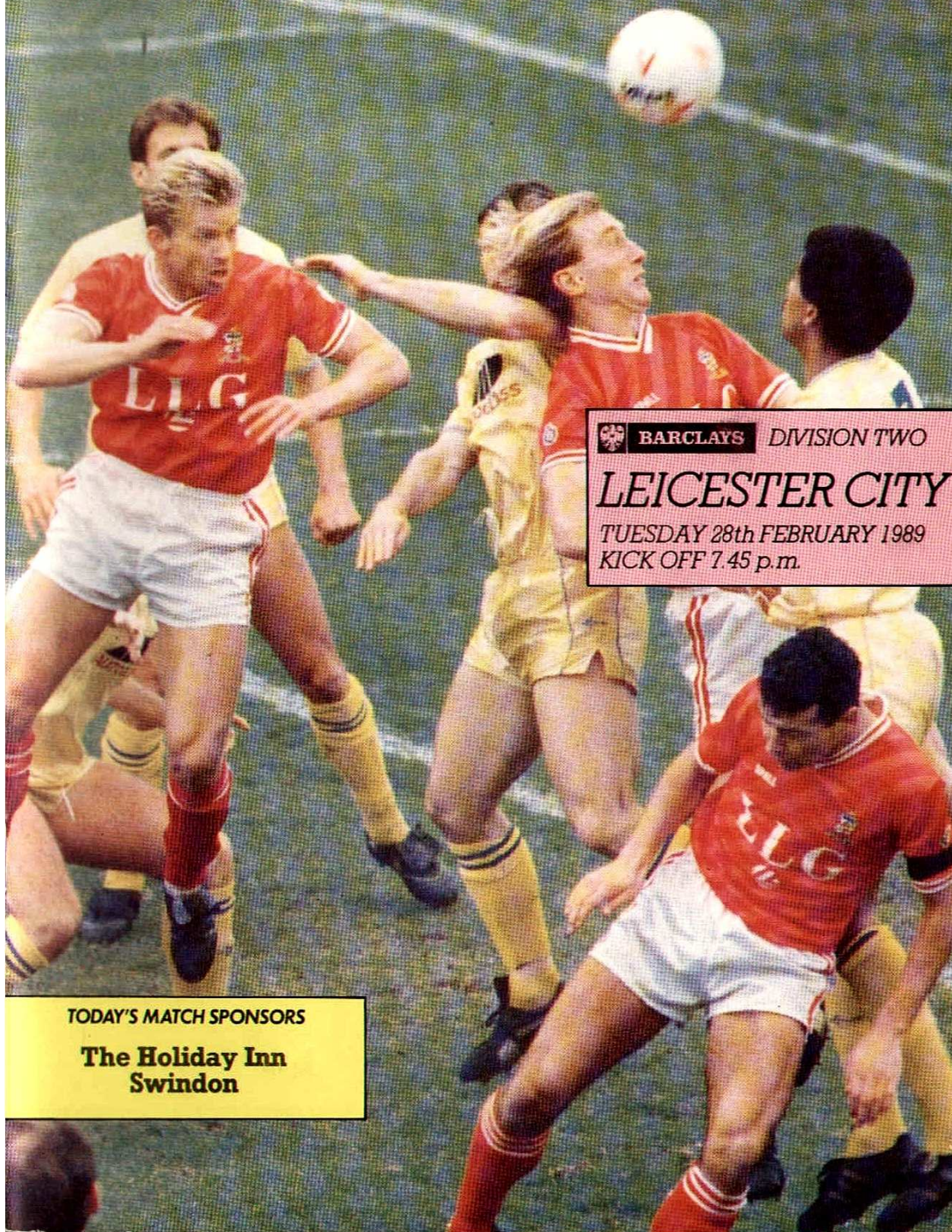


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A GOOD PERFORMANCE

Good evening to you all and welcome to Leicester City. I missed our last home match with Sunderland but obviously the result speaks volumes for the manner in which the team performed.

As I pointed out in my last programme notes, it was important that we gained a measure of compensation for that disappointing performance at Roker Park. We certainly achieved that and I gather that our display was as good a performance as we have given this season.

SCOUTING TRIPS

The majority of you are probably aware that I was away on a scouting trip when we met Sunderland. Actually it was a flying trip because I covered two matches in the afternoon.

I covered the Football Combination fixture between Southampton and Oxford United and then watched the Second Division fixture between Portsmouth and Walsall. You are probably aware that there was speculation about Warren Aspinall of Portsmouth and Paul Rideout of Southampton being linked with the Club. Negotiations can take a great deal of time and although I had been on the verge of persuading Chris Nichol to allow Paul Rideout to join us on a months loan, at this stage Chris could not see his way clear to release the player.

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton are visiting the County Ground next Monday evening for Charlie Henry's testimonial match. Can I ask all of you to come along and support Charlie. A devoted Club man, he deserves your support.

It is always difficult for a player outside of the First Division to stage a successful testimonial but Charlie has worked hard at his testimonial events and all that we can do is support him.

PROMOTION A WIDE OPEN ISSUE

The second Division promotion race for the play-off positions remains wide open. It is my opinion that this will be a fight to the death.

There is so little difference between the various Clubs that any one of a number of Clubs can clinch a place in the First Division for next season. A good run of results between now and the end of the season would see a Club virtually promoted. There is no reason why that Club cannot be Swindon Town.

Leicester City will provide stern opposition this evening, they have a basic First Division pedigree and will always play open, attractive football with David Pleat in charge. We will have to reproduce the form we showed when we met Sunderland to take maximum points.

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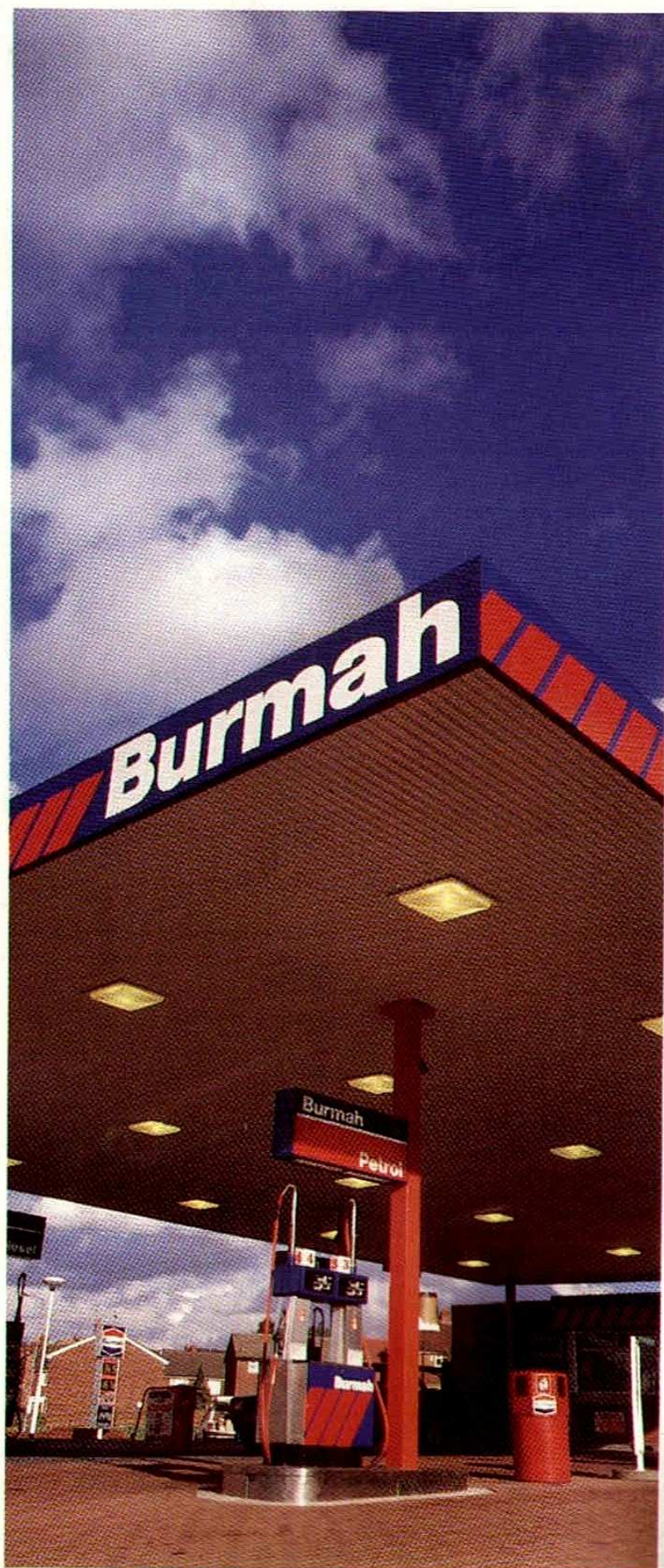
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PRAISE BE TO THE LORD...S

If football is a sporting religion, then praise be to the Lords! Following the action of a few hundred elder statesmen, a united front of dissent against the I.D. system stands a renewed chance of success. The more delays and obstacles that can be created as the Bill reaches parliament the better, as these will expose the scheme as the ill thought out publicity stunt it is.

