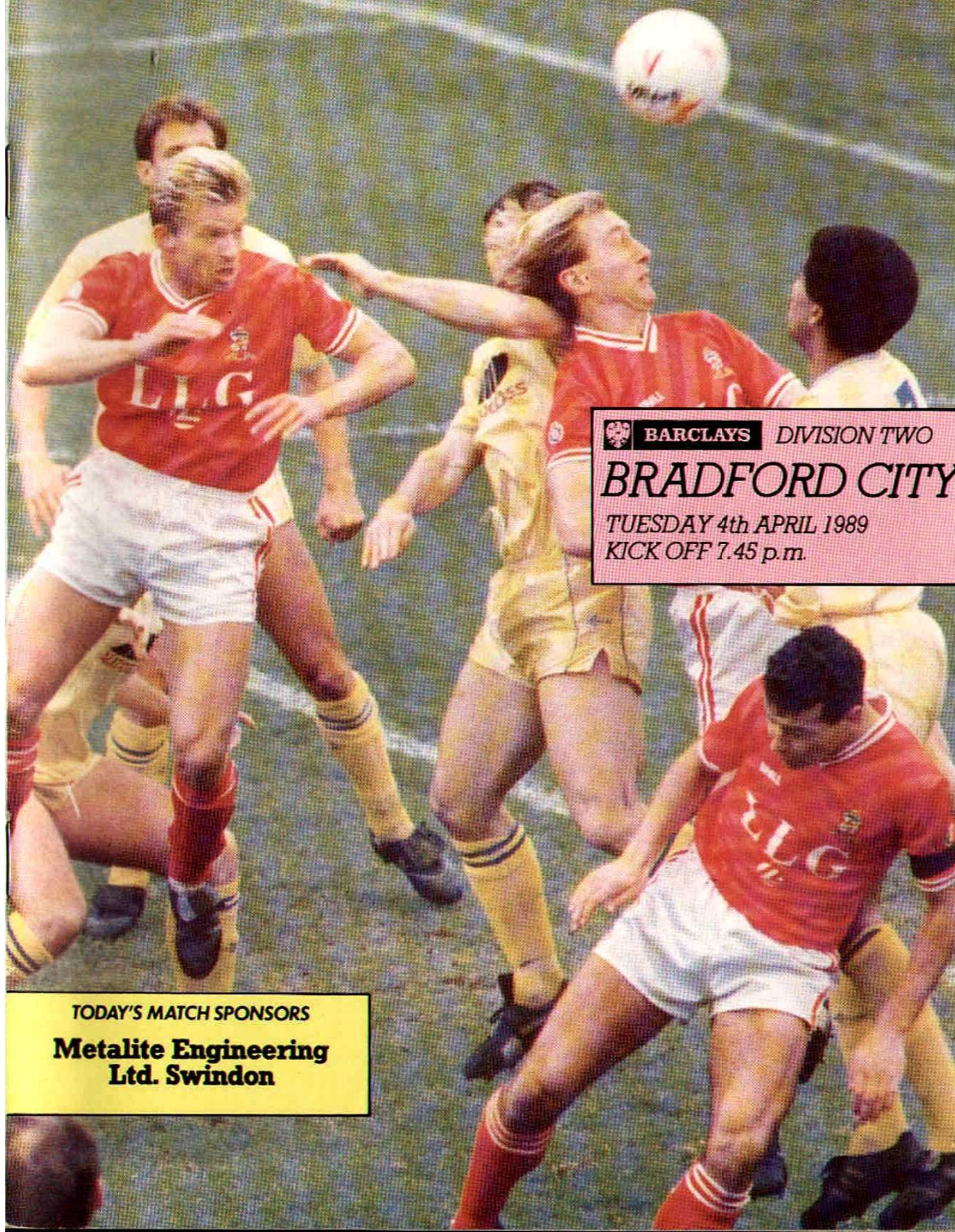


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DISASTROUS EASTER PERIOD
We experienced an unhappy Easter programme in more ways than one. From the six points available we managed to take just one.

That single point was obtained from our match with West Bromwich Albion. A point that Brian Talbot the Albion Manager was more than pleased with. There were one or two debateable decisions in this game which did not go in our favour. I have pointed out before that such incidents tend to balance out over a season and I am sure we have or will find them sometime in our favour.

