhill Football Team, under the coaching of Andy Rowlands, was readmitted last week with a blood clot on the lung. He is, I believe, the first husband to be in the Delivery Room in a wheelchair, leg in plaster and on a drip, with his wife during her labour.

My daughter was very disappointed that she couldn't attend the Manchester City game on Saturday December 31, 1988, but I am sure that when she is able she will be in her regular seat at every home match.

I just think she deserves a little recognition for her very loyal support over many years.

Thank you for your attention,
Mrs B. Watts

Kingsley Avenue
Wootton Bassett, Swindon

Dear Sir,

On Tuesday the 17th January I attended the F.C. game against Wimbledon, and I noticed that when Wimbledon was awarded a penalty, the player wearing the number 7 shirt, walked up and placed the ball on the spot, he then walked up to the player wearing either the number 9 or number 10 shirt, I believe it was Holsgrove who took the spot kick to score. Now I was under the impression that the player who places the ball on the spot must be the one to take the kick, which in this case was incorrect. During the TV show of last year on 'The Question of Sport' one of the questions on 'What Happened next', was put to Emlyn Hughes and his team, which was the same incident as happened at this game, he immediately spotted the picture that was shown with one placing the ball and the other taking the kick, which of course is not permitted. I was surprised that the referee Mr Leach, or the Chairman, failed to notice the mistake, or any of the officials that were present.

I am enclosing an S.A.E. for your views on the incident. I will be very interested.

Yours truly,
Mr R.F. Ponting
(Season Ticket holder)

Editor: Obviously Mr Ponting was more aware than most people attending this match. Yes, Mr Ponting your observations are correct.

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Dear David,

May I take this opportunity of thanking you and your stewards in the participation of the Emergency Exercise following the Barnsley match on Saturday the 14th January, 1989. Although it was an Exercise which incorporated the duties of the Stewards, it was very pleasing to see their enthusiasm in the Evacuation. I must also draw to attention that some of the Stewards prevented a potential public order difficulty on the pitch when my Officers were otherwise engaged.

I am proposing to produce a film of the Evacuation Exercise in addition to the Briefing Video for which the Exercise was originally intended. This extra film could be used in the training of Stewards, and I have already discussed with George Simms a training date in February perhaps where we can benefit from the lessons learnt at the Exercise.

Would you be good enough to pass on my thanks to George Simms and his Stewards for the way in which they conducted themselves on the day and, as I have already said, the enthusiasm with which they participated.

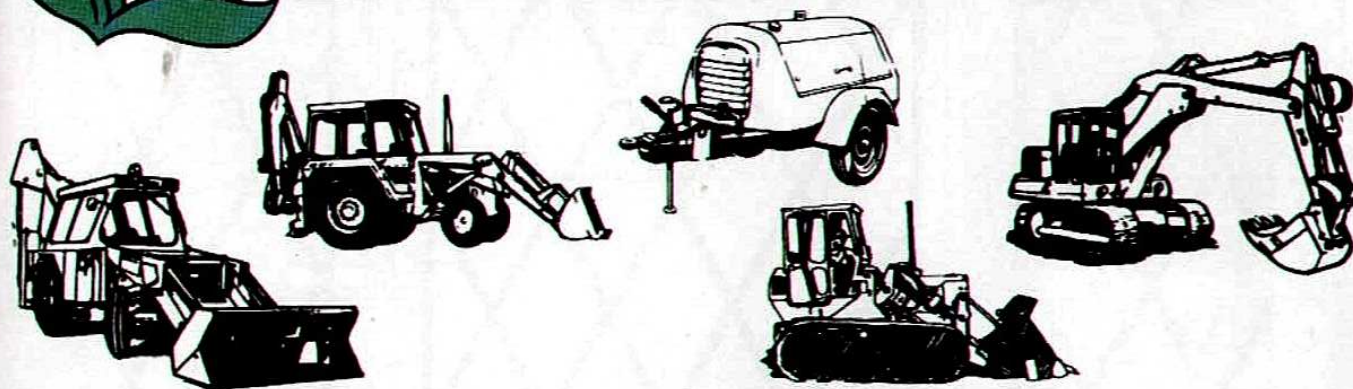
I have no doubt that it was a valuable exercise and the feed back I have had from a variety of people has confirmed that. I hope that the actual emergency never comes but we are now much better equipped to deal with it. I will write to you separately concerning the points which require some modification following the Exercise.