Football must unite against this Government which hopes to shift the law and order burden onto a supposedly easy target. The vital amendment passed by the red and white veterans suggested a gradual implementation amongst the Clubs which can least afford this unnecessary expense. Almost certainly by the time the likes of Halifax and Stockport have to consider installing equipment, their illustrious colleagues in the higher Divisions will have shown the scheme to be as successful as Colin Moynihan leading the Harlem Globtrotters.

A LEAK IN THE SYSTEM...FOR TAFFY?

One amendment that doesn't make so much sense is the suggestion that Welsh Clubs may be excluded for the scheme, considering the recent behaviour of Cardiff City fans this move shows yet another contradiction in the plans. Mind you, a major contradiction has already happened with Scottish Clubs and their worst arrest figures being exempt.

Politicians are elected to reflect the views of their constituency, not their own personal opinions, therefore the weight of public opinion must carry the premier importance. Whether by letter or postcard, every football supporter has a duty to contact their M.P. in an attempt to influence Parliamentary action which could end the game as we know it. The last remark may end with dramatic sentiments more at home in Thunderbirds, but the planned imposition on the game, really could mark its downfall.

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

CHARLIE... CHARLIE... HENRY

A break from First team action seems to charge the 'Town's' goalscorers with new life. Back in October Charlie Henry destroyed this evenings opponents with a venomous performance after a lengthy spell out of the side.

Duncan Shearer's six match injury absence had a similar effect on his killer instinct near goal in our last home game.

Whereas Charlie's efforts at Filbert Street were stifled in the second half by outside intervention, Duncan Shearer's two goals against Sunderland were the highlights in a match dominated by the 'Town' without being disrupted by unbelievable refereeing.

Sunderland's 4-0 win at Roker Park, back in October, was well and truly avenged as petulant Spitting Image out-take Eric Gates and his colleagues took an early lead but never looked like winning.

Conceding that early goal never looked likely to present a problem, with Sunderland's defence doing everything but defend.

Shearer's assured goalscoring

coupled with debutant Fitzroy Simpson's overdue injection of refreshing skill and vision in midfield capped a memorable 'Town' performance, memorable enough to overload the scoreboard!

ENID BLYTON... THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE... ANY OLD STORY!

Whether we won, drew or lost at Elland Road on Saturday, at least we approached that game on something of a high.

Swindon Town seem to be attracting more rumours than the average soap opera cast at the moment. Loan details and managerial moves pale into insignificance when compared with the alleged interest in one of our players be one of the World's greatest Clubs. Whether or not Real Madrid's interest in Fraser Digby was genuine or not remains to be seen. What the story did provide, however, was one of the most hilarious radio interviews ever heard.

LOU... MANUEL... BASIL AND FAULTY TOWERS

In true I'm English you're a foreigner fashion, much as Basil Fawlty spoke down to Manuel, a local radio reporter attempted to extract information from a bewildered Real Madrid official down a phone line that seemed to be re-routed through the local bull ring. By the end of this strange exchange, neither interviewer, official nor listener was any the wiser, but at least the interlude provided some rare humour at news time.

CHARLIE... CHARLIE... CHARLIE... HENRY... LOYAL TO THE END

On Saturday we have a very difficult fixture at Ipswich, attempting to avenge a 3-2 home defeat back in November when Jon Gittens scored with a brilliantly hit volley. Charlie Henry scored the 'Town's' other goal that day and his testimonial provides the next First team action at the County Ground, let's hope that fixture proves to be a great night for one of the 'Town's' most loyal servants.

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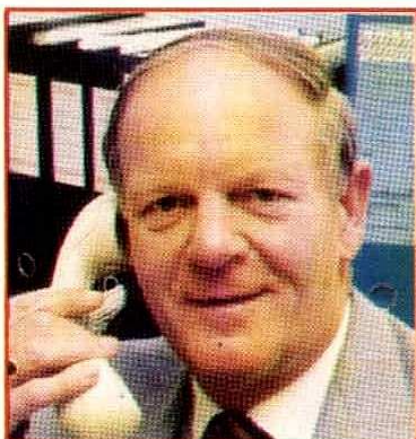
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NEGOTIATION

You will have read with interest the signing of Phil King, Steve Foley and Colin Calderwood. All three have signed contracts for the next two years. These early moves were made to ensure that players who would have been of considerable benefit to other Clubs will remain at the County Ground for next season.

Both 'Chic' Bates and myself have held lengthy talks with the players concerned and it is pleasing to know that those negotiations have borne fruition. It is easy to say that we were taught a lesson from last summer's events, but we have certainly not been slow off the mark this time and we have opened negotiations before the players' contracts are complete. May I add that Swindon Town have shown their intent and obviously we have invested some of our Cup receipts in these negotiations. Obviously we hope that you will continue to support us by attending our matches for the remainder of this season.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

I would like to welcome Mr Peter

Jones to the staff of the Football Club. Peter has joined Swindon Town as Accountant to replace Mr Vince Farrar.

Vince was a popular member of the staff and we all wish him well in his new endeavours. Vince had been working in a self-employed capacity. It was considered that the Club required a full-time accountant and we wish Peter well in his new position.

Not a lot of thought is given to the backroom staff and with the departure of both Vince and Felicity Hazell within the last nine months, we hope we will now enter a period of further stability. A settled back-ground is always imperative in any working organisation.

A WARM WELCOME

In welcoming Leicester City to the County Ground for this evening's match we shall be renewing acquaintanceship with Jimmy Quinn again. Jim has not had such a prolific goalscoring season this time, but it would have been somewhat unusual if

he had. A warm welcome to Jim and David Pleat, the Directors and Officials of the Filbert Street Club.

Leicester City are probably in a similar position to the one that we are currently experiencing. Above the relegation zone, but tantalisingly out of reach of the top six positions. Realistically both Clubs have to be hoping for a late burst of results in the last third of the season to take either of us into a play-off situation.

WELL DONE FITZROY

Despite the fact we went behind to an early goal in our last match against Sunderland, we recorded a fine 4-1 win. I am sure you would all agree that we probably played some of our best football of the season in the first half.

I would like to pay tribute to young **Fitzroy Simpson** who was a credit to himself. Although he naturally tired toward the end of the match, Fitzroy showed enough ability to prove he has a fine future ahead of him if he maintains this level of performance.

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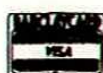
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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

BRIAN TALBOT BLAST AT SENT-OFF HOPPY

West Bromwich Albion Manager **Brian Talbot** was not happy with bad-boy **Robert Hopkins** for his recent second half sending-off at **Bradford City**.

"It was a diabolical tackle" said Brian, "Hopkins mistimed his tackle completely. He accepted what he had done and that he would have to go." He then added, "Hopkins was disappointed but he understood that he was totally out of order."

The Albion Manager described **Carlton Palmer's** dismissal in the same match as "very harsh". On this second sending-off the Hawthorns Club's boss said, "It was an innocuous tackle but the referee is in charge and he said it was for persistent foul play."

The former **P.F.A. Chairman** went on to say, "Our disciplinary record has been good but now **Hopkins, Palmer** and **myself** will be suspended for our match with **Leeds United**."

GALA DINNER FOR IAN

Midland footballers are digging into their pockets at **£25** a time to support the **Ian Handysides Gala Dinner** at the **Albany Hotel** on **March 5th**.

The barn storming **Wolverhampton Wanderers** players have taken a table as have the **West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa, Walsall** and the **Birmingham City** players.

Frank Worthington has promised to make a guest appearance to support **Ian** whose career was cut suddenly short when he was taken ill with a brain tumour.