'GIFT' TIME AT PLYMOUTH
The match at Plymouth on Easter Monday was a disaster from our point of view. Argyle must have thought that they could not believe their luck. It was 'gift' time and we were the team handing out the gifts. Poor defending was the reason.

With the vital time of the season now approaching we cannot afford to be so generous again. Any more displays like this one and we will find ourselves slipping out of contention for a place in the play-offs.

MORE PROBLEMS
Our other problem over the holiday period arose through a training injury to our on-loan goalkeeper Jim O'Donnell. It came after the match with West Bromwich Albion.

Those players not involved in the actual match on the Saturday are often taken through a training stint.

**THE
MANAGER'S
VIEW**

BY

Lou Macari

On this occasion Jim was involved in a challenge with Jon Gittens and the result was that he suffered a badly bruised shoulder and will probably be out of action for a month.

With Paul Thompson our Youth trainee out with an injured ankle I was forced to include Fraser Digby in the Reserve team line-up against Crystal Palace. Fraser's second match in forty-eight hours. We just have to hope that Paul and Jim can return to action as soon as possible. It's a 'hairy' situation with just one 'keeper.

Talking of our goalkeepers, it's nice to see Nicky Hammond back at the ground again. Nick will be looking to return to action at the start of next season.

WELCOME TO THE 'TYKES'
Welcome to Bradford City for this evening's match. With Terry Yorath now their Manager and Norman Hunter as his assistant I expect to see some real Yorkshire 'grit' displayed tonight.

Terry has been in action in the transfer market since his appointment, signing **Brian Tinnion** from **Newcastle United**, **David Campbell** from **Charlton Athletic** and also our former striker **Jimmy Quinn** from **Leicester City**.

Although Bradford City appear to have little to play for in the remaining weeks of the season we have only to remember our visit to Plymouth Argyle!

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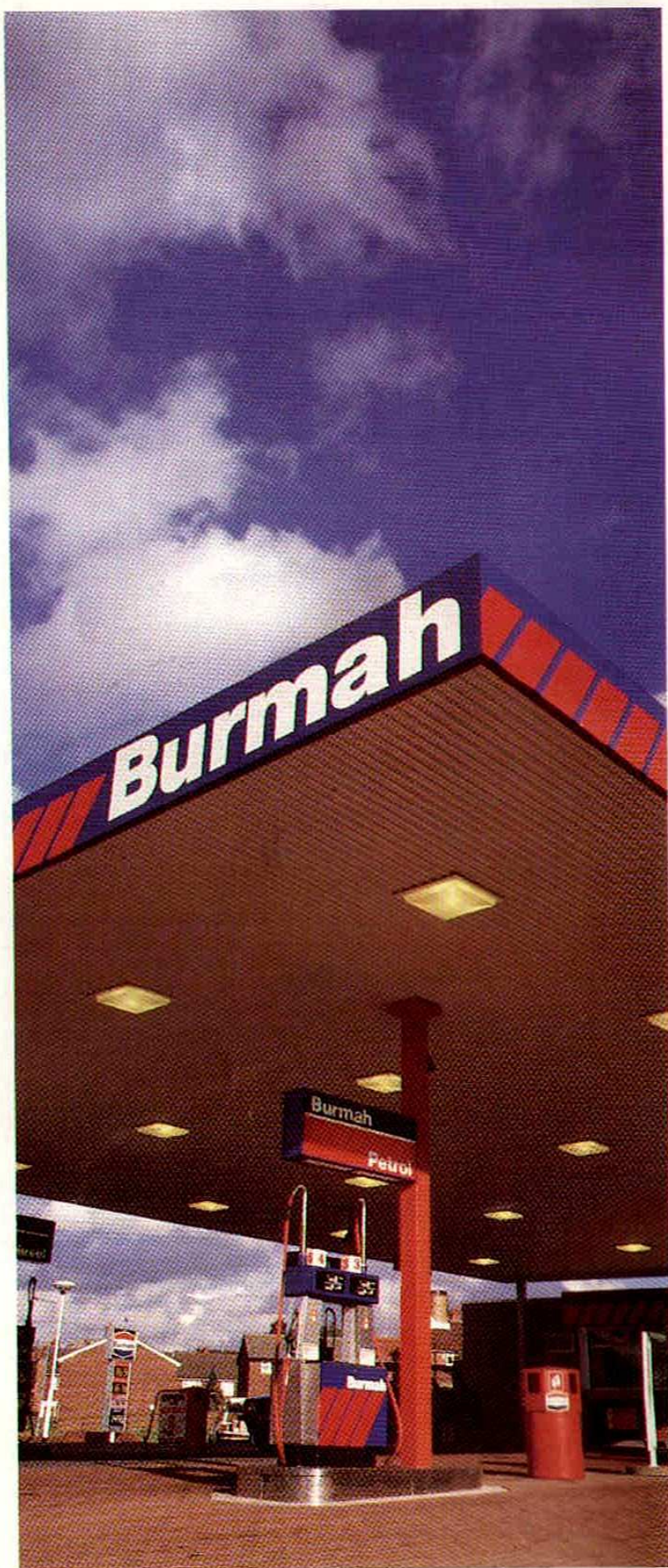
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CAN WE MAKE THE FIRST DIVISION