Yours sincerely,
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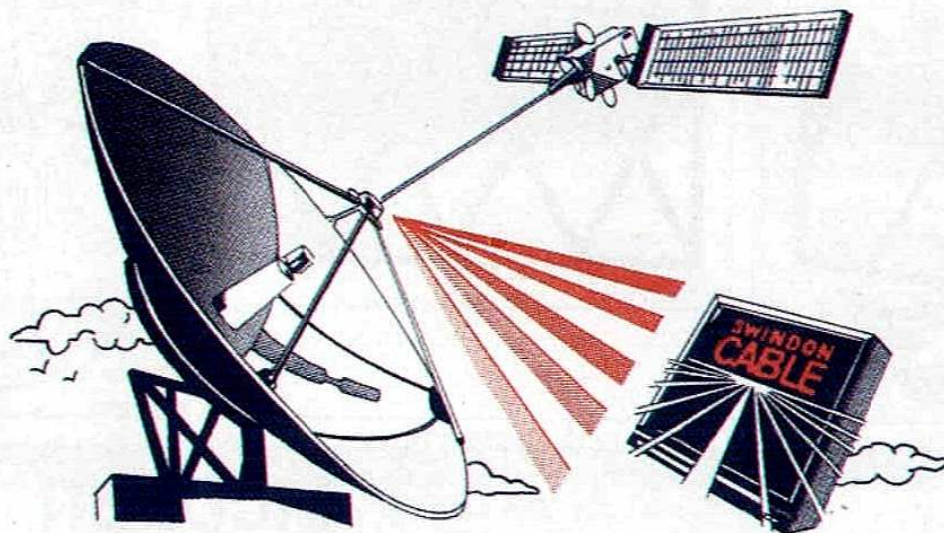


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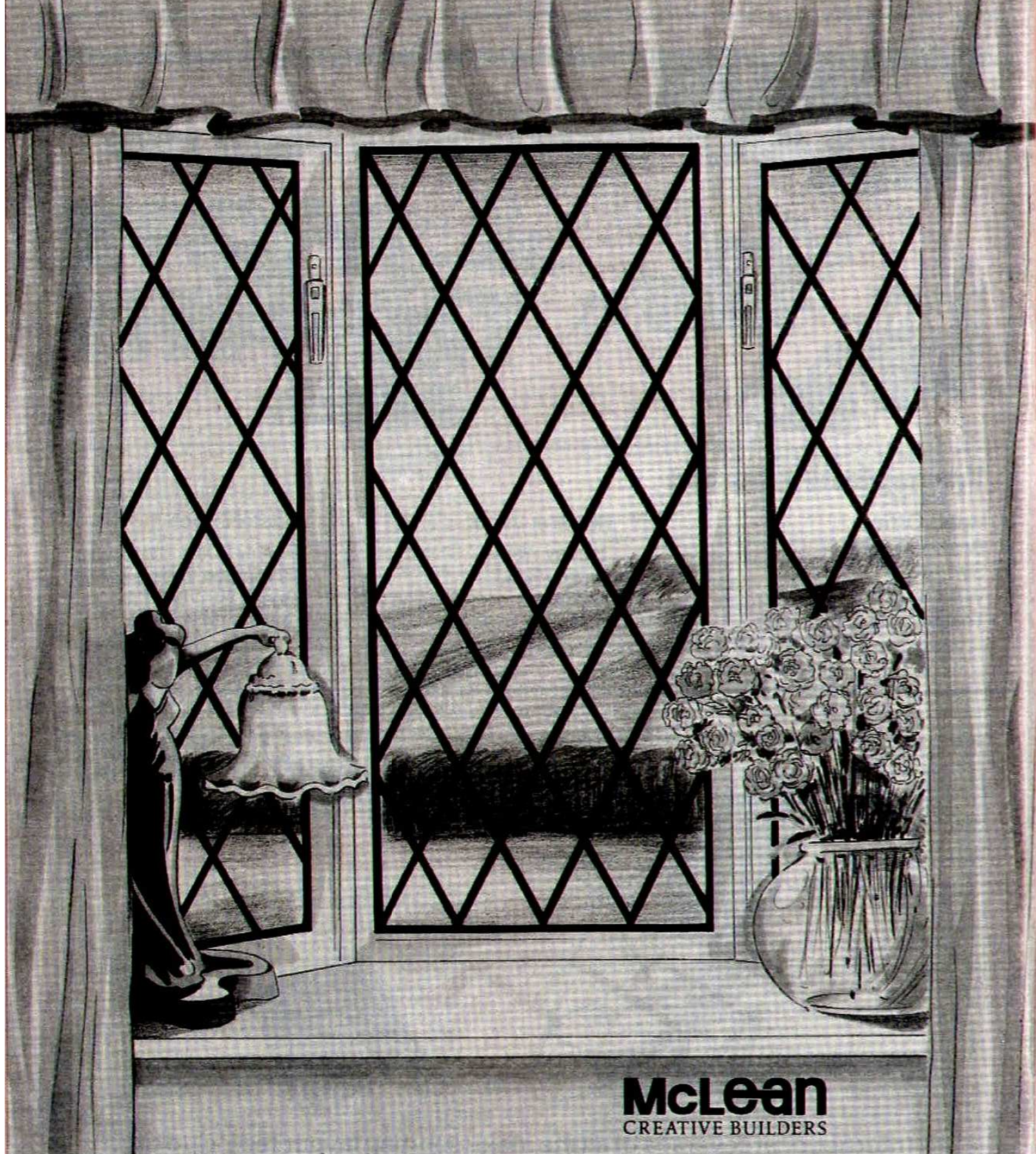
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VIEWPOINT