Wembly-bound Mick Harford and some of **Ian's** former colleagues at **St Andrews - Tony Coton, Pat Van den Hauwe** and **Noel Blake** will be adding their support.

Organiser **Kevin Braodhurst** said, "We have been delighted with the response from the **Midland based players** and there are a few tables left for fans, supporters and sponsors. Anyone interested should contact **Birmingham City**."

A TOUGH TIME FOR KEN

The **Manchester City** supporters' inflated yellow bananas wagged exultantly three times in their recent **2-0** win at **Birmingham**

City on Saturday, February 18th.

On the first two occasions the yellow good luck charms were thrust triumphantly after goals scored by **Nigel Cleghorn** and **Neil McNab**. But the third time was in irony at once proud **Birmingham City's** plight.

The **5,000** travelling **Manchester City** fans took up the Blues chant, "sack the board" and the bananas were used to conduct each syllable.

At least the gesture took much of the hostility out of a potentially explosive atmosphere. Sections of fans at both the Kop end and in the City stand staged a sit-in to underline the demand of "Wheldon out".

During the last five minutes of the match a few angry Blues supporters walked along the top of the executive boxes towards the Directors area, but were quickly ushered away.

Through it all, Chairman **Ken Wheldon** sat stoically!

HIGHLAND FLING

Striker **John McGinlay**, sacked by **Yeovil Town** last May, has started a new life as a **Second Division** player!

In a surprise **£25,000** move **John** was transferred from **Highland League Club Elgin City** to **Shrewsbury Town** last week.

Last season the young Scot scored a goal a game in Cup matches for **Yeovil Town** but managed only one in 33 League games. When he was axed no other **West Country Club** of comparable status moved in for **John**.

HOPING TO HEAD BACK NORTH

Plymouth Argyle have slapped a **£250,000** price tag on homesick centre back **Mark Smith**. The 28-year-old **Yorkshireman** has rejected the offer of improved terms and is determined to leave **Home Park** when his contract runs out in the summer. **Plymouth** want to recoup more than the **Club record £170,000** they paid out to **Sheffield Wednesday**.

MACHIN MISSION

Manchester City Manager **Mel Machin** flew to **West Germany** last week to watch **Karlsruhe** striker **Jochen Heisig**. The 23-year-old, **Under-21 International** could fill the role left vacant by **Paul Stewart's** **£1.7** million move to **Tottenham** last summer.

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Watford	29	9	3	2	25	9	48
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Crystal Palace	28	8	6	1	27	12	45
Leeds United	30	8	4	3	22	11	45
Ipswich Town	30	8	2	5	27	17	44
Sunderland	30	8	6	1	24	11	43
Barnsley	30	8	4	3	26	16	42
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Swindon Town	29	7	5	2	24	12	41
Portsmouth	30	8	4	3	24	11	39
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Bradford City	30	5	7	3	17	13	35
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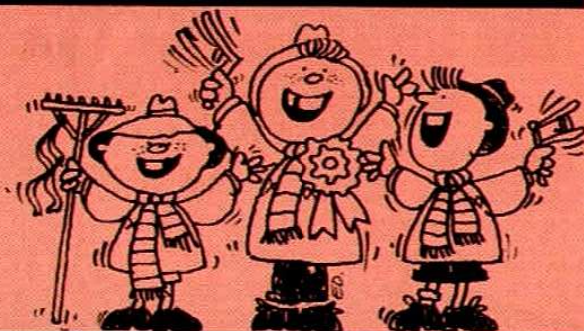
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OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we travel to meet **Ipswich Town** at **Portman Road** hoping to fare better than we have on our last two visits to the East Anglian Club. Our last two trips across country have seen Swindon Town concede **nine** goals! Two defeats, one in a Littlewoods Cup tie and last seasons League encounter ended with the scorelines **6-1** and **3-2** respectively in favour of the East Anglian Club.

This season is one of disappointment for Manager **John Duncan**. The Portman Road Club were widely tipped to be among the race for honours. The return of **John Wark**, the signing of Russian International **Sergei Baltacha**

and the emergence of **Dalien Atkinson** were factors that were expected to push the Ipswich team to the brink of Division One.

It will be interesting to see if we can improve on our recent dismal record at Portman Road. Our last victory against Ipswich Town at Portman Road was on October 27th 1951 when we won **5-1**. Our only other victory at this East Anglian venue was in 1947 when we won **1-0**.

Last season **Hull City** visited the **County Ground** and gave one of the best displays of the season in a most entertaining **0-0** draw. That early season match saw the now Oxford United Manager, Brian Horton, in charge of the Boothferry Park outfit. He has since been replaced by former Rochdale Manager **Eddie Gray**.

Recent television exposure of their

F.A. Cup Fifth Round match with Liverpool when they lost 3-2 saw the striking duo of **Billy Whitehurst** and **Kevin Edwards** scoring the '**Tigers**' goals. Both players have recently returned to Boothferry Park. **Billy Whitehurst** following spells with Oxford United, Reading and Sunderland, while **Keith Edwards** enjoyed a rare unproductive spell in terms of goals with both **Aberdeen** and **Leeds United**.

Hull City have recorded wins at **Portsmouth (3-1)**, **Shrewsbury Town (3-1)** and **Barnsley (2-0)** this season and will be looking for their fourth away win of their League programme.

The Boothferry Park Club have always found the County Ground a difficult venue. In fifteen visits they have only won one match! That was in 1983. They have lost on eight of those visits.

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

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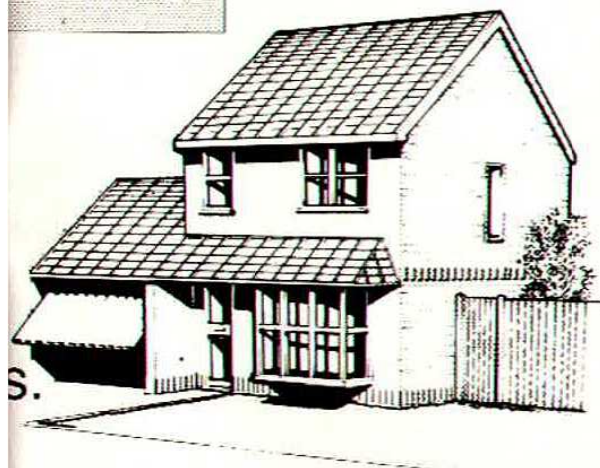
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by Dave Eaton



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Middle Row: Cyril Lea (Youth Team Manager), Bobby Roberts (Coach), Steve Thompson‡, Jari Rantanen, Carl Muggleton, Steve Walsh, Paul Cooper, Jimmy Quinn, Mike Newell, Gordon Lee (Coach), John McVey (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Gary McAllister, Paul Ramsey, David Pleat (Manager), Ali Mauchlen, Tony Spearing, Paul Reid.

* Now Chesterfield † Now St. Mirren ‡ Now Sheffield United

Leicester City were formed in 1894 and known as Leicester Fosse. They moved to their present home, Filbert Street, seven years later and in 1919 dropped the word Fosse, in favour of City.

Elected to the Football League in 1894, the City have spent their entire life fluctuating between the top two Divisions.

They have won the Second Division title on no fewer than six occasions.

They lifted the Championship for the first time in the season 1924/25. Further successes came in 1936/37, 1953/54, 1956/57, 1970/71 and 1979/80. They were also runners-up in 1907/08.

On eight separate occasions Leicester have competed in the First Division, their best placing coming in the 1928/29 season when they finished as runners-up. They were beaten for the championship, by a single point, by Sheffield Wednesday.

Since the last war Leicester have reached the F.A. Cup Final four times, but have still to win the trophy.

In 1949 they were beaten 3-1 by Wolverhampton Wanderers, and in 1961 failed to stop Tottenham Hotspur completing the League and Cup double.

Two years later City reached Wembley again, only to go down 3-1 to Manchester United.

In 1969 Leicester had the double disappointment of losing in the Cup Final again, this time to Manchester City 1-0 and being relegated from the First Division as well.

However, the Club have won one of the Cup competitions. They became only the fourth name to appear on the Football League Cup in 1964, beating Stoke City 4-3 on aggregate. This was when the competition was played on a two-legged basis.

Over the past few seasons Leicester have produced two outstanding goal scorers in Gary Lineker and Alan Smith. Their pair were England's strike force in the recent International in Greece.