Writing before the crucial game with Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, it is impossible for me to say what tonight's game means in terms of our season. Whatever the result, there is still a chance that Swindon Town could make Club history and the First Division for the first time via the play-off system.

RON OF THE KNOCKOUT CUP

Chief supporter of the knockout cup which now closes the season was Ron Noades, Chairman of Crystal Palace, its initial purpose being to reduce the size of the First Division to twenty Clubs. Now that the reduction has been achieved, Noades would like to see the top flight increased to twenty two Clubs again. If this reversion of policy occurred and the play-offs remained, they would be exposed as yet another scheme inflicted on the lower divisions for the convenience of the elite. Noades' other plan, to decrease the voting rights of the First Division, is an admirable one, but certain Clubs seem so concerned with their own narrow financial priorities that he seems doomed to fail in his bid.

LIVERPOOL ARE THE MONEY MEN

Liverpool are one of the main offenders when it comes to believing that football exists just for them. The Anfield Club's decision to give a money-spinning friendly in Dubai precedence over a League game displays a typical attitude from the side that has bought rather than built success. English football is surely not about playing Scottish opposition in front of a couple of dozen camels for a lucrative fee. Liverpool's late run for the title was, I'd have thought, much more important, the Club's behaviour devalues an already very devalued competition.

KENILWORTH ROAD 'CROWD POLICIES'

Another Club whose behaviour goes against most footballing values is in a

SCOTT FREE



by Michael Scott

very different position. Luton Town's crowd 'control' policies have hit the Club badly financially and now the novelty of their plastic pitch seems to be wearing off as the Club head towards Division Two. There is no way that I would welcome the 'Hatters' and their away fans ban to the Second Division, but their attitude towards the game and other Clubs make their present plight quite a pleasant one.

WELL DONE MARK

Aside from footballs never-ending politics some good news is the return from long lingering injury of Mark Jones. Perhaps after coming through reserve football and scoring from a penalty, Mark's reappearance in the first team is not too far away. The confusion caused in an away programme by our signing of Tommy Jones, has meant that Mark has appeared in many line-ups during his absence. The return of the genuine article alongside our

other Jones can only add more depth to our midfield.

A GOOD START FOR JIM

Football's incredible capacity for irony, finds Jimmy Quinn back at the County Ground playing for the side he demolished in the fog last season, only for his efforts to be wiped out. After an unsuccessful spell at Leicester, Jimmy has made a spectacular start to his career at Valley Parade, our defenders should be familiar enough with his style to prevent him continuing his good run.

GRAHAM v COLIN

Whilst I couldn't predict last Saturday's game, I think I can just about guess the outcome of yesterday's meeting between Graham Kelly and UEFA. Colin Moynihan's bleating to the Europeans seems to guarantee a negative response to our request to compete on the continent next season. Not content with controlling the liberty of innocent fans, the Government now seems able to dictate where the Clubs themselves can play.

A TOUGH GAME AHEAD AND SURELY A WIN?

On Saturday we have a really tough game at Manchester City, who will be seeking to complete a double over us after winning at the County Ground on the last day of 1988. If we are to have a genuine chance of competing in the First Division next season nothing less than a draw at Maine Road will do. A complete contrast to the flair and skill of Manchester City will be next Tuesday's game at St. Andrews to face Birmingham City in the match rearranged due to the waterlogged pitch which the Brummies save themselves with last time. Whereas a draw at Maine Road would be a good result, the 'Town' must win at St. Andrews a week tonight.

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PROMOTION MAY BECOME EASIER!