AN EXPERIENCE

It was a great experience for me to be included in our F.A. Cup line-up against West Ham United. It is no secret that I have been trying desperately to make the breakthrough into the first team on a regular basis.

My opportunities have been limited here at the County Ground but this season I feel that I have made considerable progress.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE - MY TARGET

My role in the Cup Tie was to mark Alan Devonshire and go forward in support of the strikers as much as possible.

It became a difficult task because the West Ham player did not do a great deal of chasing back. He mainly relied on his vast experience and there were a couple of times when his know-how exposed me. Actually it is not the first time that I have faced him for we have come in to opposition in Reserve team matches.

DID NOT CREATE ENOUGH

In the game with West Ham at the County Ground we did not create enough opportunities and our hard work came to nothing. In actual fact I think my header in the first half was one of the few rare opportunities and strikes that we made on goal.

I have to write this column before the replay and we hope that at Upton Park we shall create a few more chances. Really though, we should have done much better and

No. 16 ALAN McLOUGHLIN

if so we might figure in the Fifth Round against Charlton Athletic.

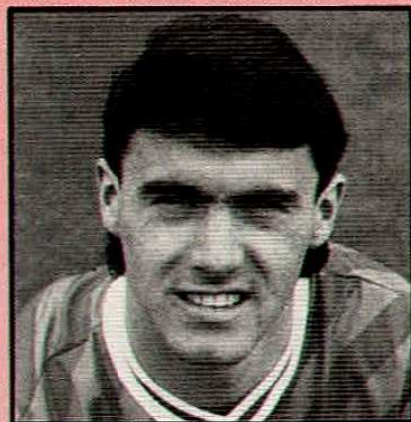
A HIGHER STANDARD

The standard of play in the Second Division is obviously a lot higher than the lower Divisions. Obviously in my loan period with Torquay United you come across the older type of professional and the pace is a lot slower.

Fitness is much higher in the Second Division and this season I have felt that I have become physically stronger. The problems that I experienced with my leg last season have now disappeared. This obviously gives a player a lot more confidence. A strange fact about the life of a footballer is that you can never take anything for granted, you can be as fit as a fiddle one second and lying in agony the next. Anyway, at the moment I am riding on the crest of the wave.

A DIFFERENT STYLE

Our style of play obviously attracts its critics and I must admit when I left Manchester United I found it difficult to adjust. At Old Trafford we had always been taught a passing game and in training we played in triangles. The first season here was a problem.



• ALAN McLOUGHLIN

However, you adapt and it is a difficult system to play against, the penalty area of our opponents is constantly bombarded and after all it provides good entertainment for the paying spectator.

I ENJOY LIVING IN SWINDON

I enjoy living in Swindon and I live in some great digs. Along with Nicky Hammond, we are the only players who have to live in lodgings. Most of the players are married and those that are not have girlfriends.

In my situation, my girlfriend Tracy is a Manchester girl and she has a good job there. Tracey is manageress of a Bistro and at this stage neither of us have made a commitment to each other despite the fact that we have been dating for four years. Marriage is still a little way off for us. I like to go home when I can and if we are playing in the north 'the Gaffer' allows me to stay up for a couple of days. Of course Tuesday matches cause a problem in this respect but that is a forfeit that the professional has to make in his career.