Both departed from Filbert Street for the First Division for very large fees. Lineker went to Everton for just over a million pounds in June 1986, while Smith moved to Arsenal for £750,000 in March 1987.

Over the past two seasons clashes between Leicester and Swindon have produced a feast of goals. Both sides ran out home 3-2 victors laster season while this season they shared six goals at Filbert Street.

MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS

David Pleat (Manager). Born in Nottingham. Had a playing career which covered five Clubs in ten seasons - Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough - but made his name when returning to Luton initially as Coach then as Manager. His eight years in that post included a Second Division Championship in 1982, before he eventually took over at Tottenham in 1986. He steered Spurs to the Cup Final in 1987, but parted company with them later. Replaced Bryan Hamilton as City Manager during December 1987.

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● David Pleat

Martin Hodge (Goalkeeper). Born in Southport, he made his League debut for Plymouth Argyle back in April 1978. Since then he has had spells with Everton and most notably Sheffield Wednesday from whom he joined Leicester on the eve of the season for a fee of £200,000. In between these two Clubs spent loan periods with Preston, Oldham and Gillingham. A very experienced keeper with over 300 League games to his credit.

Simon Morgan (Defender). Born in Birmingham and signed professional forms in November 1984. Joined City from the Y.T.S. Scheme, and has since progressed to Under-21 honours for England. Can play anywhere in back four, but usually is found in one of the full-back berths.

Steve Walsh (Defender). Born in Preston and joined City from Wigan in June 1986. He played at Wembley for Wigan in the Full Members Cup Final. One of City's leading goal scorers last season with seven League goals.

Tony Spearing (Defender). Born in Romford. Former Norwich City full-back who became one of David Pleat's close season signings. Highly rated as a natural left-sided defender, who was a regular in the Carrow Road line-up last season. Cost City £100,000. Previously had loan spells with Stoke and Oxford.

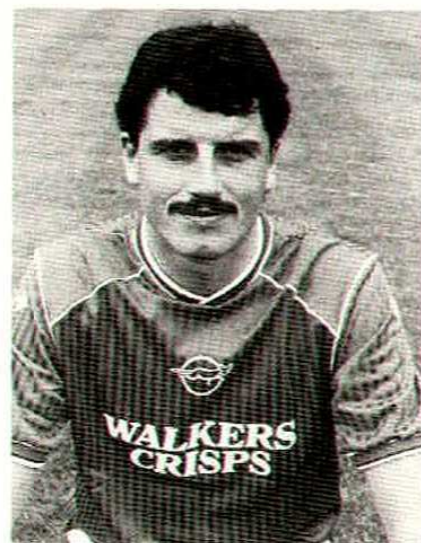
Alan Paris (Defender). Born in Slough. Another of David Pleat's close-season captures, this time from Peterborough United, for whom he made some 180 appearances. Previously with Slough Town and Watford, though he never made a senior appearance for the latter.

Alastair Mauchlen (Defender/Midfield). Born in West Kilbride. Signed from Motherwell in a £250,000 deal also involving Gary McAllister in August 1985. Previously from Kilmarnock. A fiery midfielder player who was converted

to right-back by David Pleat during the latter stages of 1987/88. Has made over 100 League appearances for Leicester.

Gary McAllister (Midfield). Born in Motherwell he scored on his International debut for Scotland 'B' in 1986/87. Stylish former Motherwell player who has blossomed in recent season, so much so that he is constantly being linked with a stream of big name Clubs. City's penalty expert. Top scorer last season with nine League goals including two penalties.

Paul Ramsey (Midfield). Born in Londonderry, a former apprentice at Filbert Street, turned pro in April 1980. He is an Irish International who was made skipper by David Pleat upon taking over the managerial chair. Prefers his midfield role although he has successfully held down the right back slot in the past. Has made over 250 League appearances for Leicester.

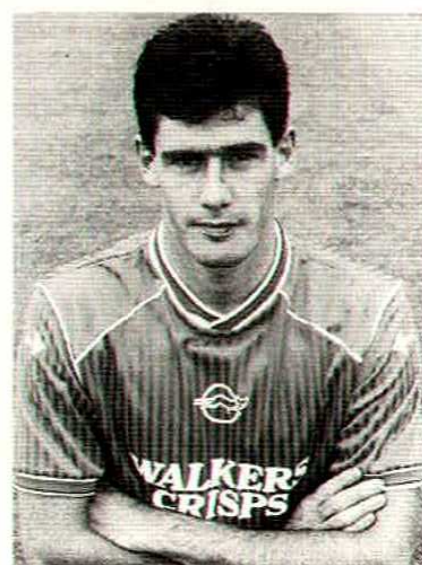


● Paul Ramsey

Paul Reid (Midfield). Born in the Midlands at Oldbury. A former apprentice, the 21-year-old made his first-team debut under Bryan Hamilton. But it was not until David Pleat elected to use his natural left-sided style on the right wing that he established a regular place. Scored City's 'goal of the season' in 1987/88 at Ewood Park.

Phil Turner (Midfield). Born in Sheffield, the 27-year-old joined City from Grimsby in an exchange deal involving Kevin Jobling in February 1988. Cost £42,000. Formerly with Lincoln City for whom he made 241 League appearances. Used very much in a utility role last term.

Paul Groves (Midfield). Born in Derby, he celebrates his 23rd birthday today. Signed from Burton Albion just after last season's transfer deadline. He was leading goalscorer



● Mike Newell

for Burton last term. A promising youngster who scored on his City debut. Cost £12,000.

Martin Russell (Midfield). Born in Dublin he cost City £25,000 from Manchester United, and has been capped by Eire at Under-21 level. However he has not yet established a regular first team place at Filbert Street. Spent a short spell on loan at both Birmingham and Norwich.

Mike Newell (Forward). Born in Liverpool. Signed for Leicester in September 1987 and cost a Club-record £350,000 fee when joining from Luton Town. An England Under-21 International who was previously with Crewe Alexandra and Wigan Athletic. Scored for Wigan at Wembley in 1985. Was City's top marksman in 1987/88 in all competition.

Nicky Cross (Forward). Born in Birmingham he was a £65,000 capture from Walsall last January. He first came to prominence with West Brom. Started out as a midfielder, but has achieved more notable success since moving to the front line. Made over 100 League appearances for both W.B.A., where he began as an apprentice and Walsall.

Jimmy Quinn (Forward). Born in Belfast and no stranger here at the County Ground, having spent two spells with Swindon. The independent tribunal fixed a fee of £210,000 when he joined City during the close season from Swindon Town. An Irish International who has also had spells with Oswestry Town and Blackburn Rovers. Topped the Division Two scoring charts last season with 31 goals.

Jari Rantanen (Forward). Finnish International who has played for JK Helsinki (Finland), Estoril (Portugal), Beerschot (Belgium) and IFK Gothenburg (Sweden), from whom he joined City for £50,000 last season.

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WELCOME JIM

Good evening and welcome to the County Ground, especially to those of you from the East Midlands. The first game between our two teams this season belongs to the realms of fantasy. Those of us who were present at Filbert Street last season when City won 3-2 with three goals in the last ten minutes thought we'd seen it all. Well this season's first encounter was, and still is, unbelievable, in fact I don't think I will ever work out just what did happen in that 3-3 draw. I hope tonight's game will be a little more stable. Meanwhile all from Leicester are welcome with special greetings to Jimmy Quinn esquire.

WHAT A TREAT!

Swindons last home game was a real treat to all Town fans, that 4-1 victory over Sunderland produced some of the best football of the season. Duncan Shearer, back after injury, looked tremendous until the heavy pitch understandably took its toll and his first goal courtesy of Steve White's lay off and that fabulous Tommy Jones through ball was a classic. Yes, one of the best goals you will ever see. Well done chaps, you were simply splendid and the win fully atoned for that 4-0 thrashing at Roker earlier in the season.

COME ON 'BEES'

The F.A. Cup trundles merrily on and has reached the quarter final stage. It looks rather good for the First Division at the moment with only Third Division Brentford standing up for the rest of the Barclay's League. There are potentially some fine matches coming up and it would be tremendous if Brentford won at mighty Liverpool. But I guess an all First Division semi-final looks on the cards.

ATTRACTIVE AND THE DOUR!

The most attractive game on paper must be

Nottingham Forest's visit to Manchester United, which could produce some of the most sparkling football of the season, closely followed by West Ham entertaining Norwich City. But the televised game is Everton v Wimbledon - a pretty dour prospect and one which could make the Tyson-Brunc scrap look like a vicarage tea party. Vinny Jones is rubbing gravel in his hair as we speak.