Instead of the scramble for play-off positions that we have become accustomed to in the past three seasons we may witness a major change for next season!

A powerful First Division lobby are proposing that **five** Clubs are promoted from the **Second Division** next season. This is an attempt to reverse the slow erosion of First Division Clubs to **sixteen** Clubs and therefore restore it at once to its original strength of **twenty-two**.

Obviously the First Division Clubs have become concerned with the loss of revenue that the moguls have suffered from the shorter League programme due to our continuing absence from European soccer. It must be remembered that they were the same people who voted to reduce the number of Clubs **after** our European withdrawal. Scarcely a tribute to farsightedness. One intriguing aspect! What would happen if we return to European soccer in the next few years? The same problem would re-occur!

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

We have a series of events planned with our Supporters Club in the forthcoming weeks. A quiz and forum are two of the events planned.

May I appeal to as many as possible of you to support these events. The officials of the **Supporters Club** put a lot of effort into these events and they

deserve your help. The entry fee is only a minimal amount which is aimed at boosting their funds. Full details can be found on the **Notice Board** page of this programme.

GOING TO MAINE ROAD?

I am sure you all realise the importance of the match we face when we travel to Maine Road next Saturday to meet Manchester City.

The Manchester Club are the best supported team in the Second Division and the recent attendance of 40,000 that watched their match with Chelsea indicates the level of support they can enjoy when they are successful. A long journey for our supporters, but your vocal encouragement is essential and we shall be pleased to see as many of you that can make the motorway journey.

JUNIOR SUPPORTERS DAY

Our Junior Supporters Day last Thursday was a huge success and I am sure our Junior Robins leader Mr. Richard Mattick and his band of helpers enjoyed the day as much as the boys themselves.

We were pleased that the media paid as much attention as they did. The exposure they gave this branch of the Football Club fosters future relationships with the younger element in our community and also encourages their allegiance to Swindon Town Football Club.

AN IMPROVEMENT

The attendance we enjoyed against

West Bromwich Albion was much better and we hope that during the final run-in toward the end of the season our attendances will rise significantly.

Swindon is reported to be the fastest growing town in the European Community and with this population increase we would hope that a fair percentage of the newcomers to the area will become supporters of this Club.

PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD

Mr. Richard Mattick, one of the Club Directors, has written a history of Swindon Town Football Club and the book, of which I have been fortunate to have seen a preview, will be published later this year.

Richard, who possesses a fine knowledge of the history of this Club, would be grateful if anyone who either owns or has knowledge of anyone who has pre-war photographs or illustrations would contact him c/o The County Ground.

The book, well written and researched, will become a **must** for all you Swindon Town buffs. It will contain many interesting facts, little known or as a surprise. Richard will shortly be hoping to compile a list of subscribers who wish to purchase the book and I believe, if you are one of those lucky people, your name will be entered in a list of these Swindon Town supporters.

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A SECOND LOOK

A LOOK AT THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

I WAS HERE BEFORE BUT DID NOT WANT TO STAY

Colin West joined **West Bromwich Albion** ten years after he turned them down as a schoolboy. The 26-year-old striker made up part of the package that took **Carlton Palmer** to **Sheffield Wednesday**. Colin believes his drop into Second Division football is only temporary.

Colin says, "I joined the Hawthorns ten years ago for trials but, despite being offered an apprenticeship, I returned home to the North East preferring to sign for **Sunderland**. The idea of leaving home at sixteen was a frightening thought to say the least and one I never seriously considered."

Colin says of Albion, "The Club have a tremendous pedigree and I wouldn't have joined if I thought they lacked ambition."

IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE - STEVE

Crystal Palace have headed off any challenge for striker **Ian Wright** by persuading him to sign a two-year contract.

This follows in the wake of fellow-striker **Mark Bright**'s decision to commit himself to the **Selhurst Park** Club for two years. The double deal makes the much sought after partnership the highest paid and most valuable outside the First Division.

Manager **Steve Coppell** said: "That has taken care of our outgoings until at least the summer. Those two would have been impossible to have replaced."

Meanwhile, **Palace** goalkeeper **Perry Suckling** signed from **Manchester City** 14 months ago, has signed a new contract.

He said, "I'm really happy here. It's a good Club, and with a bit more luck I can see us going into the First Division."