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LOOKING AT SOME GREAT *Goals Goals Goals*

● Swindon's Paul Bodin centres in the first match with West Ham.



● On behalf of the members of the Disabled Enclosure, Mr. & Mrs. Fisher present the matchball for the recent Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie at the County Ground with West Ham United to Town full back Phil King.

Also in our photograph are Town players Mark Jones and Steve White.



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● Tim Parkin is well taken care of by the West Ham defence.



● Town striker Charlie Henry shoots goal-wards in the F.A. Cup clash with West Ham.



● A diving header by Swindon's Alan McLoughlin fails to find the net in our game against West Ham at the County Ground.

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	Attd	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	9,234	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
22.10.88	SAT SUNDERLAND	A	13,520	0-4	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.10.88	WED LEICESTER CITY (7.45)	A	9,754	3-3	Digby	Hockaday	King (1)	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
29.10.88	SAT BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	6,937	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
5.11.88	SAT HULL CITY	A	5,192	0-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
9.11.88	WED NORWICH CITY (SIMOD CUP)	A	5,014	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Maclaren	Parkin	Gittens	McLoughlin
12.11.88	SAT IPSWICH TOWN	H	7,246	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens (1)	Foley
19.11.88	SAT STOKE CITY	A	9,339	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones (1)	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
26.11.88	SAT WALSALL	H	5,328	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley (1)
3.12.88	SAT SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	3,626	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
10.12.88	SAT OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	5,540	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones*	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
17.12.88	SAT BRADFORD CITY	A	9,462	2-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
26.12.88	MON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3pm)	H	7,883	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens	Foley
31.12.88	SAT MANCHESTER CITY	H	10,776	1-2	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin	Gittens*	Foley
2.1.89	MON PORTSMOUTH	A	11,681	2-0	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
7.1.89	SAT PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	A	10,582	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	King	Jones	Cornwell	Calderwood	Foley (1)
10.1.89	TUE PORTSMOUTH (FA Cup R3)	H	11,457	2-0	Digby	Hockaday*	King	Jones	Calderwood	White	Foley (1)
14.1.89	SAT BARNSELEY	H	10,201	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley
21.1.89	SAT CRYSTAL PALACE	A	8,109	1-2	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Cornwell	Foley (1)
28.1.89	SAT WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	H	18,627	0-0	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
1.2.89	WED WEST HAM UTD. (FA Cup R4)	A	24,723	0-1	Digby	McLoughlin	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
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									
T.B.A.	CRYSTAL PALACE	H									

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Stoke City	24,056	v. Manchester City
Sunderland	21,994	v. Barnsley
West Bromwich Albion	18,411	v. Shrewsbury Town
Watford	17,631	v. Chelsea
Crystal Palace	17,490	v. Chelsea
Ipswich Town	15,521	v. Manchester City
Portsmouth	15,263	v. Leeds United
Leicester City	14,080	v. Manchester City
Brighton & Hove Albion	13,515	v. Crystal Palace
Plymouth Argyle	13,498	v. Sunderland
Bradford City	13,046	v. Leeds United
Blackburn Rovers	11,713	v. Chelsea
Hull City	11,653	v. Manchester City
Swindon Town	11,443	v. Portsmouth
Oxford United	11,427	v. Chelsea
A.F.C. Bournemouth	10,627	v. Brighton & Hove Albion
Birmingham City	10,453	v. West Bromwich Albion
Barnsley	9,879	v. Hull City
Oldham Athletic	9,827	v. West Bromwich Albion
Walsall	8,780	v. Birmingham City
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Duncan Shearer	7
Steve Foley	4
Bobby Barnes	3
Dave Geddis	3
Charlie Henry	3
Colin Calderwood	2
Tommy Jones	2
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Phil King	1
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The Lights Went Out At Somerton Park

On January 11th the office staff of G.M. Vauxhall Conference Club, Newport County, went home when it got dark, after the electricity was switched off. The former League club still owe £1,300 for a bill due last November.

Pete Passes Steve

Peter Shilton, England International Goalkeeper has become the oldest player to appear in Derby County's first team. Peter will be 40 in September and he has already passed Steve Bloomer who was just 39 when he made his final League appearance in 1914.