DENIS THE GREAT?

Talking of the noble art what a fine achievement that was by Denis Andries to regain the WBC light-heavyweight crown on American soil by demolishing the previously unbeaten Tony Willis. Andries is one of only three British fighters to regain a World title and that in itself is something to be proud of. But to do it at the age of 35 is really quite extraordinary. It makes those of us who have a couple of years to go to reach that age want to make for the medicine ball - ah well, perhaps not. I have to complete this before the aforementioned Frank and Mike clash in Las Vegas, but perhaps those who will have stayed up until the early hours on Sunday morning have gained their just reward.

UFFINGTON AND FAIRFORD ALL LIT UP

On the local football front two more sides in the vicinity have taken the bold step of installing floodlighting systems. Uffington and Fairford Town are to be congratulated for joining the other sides from the area who will now be able to play matches in mid week through the course of the winter. I have seen a game played on Fairford's pitch under the lights and they are excellent, and there's no doubt that it will aid these Clubs with much needed finance. Why not reward them for their efforts and pop along the next

time you have a spare evening to one of their fixtures. You'll be assured of a warm welcome and a good evenings entertainment.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT CHARLIE

Next Monday night gives the people of Swindon the chance to turn up and support Charlie Henry in his testimonial game with Southampton. For those of you who remember the magnificent 1985/86 Fourth Division championship campaign you won't need much persuasion. Nor indeed if you recall Charlie's goal against Gillingham here in the play-offs a season later. He's done us proud for ten years has Charlie - let's turn out in force and salute one of ours.

WELL DONE GEOFF

The weather that's been pretty miserable of late puts paid to G.W.R.F.C.'s fixture with MD Motors, a team pushing for promotion from Division Eight of the Sunday League, so it's one to add to the end of the season. But that happening permits me to mention what a fine job Geoff Warren's done on the County Ground pitch this season. He talks in glowing terms of verti-drains or some such system. Whatever it is it works and has done the business. I suspect however that Geoff's knowledge has also had something to do with it - well done Geoff, I'm sure all those days of lovingly tending the playing surface are much appreciated.

He's also come up with a suggestion for Swindon's own inflatable object - a plastic celery - any enterprising businessman out there able to oblige? It would be terrific.

Now back to the match in hand. Let's settle back and enjoy a good, peaceful game of football.

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TEN UP - MIKE MACARI HITS FOUR!

Our Allied Counties Youth League team certainly found their goalscoring form when they met Wokingham on Monday, February 13th. In a match played at Hungerford Town they scored ten times without reply!

Town Youth Team Manager, John Trollope, reported "In a game we dominated from start to finish, most of the chances created were taken. Fielding a younger team, we kept the game simple and made the right decision more times than not. This resulted in more openings and the chances came frequently. The goalscorers were Mike Macari (4), Mark Lea (2), Robert Spence (2), Liam Dixon and Nathan Holt one each."

John concluded by saying, "This game was a good example of each player doing his part and performing within his position with good application and thought."

Team: Ryan Lovegrove, Darren Hall, Jason Braidwood, Lee Spalding, Edwin Murray, Simon Payne, Richard Walker, Mark Lea, Mike Macari, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon.

Substitutes: Matthew Sheedy (For Dixon in 46th min). Nathan Holt (For Lea in 61st min). Paul Trollope - not used.

DUNCAN IS BACK IN ACTION WITH A GOAL

After the late setback against Ipswich Town the previous week our Reserve team returned to winning ways seven days later. A 2-0 win against Luton Town at the County Ground on Tuesday, February 14th in the 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture was watched by 103 people. Luton Town included the three quarters of a million rated striker, David Oldfield, in their line-up along with the experienced Darren McDonough and Rob Johnson. Alec Chamberlain a £200,000 signing from Everton was also in the Kenilworth Road Club's line-up. Duncan Shearer returned after a spell out of action with a hamstring injury.

Town Coach Andy Rowland in his report on the match had these comments to make. "We probably fielded our strongest side of the season for this match. Although we still made hard work of winning this game. A goal in each half were about the only highlights of a very scrappy and disjointed display. Charlie Henry put us into the lead after twenty minutes of play when he scored by lobbing the ball over Luton Town keeper Alec Chamberlain after he was put clear by full back Leigh Barnard. This was



• **Duncan Shearer** - The former Huddersfield Town and Chelsea striker returned to goalscoring form after his recent injury with the second goal in our Reserve team's 2-0 win against Luton Town at the County Ground.

possibly our only clear-cut chance except when David Geddis' shot on goal which happened five minutes earlier. It was disappointing when you consider the hard work of the midfield trio of Charlie Henry, Fitzroy Simpson and Adrian Viveash.

Luton Town took control of the game at the start of the second half without really having too many worthwhile goal attempts until Duncan Shearer scored against the run of play, glancing in a header from a Bobby Barnes cross. This effectively ended Luton's hopes of a comeback.

Team: Petterson, Barnard, King, Maclaren, Parkin, Simpson, Barnes, Henry, Geddis, Shearer, Viveash.

Substitutes: Coyne and Tomlinson.

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Wed 15 Mar Uxbridge	v	Staines
Basingstoke	v	Swindon
Wed 22 Mar Basingstoke	v	Uxbridge
Wed 29 Mar Uxbridge	v	Swindon
Mon 3 Apr Swindon	v	Staines
w/c 10 April Semi Final Winners Group C v		Winners Group D

TOWN RESERVES CONTINUE THEIR WINNING WAYS
Our Reserve team continued their recent

fine form with a hard fought 2-1 win against Millwall at the County Ground on Wednesday, February 22nd.

The 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture was delayed twenty four hours at the London Club's request.

The Town were off to a flying start when they took the lead as early as the second minute. A free kick awarded on the edge of the penalty box was initially driven over the bar by Phil King. The referee ordered the kick to be retaken and this time David Geddis made no mistake with his shot entering the net via an upright.

Andy Rowland in his report of the match said, "In general it was a dour and uncompromising game. It was rather scrappy at times with very little in the way of flowing football."

Millwall replied within ten minutes from the penalty spot. Phil King conceded the penalty when he brought down Reid. Dean Horrix duly netting from the penalty spot.

However, the Town took the lead again when Bobby Barnes rounded goalkeeper, Keith Branagan, in the Millwall goal and slotted the ball into the empty net just before half time.

Andy then summed up the goal-less second half by saying, "We defended well particularly in the last twenty minutes and we were therefore able to complete the double over our close rivals."

Team: Petterson, Barnard, Marshall, Henry, Parkin, Cornwell, Tomlinson, Barnes, Geddis, Viveash, King.