FIVE UP FOR BRIAN

Wayne Dobbins, **West Bromwich Albion**'s utility player, has become the fourth player to sign a new contract at **The Hawthorns** since **Brian Talbot** took charge last year. Wayne, 21, who can operate in defence or midfield, has signed a new two-year deal. **Gary Robson**, **Stuart Naylor** and **Don Goodman** have all signed new contracts this season.

SPITTING IMAGES

Leicester City's new signing **Mick Kennedy** was the subject of a Police investigation which took place at the end of his final appearance for his previous Club - **Bradford City** - in a game at **Bournemouth** and they referred it to the **Football Association**. The former **Valley Parade** midfielder player was leaving the pitch when cushion seller **Richard Stanley** called him "a donkey", and **Mick Kennedy** was said to have then sworn and spat on Stanley's coat.

Brendon Batson assistant Secretary of the Player's Union, said: "I know of this case. Concerning spitting in general, we think it is disgusting. We take a dim view of it and people who do it deserve everything they get."

A week after the incident the player was sold to **Leicester** in exchange for former **Town** striker **Jimmy Quinn**. **Richard Stanley** has been warned by **AFC Bournemouth** about his future conduct. Ironically **Leicester City** played at **Bournemouth** on **Easter Monday**!

ADDO DOMINI APPROACHING?

West Bromwich Albion player Manager **Brian Talbot** is nearing his 36th birthday and admits, "I get a bit tired these days." Brian added, "I've already achieved my ambition to play until I was 35." That's 16 seasons. So how long now? "If I get my rest I can carry on" he says. "But finding time to relax the bones isn't easy, with travelling to watch matches, taking training and all the other managerial duties. I suppose in the end the players will start looking at me a bit funny and in their own way let me know when it's time to go. Not just yet though."

MORE SKILLFUL THAN ... AND ... ?

Stoke City Manager **Mick Mills** rates **Peter Beagrie** as better than **John Barnes**, more skillful than **Chris Waddle**.

Peter, the 23-year-old winger **Mick Mills** brought from **Sheffield United** last summer for **£125,000**, isn't arguing. He says, "I've always had faith in my ability. I've never doubted I'll go all the way." He added, "It's interesting that the Manager should mention me alongside **Barnes** and **Waddle** because I reckon all three of us have a head start on most players. We were all late beginners and played non-League football before joining **League Clubs**. That is supposed to be a disadvantage but I don't agree. Coaches don't get hold of us as kids. They don't get a chance to knock the flair out of you. Who wants to be a good athlete?"

Peter Beagrie was a carpet fitter and playing for **Guisborough** when **Middlesbrough** picked him up at 17. "What I like at **Stoke**" he said, "I can go where I want and use either wing. That's what's best for me."

ALMOST ONE YEAR AGO

In one of the Second Division's most thrilling finishes in living memory **Bradford City**'s quest for an automatic Division One place for the first time since 1922 hinged on a last match victory over **Ipswich Town** last season. Whilst they had to rely on **Aston Villa** and **Middlesbrough** being denied a win. Ironically results went in favour of **Bradford City** that day. **Aston Villa** were held to a goalless draw here at the **County Ground** while **Middlesbrough** lost at home to **Leicester City**.

However, the shock home reverse the **Valley Parade** Club suffered against their **East Anglian** visitors by 3-2 meant they had to compete in the play-offs for the first time. **Aston Villa** were automatically promoted while **City** met **Middlesbrough**, whom they had beaten in both previous **League** encounters.

Despite **City**'s 2-1 win at **Valley Parade** in the First Leg their hopes were cruelly brought to a premature end by an extra-time winner in the Second Leg Semi-Final play off at **Ayresome Park**. **Bradford City** losing 3-2 on aggregate.

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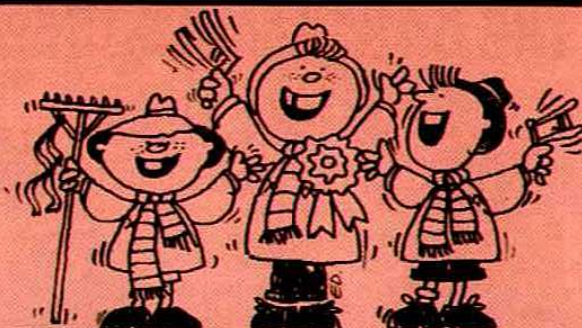
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OUR NEXT OPPONENTS

Next Saturday we travel to **Maine Road** to meet **Manchester City**. The Maine Road Club's recent League form has been built on the fact that they have only lost **one** League match since Boxing Day!