Congratulations to Ted

How about this for a one Club man? When Farnborough Manager Ted Pearce addressed his players for their Vauxhall Opel League match with Barking on January 14th it was his 1,000th match with the Club!

A Myth?

Geordieland used to be the breeding place for English football. The other week the only Newcastle United player, local born, was Kenny Wharton, his team mates comprised of four Irishmen, three Londoners, a Dane plus an assortment from Lancashire, Yorkshire and the South!

Don't Listen to Jack!

Jack Charlton, the Eire International team boss, is certainly no punter! Asked to nominate four teams for the F.A. Cup semi-finals before the Third Round, he named Coventry City, Tottenham Hotspur, Middlesbrough and Arsenal - all First Division Clubs, all out.

Touts, Drugs, Violation and Drink

Chelsea have recorded 71 arrests at their Stamford Bridge matches this season - two were ticket touts, two for drugs, one visiting fan violated his Exclusion Order and only 11 were for threatening, disorderly, insulting or offensive behaviour. The rest were for drinking.

After You M'Lud!

The Football Spectators Bill will begin in the House of Lords. I doubt whether many of their lordships are to be seen on the terraces on a Saturday. It is said that the Duke of Marlborough has an interest in Oxford United and the Earl of Harewood in Leeds United!

A Thought

Thought for the day - It is now easier to get on to an airliner flight deck with a packet that could contain explosives than it soon will be to get into a football match!

Blaster Bates

Ken Bates, Chelsea's outspoken Chairman on the Government - "They changed the licensing laws to allow all day drinking and they don't provide the money for public toilets. Perhaps the Minister for Booze should be installing electronic turnstiles in pubs instead of football grounds."

Ron the Last

Ron Saunders was the last Manager to win the First Division title with Aston Villa in 1981 - before Everton and Liverpool began a dominance which has lasted for seven seasons.

It's Samba Time Again Down Rio Way!

Brazil became the first five-a-side football world champions with a 2-1 victory over Holland in front of 5,000 fans in Rotterdam. America edged out Belgium 3-2 in the play-off for third and fourth places.

Manners Maketh Man - Margaret!

A further thought for Margaret Thatcher. The House of Commons has had a compulsory membership scheme for years and it seems to have done little to improve MP's behaviour. The public must wonder how they dare legislate on football.

No 'Doc', So a Fine!

Bristol Rovers Football Club have been fined £100 as a Doctor was not in attendance at the kick-off of their First Round Proper match of the F.A. Challenge Cup at Twerton Park.

Les, Clive, Bradley and Cousin Martin

Remember Les Allen, who had a brief spell as Manager here at the County Ground? Les has always been justly proud of his eldest son Clive, who now plays for Bordeaux, but now his youngest son Bradley looks set to make a name for himself with Queens Park Rangers. Cousin Martin is also on the Loftus Road Clubs books.

Challenge Cup Committee Decisions

Southport Football Club were fined £100 by the Football Association for failing to effect financial settlement with opponents in the 1st Round Proper within seven days of the match. Evesham Football Club were fined £100 for playing a player whilst under suspension in the Preliminary Round of the F.A. Cup.

A Record

When Richard Hill scored four goals for Oxford United at Walsall on Boxing Day, he was the first United player to net four times in an away match since United joined the Football League in 1962. The 5-1 scoreline equalled the Manor Road Club's previous best away result also.

Did You Know?

Did you know that current Swindon Town Director, Mr. Bob Kearsey, was a former Chairman of Oxford United? Mr. Kearsey took over the Chair from Mr. Peter Playford in August 1971.

Swap Shop Dates

A dressing room mole revealed that the latest joke circulating St. James Park is that former Oxford United Manager Jim Smith is so busy buying and selling that the players will soon swap shirt numbers for sell-by dates.

Cockney's in the Lead?

London appears to hold the key to England's International future! The Football Association's team of under sixteen's to tour the Oman includes no fewer than 11 of 17 players from the Greater London area. Five from First Division leaders Arsenal.

Venue, Protagonists and The Scene!

The venue: Nottingham Forest's City ground. The protagonists: Manager Brian Clough and a trainee. The scene: Phone rings in bowl of main stand. Clough: "Hey, young man, bring me some tea." Trainee: "No, I won't." Clough (angrily): "Do you know who this is?" Trainee: "Yes, it's Brian Clough." Do you know who this is? Clough: "No." Trainee: "Well bugger off then."

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8. Steve White
9. David Geddis
10. Ross MacLaren
11. John Cornwell
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