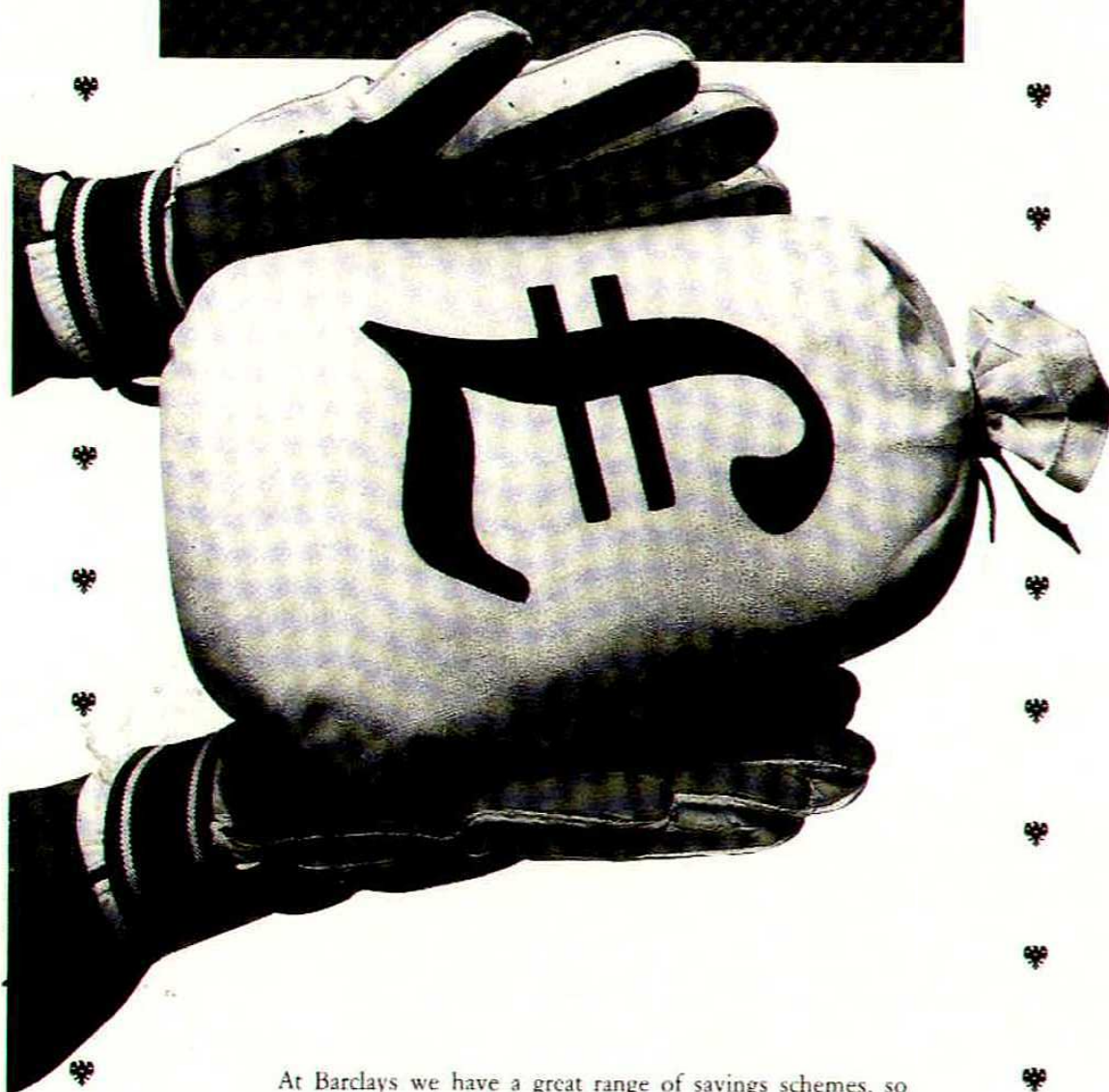
Substitutes: Garreth Morgan and Mark Jones.



• **David Geddis** - The former Shrewsbury Town striker scored the opening goal in the 2-1 win against Millwall.

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A COMPUTER ERROR AT LANCASTER GATE

When **Steve Foley** received **two points** for his misdemeanour in the **West Ham United** replay it was automatically expected that he would be suspended. According to the **Disciplinary Chart**, kept in **Secretary Dave King's** office, the midfield player had reached **twenty two points**.

Any player who reaches **21** or more points from the opening day of the season and the last **Sunday** in **February** will be automatically suspended for **Two** matches.

The **Football Association** did not inform the Club and when the **Secretary** asked the **Lancaster Gate** officials to either confirm the suspension or not, he was informed that **Steve Foley** had reached **18 points**.

It was quickly pointed out to the **Football Association** that their computer records were in disarray due to the fact that when **Steve Foley** had been booked in the Football Combination match with **Southampton** at the **County Ground** on **Tuesday, November 8th** that the referee's report concerned a **Peter Foley** and not **Steve**.

The **Football Association** admitted that an error had been made and that the Club's record was immaculate.

OUR HIGHEST ATTENDANCE TO DATE

The **270** who watched the Football Combination match with **Ipswich Town** on **Tuesday, February 7th** was our highest of the season. Obviously the attendance was boosted by the

local schools half-term holidays. Also, the appearance of the Russian player **Sergei Baltacha** and the highly rated **Dalien Atkinson** caused a ripple of interest.

NEXT SEASON

The **Football Association** have confirmed that the official opening of the Season will be on **August 12th** and the **Football League Season** starts on **August 19th**.

The **F.A. Cup Final** will be staged on **May 12th, 1990**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations are extended to **Gavin Sandrey, Nicky Summerbee** and **Paul Hunt** who have been selected to play for the **Football Association youth XI** versus **South West Counties Youth XI** at **Gloucester City F.C.** tomorrow, **Wednesday, March 1st** the **Kick-off** is at **7.30 p.m.**

FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS

The **Football League** recently confirmed the appointment of **Mr David Dent** as the new League Secretary in succession to **Graham Kelly**. **David** had been Acting Secretary since **Graham** left to join the Football Association last August.

David joined the League as Deputy Secretary in 1984 after beginning his career in professional football with **Carlisle United** in 1960, before moving on to **Coventry City** in 1978. **David** is 52 years old and married with two daughters. He becomes only the sixth Secretary of the League in its 101 year history and follows a distinguished line of administrators.

1888-1902 - **Harry Lockett**
1902-1933 - **Tom Charnley**
1933-1957 - **Fred Howarth**
1957-1979 - **Alan Hardaker**
1979-1988 - **Graham Kelly**

JIMMY QUINN ON HIS MOVE FROM THE COUNTY GROUND

Former Swindon Town Striker **Jimmy Quinn** had this to say in the recent **Leicester City** programme for their match with **Hull City** at **Filbert Street** on **Saturday, February 4th**.

"I turned down about ten Clubs to come here, and I must say that it's about ten times better than Swindon, but perhaps I got used to a certain style at the County Ground, where I played alongside big **Dave Bamber**, who is similar sort of target man to myself, and we got the ball directed into the box at every possible angle. This meant we had a lot more chances, and I managed 47 goals in two seasons - and after all, it's surely about getting the ball in the net, at the end of the day that's what we all want."

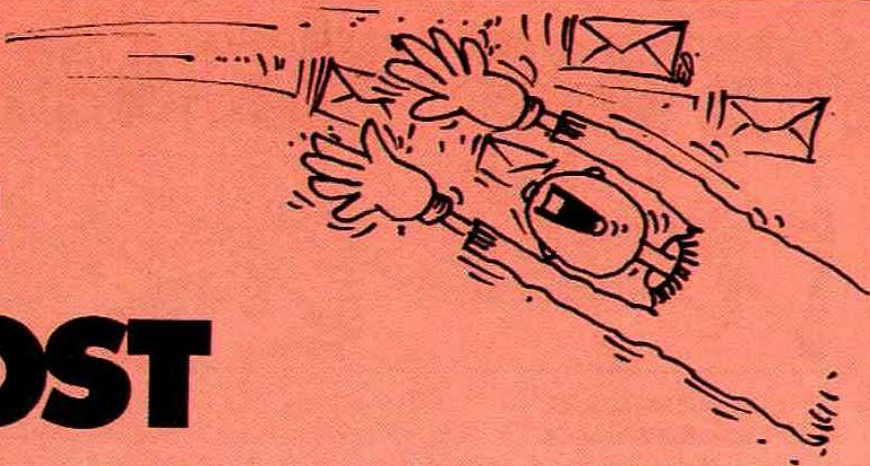
Here the Manager likes his strikers to be on the move more and he's not going to change the way he wants to play just for me, so it's up to me to adjust and keep plugging away in an effort to get a regular place in the team!"

Jim has found it difficult to establish a regular place in the **Leicester** line-up. Following the completion of the **Hull City** fixture his appearance and goals record read:

	App.	Sub	Goals
Football League	13	12	6
Cup Matches	2	3	-
Football Combination	5	-	7

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IN OFF THE POST



Programme Promotions
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you and the supporters of your Club, that a Football Programme Fair will be held at Oxford United F.C. Supporters Club on Sunday, 12th March 1989, from 11.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. I would be extremely grateful if you could pass on this information in any of your forthcoming Matchday programmes prior to that date.

The venue is: Oxford United Supporters Club, The Manor Ground, Oxford United F.C.

Leading National Dealers will be in attendance, offering programmes from pre-War to date, for a variety of Clubs, priced from 5p upwards.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance, and Best Wishes for the rest of the season.

**Yours sincerely
David Allen**

Abingdon Boys F.C.

Dear Mr Buswell,

On behalf of Abingdon Boys F.C. (Under-11) I should like to thank you very much for your hospitality at the Swindon-Oxford match. We came with Peter Hennell and the boys from Highworth, and we are grateful to you for arranging the tour and lunch. All the boys (and parents!) enjoyed it very much. It made a splendid day out, which will be remembered for some time.