Twelve League matches have produced just that single defeat against the Division's leaders, Chelsea, at Maine Road by **3-2**. Their remaining results have produced nine wins and two draws.

That time period saw Manchester City make their exit from the F.A. Cup - City losing **3-1** at **Brentford** in Round Four, having disposed of **Leicester City** in Round Three. The Manchester Club's Littlewoods Cup interest also ended at the Fourth

Round stage, again with a **3-1** defeat, this time at **Luton Town**. In the Simod Cup the Maine Road Club made their exit at the first hurdle, losing **3-2** against last Saturdays visitors to the County Ground, **Blackburn Rovers** at **Ewood Park**.

On Easter Saturday, City were involved in an extraordinary encounter against **Walsall** at **Fellows Park**. They were losing 2-0 when they lost goalkeeper Andy Dibble through injury. They then proceeded to score three times, miss a penalty and concede a late goal to take a point from a **3-3** draw.

Manchester City's general Manager **Jimmy Frizzell** had this to say about his Club's promotion challenge in a recent interview: "There are still a lot of points to be gained, but we are where we want to be," he said. "Everyone's at our heels and the only time we will be able to relax is when we have achieved our aim and are back in the First Division. It's

irrelevant to talk about points targets - we just need to be ahead of the pack. We want to finish first or second as we don't particularly want to be involved in the play-offs."

Manchester City gained **three** useful points in their championship bid when they defeated **Stoke City 2-1** on Easter Monday. Goals from new **£600,000** signing **David Oldfield** previously with **Luton Town** and full back **Anthony Hinchcliffe** from the **penalty** spot paved the way. **Stoke City** pulled one back with a superb glancing header nine minutes from time from full back **John Butter**.

It was a win tinged with recriminations as star Stoke City player **Peter Beagrie** was taken off in the 64th minute with damaged knee ligaments following a foul by full back Andy Hinchcliffe. That prompted Stoke City boss **Mick Mills** to comment, "That was a double professional foul. They used to send players off for that."

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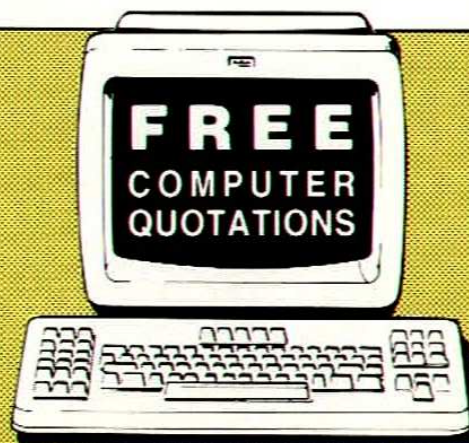
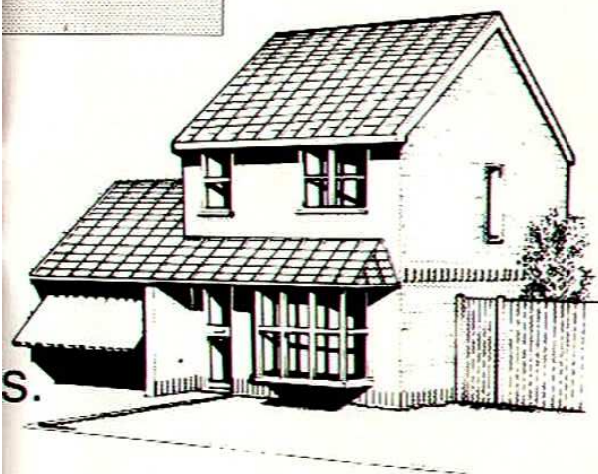
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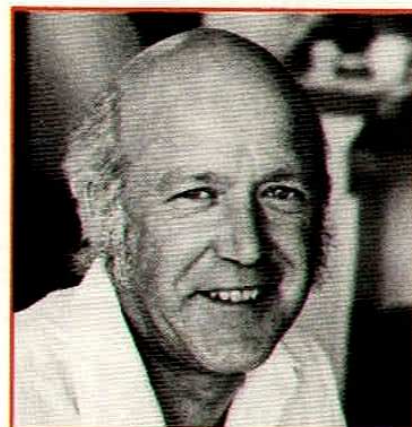


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TAKING THE Opposite VIEW

BRADFORD CITY



by Dave Eaton



Back Row: Greg Abbott, Andy Thomas, Mark Leonard, Ian Ormondroyd (now Aston Villa), Peter Litchfield, Paul Tomlinson, Gavin Oliver, Ian Banks (now West Bromwich Albion), Lee Sinnott, Bryan Edwards (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: Mark Ellis, Karl Goddard, Leigh Palin, Micky Kennedy (now Leicester City), Terry Dolan (Manager), Stan Ternent (Assistant Manager), Brian Mitchell, Dave Evans, Paul Jewell.

The last day of the 1984/85 season should have been one of celebration for Bradford City as they toasted the Third Division title and a return to Division Two.

But May 11 1985 turned into one of the most horrific disasters ever experienced in the games history.

The match against Lincoln City, at Valley Parade, was abandoned just before half time when a blazing inferno destroyed the main stand... resulting in 56 people losing their lives. Football League Officials deemed that the score would stand. As a result of the disaster stringent safety standards were introduced up and down the country by the Government in all sporting stadiums.

Bradford were forced to play the following season 'away' from home, the chief venue being the Odsal Stadium, the home of Rugby League Club Bradford Northern. To finish in a mid-table position was, therefore, an excellent achievement.

The Club opened the 1986/87 season 'away' from home while the rebuilding of Valley Parade continued. On December 14 1986, Bradford City beat Bobby Robson's England XI 2-1 before 15,000 spectators in a special match to mark the re-opening of Valley Parade. 12 days later League football returned with the home game with Leeds United.

The beginning of 1987 saw Manager Terry Cherry dismissed after four years in charge

with the team struggling. Terry Dolan was appointed as his successor and fortunes turned for the better.

Early last season Bradford headed the Division Two table and opened up a healthy gap. However, a slump in results saw them, in the new year, slide down to sixth place. A revival gave them a final finishing position of fourth. Hopes of Division 1 football disappeared in the play-offs though, City losing 3-2 after extra-time in the semi-finals to Middlesbrough.

This season City made a poor start. It accumulated in Dolan leaving and former player and Assistant Manager Terry Yorath quitting Swansea to return as boss at Valley Parade.

The Yorkshire Club were elected to Division Two in 1903 and five years later gained promotion as champions. Season 1910-11 was to become the best in the Clubs history - F.A. Cup winners and fifth place in Division One.

Bradford lost their Division One status in 1922 and have been unable to regain it since.

Apart from two spells in the Fourth they have fluctuated between the Second and Third Divisions.

Three League titles have been won by City - Division Two, 1908-8, Division 3 (N), 1928-29 and Division 3, 1984-85.

MEET THE PLAYERS AND MANAGER

Terry Yorath (Manager). Appointed Manager this season when he quit Swansea amid controversy to take over from Terry Dolan at Valley Parade. Previously the assistant at Bradford prior to his two and a half seasons in charge at Swansea. As a player saw service as a midfielder with Leeds, Coventry, Tottenham, Vancouver W, and Bradford City making over 300 League appearances. Capped by Wales at full International level 59 times.

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● Paul Tomlinson

Paul Tomlinson (Goalkeeper). Born Brierley Hill. Joined City in close season of 1987 from Sheffield United for £47,500. Played for Birmingham City on loan from Sheffield. A regular in first team since joining City. He made 42 League appearances last season.

Greg Abbott (Defender). One of four ex-Coventry in the Bradford side. Joined City in August 1982 after being released by Coventry, but did not gain a regular first team place until the following season. Has now played over 200 League games for City.

Karl Goddard (Defender). Born Leeds. Joined City on free transfer from Manchester United during the summer of 1985 after being an apprentice with that Club. Now a regular in the first team squad. Has made over 50 League appearances for City.



● Karl Goddard

Brian Mitchell (Defender). Born Stonehaven. Cost £70,000 from Aberdeen in February 1987. Made over 100 appearances for Aberdeen and has had experience of European football. Only missed two League games last season.

Gavin Oliver (Defender). Born Felling. Joined City from Sheffield Wednesday for £30,000 during 1985/86 season. Had been with Wednesday from schoolboy days. A first team regular since his arrival, only missed one League game last season.

Leigh Palin (Midfielder). Born Worcester. Signed from Nottingham Forest in August of 1986 for £25,000. Previously an apprentice at Aston Villa and had a spell at Shrewsbury on loan. Made 20 League appearances last season.