**Yours sincerely
David Wyn**

3 Masfield Avenue
Swindon, Wilts, SN2 6NT

Dear Mr King,

I'm not sure whether you will be able to deal with my request in a positive way but here goes!

A few years ago (when Sandra Cobern worked in the office at the Club), two players a week took a number of ladies for a fitness/aerobics (whatever you like to call it) session in the Rendezvous Club.

All who went seemed to enjoy the hour long work out but it stopped when Sandra stopped working at the Club. Would there be any way that something like this could be organised again?

I know there are many keep fit classes in Swindon but the majority of them take place on an evening when I and many other ladies go to football. This being the case as with many other sports too e.g. netball, hockey etc. most of which play on a Saturday afternoon and therefore are out of our reach.

I certainly don't want to stop coming to watch Swindon and I'm sure if something was suggested; maybe by yourself in the programme, that there would be a good response.

Please give it some thought and even if you don't want to have any involvement in it, we'd manage it ourselves.

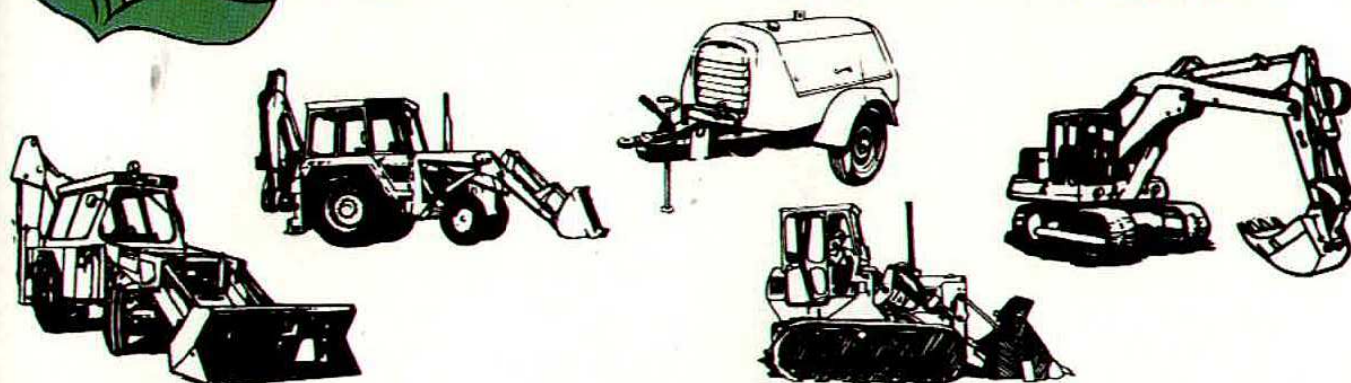
**Thank you for your time,
Miss Dee Jones**

Editor: Would anyone interested in forming a group to be held at the County Ground please contact Dee at her home address.

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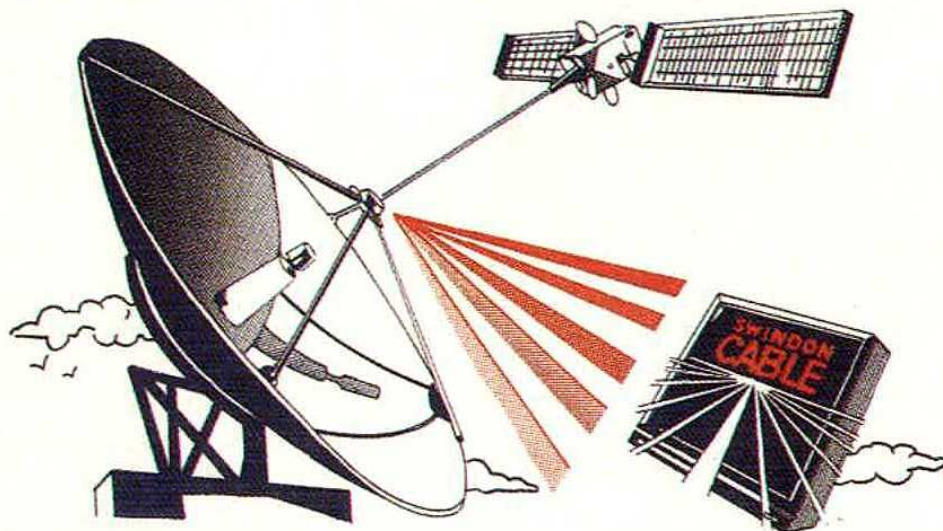


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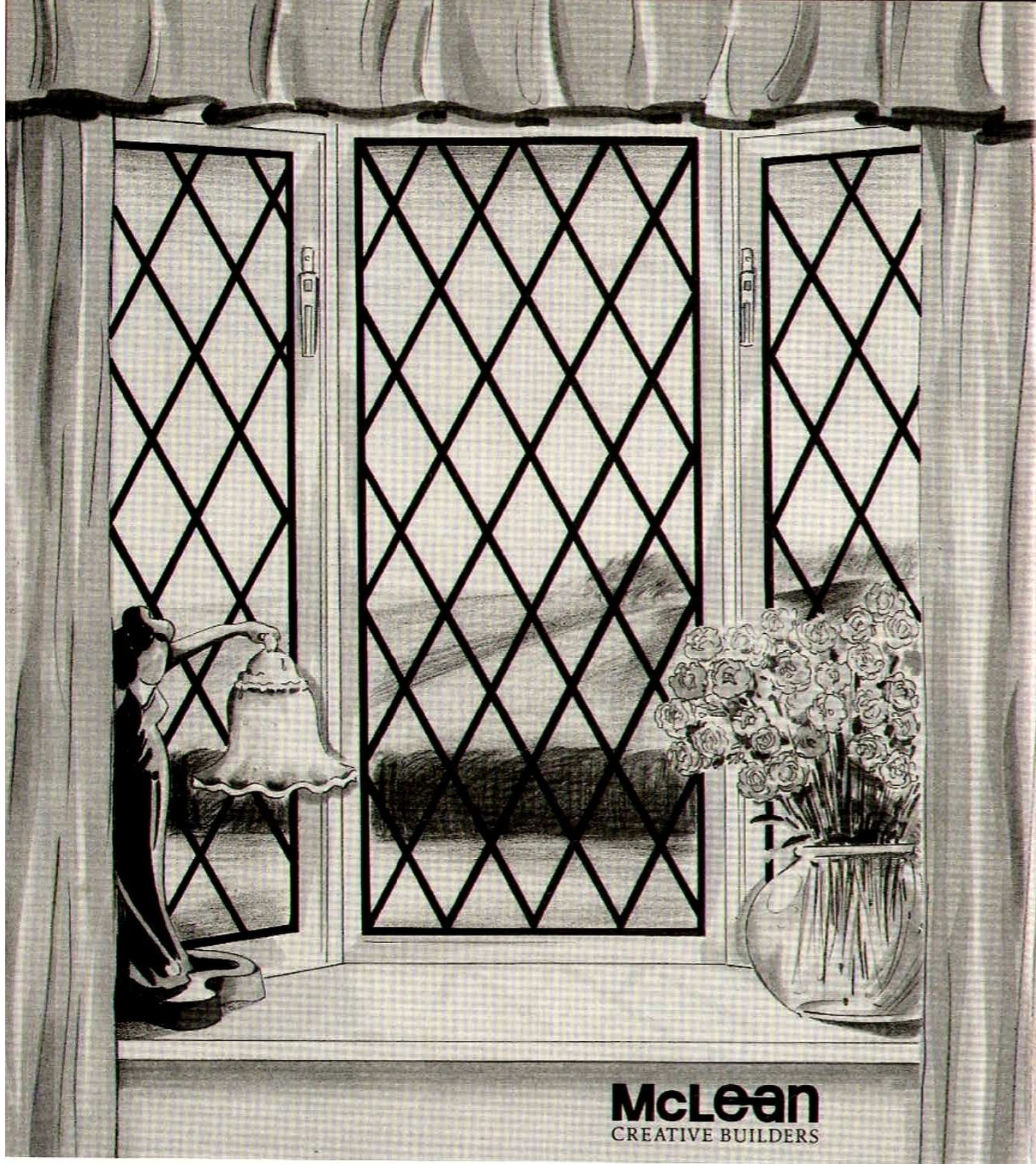
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VIEWPOINT

I have been asked by the Club Secretary, Dave King, to write this programme's Viewpoint with regard to the progress of Mark Jones. The diminutive midfielder player has been out of action for a period of eighteen months with a serious injury. On a personal basis I would therefore like to pay tribute to his dedication, courage and willpower to overcome adversity. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mark every success in his comeback bid.

THE SETBACK

Mark Jones returned to full time training on Monday 13th February, 1989, at 10.30 a.m. As some of the supporters are already aware, Mark's problems started on the 13th November 1987 - yes 1987.

When Mark sustained an injury to the left knee. After various attempts to regain fitness and play 90 minutes of competitive football, Mark had to have surgery on his left knee. This was carried out at Harrogate General Hospital on the 19th January 1988, where Mark underwent a left Leeds CRIO-Anterior Cruciate Ligament replacement. He was then discharged on the 30th January 1988 with his left leg encased in a plaster cast cylinder from the toes to the top of the thigh. His next appointment was on the 22nd February 1988, when the plaster cast was removed and a brace applied.

LILLESHALL

On the 18th April 1988 Mark reported to the Football Association Rehabilitation Centre at Lilleshall, Shropshire, under the supervision of Mr Graham Smith (GRAD DIP PHYS MCSP DID TP CERT ED SRP), and from then on it has been a long hard road to fitness for Mark. He had to learn to walk all over again.

There was no easy way for Mark, he had acute muscle wastage of the left

No. 18 KEVIN MORRIS

leg. This had to be built up on a gradual basis starting from static non-weight bearing exercises, then a build up to dynamic and strengthening exercises. This takes time, patience and lots of hard work, flexion and extension of the knee then start to take place. Doreiflexion and Planter flexion of the ankle fall in line. Quadriceps and hamstring groups get stronger. Tone returns to the muscles but this is over a long period of time.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mark was working on rehabilitation from Monday to Friday mornings and afternoons. On top of this the cardio vascular system had to be exercised. This was done by circuit training. In the last six months of rehabilitation Mark used to spend two week at Lilleshall then two weeks with Swindon Town. Reports of progress were monitored by Mr G. Smith at Lilleshall and by myself at Swindon. we would then have a telephone conversation once a week and discuss Mark's progress and welfare.

TIME PASSES

As the months went by jogging went to increased pace. Increased pace to sprinting, twisting and turning to introduce co-ordination and balance. Then introduce a football in the training just to get the feel of the ball again.

Mark was then put to the ultimate test in Lilleshall, take part in a small sided game. Mr G. Smith phoned me



• KEVIN MORRIS

after the game. Mark had done well. No reaction. He could be discharged from Lilleshall on the 11th February 1988 and report back to Swindon Town.

AT LAST

On the 13th February 1989 he joined the rest of his team mates back in full time training. At the time of writing Mark has done everything asked of him. I think I can speak for everyone, Lou the Manager, the coaching staff John, 'Chic', and his fellow players are all glad to see him back. The next progression will be an outing in the Combination team introduced as a substitute for twenty minutes or so, once again to gain confidence and mental fitness.

I cannot conclude this article without thanking Dr John Nicholas, the Club Medical Officer, the staff at both Princess Margaret Hospital and Harrogate General Hospital, Mr G. Smith, Director of the Lilleshall Rehabilitation Centre and all his staff, the Manager and coaching staff of Swindon Town, who have all played their part and helped me with Mark on the road to recovery.

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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89												
DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON	BARNSELY	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	8,055	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	BARNSELY	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	10,227	3-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood (1)	Gittens	Foley
11.2.89	SAT	CHELSEA	A	17,802	2-3	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin(1)	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
18.2.89	SAT	SUNDERLAND	H	7,463	4-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer (2)
25.2.89	SAT	LEEDS UNITED	A	22,651	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Gittens	Shearer
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									
25.4.89	TUE	CRYSTAL PALACE	H									
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									

COUNTY GROUND ATTENDANCES AND AGGREGATES

Average Attendance for Division Two Fixtures:	8,436
Average Attendance for League and Cup Fixtures:	9,176
Aggregate Attendance for All Matches:	156,002
Aggregate Attendance for Division Two Fixtures:	118,114

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Duncan Shearer	9
Steve White	8
Steve Foley	6
Bobby Barnes	3
Colin Calderwood	3
Dave Geddis	3
Charlie Henry	3
Tommy Jones	2
Alan McLoughlin	2
Paul Bodin	1
Jon Gittens	1
Phil King	1
Tim Parkin	1
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SIMOD CUP FINAL

The Simod Cup Final has been put back to April due to the redevelopment work currently in operation at Wembley. It was originally scheduled for March 12th.

REJECTED

The five applicants who were rejected by the Football League in their quest for a chief executive were Ronald Allison TV executive, F.A. Press Secretary Glen Kirton, League Commercial Manager Trevor Phillips, former Wembley executive David Griffiths and Howard Prothero from the Ministry of Defence.

HUMOUROUS!

Wayne Stokes, the Hartlepool United defender, has a sense of humour! In a recent profile he described his car "Renault 5, with a broken window". And the person he'd most like to meet? "The bugger who broke it!"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

On the 2nd of January 1939 there were 118,567 present at Ibrox Park to watch the Glasgow derby Rangers v. Celtic, the largest crowd ever to watch a League match in Britain. Fifty years later on January 3rd of this year a crowd of 42,515 gathered at the reconstructed stadium.

MINISTER FOR ALL SEASONS TO QUIT

Labour MP Dennis Howell, the 64-year-old shadow sports minister, is to retire from Westminster after 35 years. The former Football League referee, who represents Small Heath in the West Midlands, has been Minister for drought, floods and noise and set a record among MPs by serving 25 years continuously on the front bench.

MUSKETEERS CUTTING EDGE FAILS THEM...

The three musketeers have been roundly beaten! The stars and crew of Bristol Old Vic's Christmas show, The Three Musketeers, met rivals from Bristol Hippodrome's pantomime Aladdin in a soccer clash. Despite the valiant efforts of the youngest musketeer, Jason Connery, son of Sean, the champions of the underdog lost 26-10!

WOMBLES, 'WOMBLING'

When Vinny Jones was sent off at Everton recently he became the 32nd Wimbledon player to be sent off in the last eight years. It was Jones own fourth red card, all in the last 22 months.

THREE CLUBS IN TWO DAYS!

In February 1969 Frank Sharp, an inside forward, was the first player to be registered with three Football League Clubs in the space of two days. Carlisle United first loaned him to Southport, recalled him on February 18th and then sold him to Cardiff City 24 hours later!

ONE HUNDRED AND TWO HUNDRED

One hundred years ago this month Oxford met Cambridge in the first Varsity challenge match. A crowd of 2,000 watched the 1-1 draw. The 'programme card', originally priced at one old penny, would now fetch at least £200 if put up for sale.

SUTTON UNITED MADE COVENTRY CITY THE SIXTH!

Six First Division teams since the Second World War have fallen to non-League opposition in the F.A. Cup. They are Huddersfield, Sunderland, Newcastle United, Burnley, Birmingham City and Coventry City.

CONGRATULATIONS

This month sees the 79th birthday of Old Trafford, which was opened in February 1910 with a match against Liverpool which Manchester United lost 4-3 in front of 45,000 people.

NO, NOT AT OLD TRAFFORD, BUT MAINE ROAD!!

Ironically, Manchester United's record home gate in League matches was not set at Old Trafford! It was established, of all places, at the home of Manchester City! In January 1949, 82,950 fans saw the First Division match between United and Arsenal at Maine Road.

NOT UNITED BUT!

The highest attendance at Old Trafford did not involve Manchester United! In March 1939, a crowd of 76,962 saw the F.A. Cup semi-final between Grimsby and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

BORROWED BOOTS

Because his own boots were falling apart, Bobby Charlton borrowed a spare pair from the late Roger Byrne. Then, trembling with excitement, Charlton went out on his debut for United and scored twice ... against Charlton.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

In 1948/9 the average attendance at Football League matches was 23,333. Last season the figures had fallen to 8,851. Last season saw fans hand over £63 million for the privilege of watching Barclays League football.

OK, BUT WHAT ABOUT ... NIGEL?

Did you know that the Pools Companies pay £3.5 million by way of copyright payment for use of the Football League's fixture lists! That is 24% of the net pools profit in comparison with the £200 million (42.5%) that the Chancellor takes.

A CRACKERJACK!

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8. Alan McLoughlin
9. Duncan Shearer
10. Ross Maclaren
11. Steve White
12. Charlie Henry
14. David Geddis

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