● Leigh Palin

Mark Leonard (Forward). Born St Helens. Signed for Bradford City from Stockport County in Autumn of 1986 for £40,000. Scored 23 goals for Stockport in his last season with them. Previously played with Crewe and Tranmere, but started his career at Everton. Has now made over 200 League appearances in total.

Lee Sinnott (Defender). Born Aldridge. Signed in close season of 1987 from Watford for £137,000. Previously with Walsall where he started as an apprentice. The 23 year old defender only missed the League matches against Millwall and Oldham.

Brian Tinnion (Defender). Born Newcastle. Joined his local Club as an apprentice. Signed earlier this month for £150,000 from Newcastle.

Dave Campbell (Midfielder). Born Eglington. Joined Nottingham Forest from Oxford B.C. Made 41 League appearances for Forest and 18 on loan to neighbours County before moving on to Charlton. Signed for Bradford two weeks ago for a fee of £75,000. A Northern Ireland International.



● Brian Mitchell

Jimmy Quinn (Striker). Signed by City from Leicester City in a swap deal involving Mick Kennedy just before this season's transfer deadline. Has scored three goals in three matches for Bradford. 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 Leicester during the close season from Swindon. An Irish International who has also had spells with Oswestry Town and Blackburn Rovers. Topped the Division 2 scoring charts last season.

Peter Jackson (Defender). Born in Bradford he returned to his local Club last September after one and a half seasons at Newcastle. He re-signed for £300,000, that was £50,000 more than the fee Newcastle paid for him. Began as an apprentice at Valley Parade and made 278 League appearances scoring 24 goals in his first spell.

David Evans (Defender). Born West Bromwich. Joined City from neighbours Halifax Town in the close season of 1984 and missed only one match in the Championship season for Division Three. Began League career with Aston Villa but made only two appearances in their first team and moved to Halifax for a fee of £25,000. Played nearly 250 senior games at the Shay before moving to Bradford on a free transfer. Ever present last season.

Mark Ellis (Forward). Local born player who played as an amateur for three seasons before turning professional. A regular for five years. He can play on either flank but plays mainly on left. Had made 184 League appearances (27 goals) up to beginning of this season.

Paul Jewell (Forward). Born Liverpool. The third of the summer '88 signings. He was purchased from Wigan for £80,000. Began his career as an apprentice at Liverpool and moved to Wigan four seasons ago.

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OUR 'RED ROSE' VISITORS AND WELCOME TO JIM

Good evening and welcome to the County Ground with special facilities to those of you from Yorkshire. We had visitors from the Red Rose county on Saturday when Blackburn Rovers came here, well 'ecky thump it's nice to see folks from t'other side of the Penines.

Of course, Bradford City may well include in their team as certain Mr Jimmy Quinn, we welcome you Jim and wish you well at your new Club. Perhaps you'll see more of the game than you did with Leicester City on their recent visit here.

WILL THE CANARIES BE SINGING?

The Easter programme contained its fair share of surprising results, in Division One Norwich City did their level best to confuse the top and bottom of that particular League. By losing at home to second from bottom Newcastle and winning away at West Ham who are adrift at the foot of the table, achieved one of these topsy-turvy forty eight hours that makes football so fascinating. Liverpool, of course, steamrollered their way through to put pressure of the most intense kind on the leaders and goodness knows they know how to do that.

CLOTTED CREAM

In the Second Division while Chelsea were making their merry way Swindon went down to Devon and must have felt like clotted cream after the events at Home Park.

It was a hot Easter Monday to be

sure, a pleasant journey down to that lovely county but not so on the way back as all Town fans were a touch depressed. Still it was the first defeat in eight games so perhaps it wasn't quite the disaster that it at first appeared. I still think Home Park ought to be moved, Swindon just cannot seem to win there.

ENID BLYTON'S 'BIG FIVE'

There are some interesting developments at the time of writing among the so called 'Big Five'. I seems a little squabble has broken out causing all sorts of wrist slapping about the size of the First Division. Now as I recall there were similar squabbles a couple of years ago also about the size of the First Division. On that occasion the poor overworked First Division said they didn't want as many teams amongst the elite, of course this led to less money, sorry supporters, through the turnstiles. So certain members of the 'Big Five' want the First Division enlarged again and stuff the rest of football. It annoys me that the game as a whole, has to fall in with the wishes of the greedy few. Why don't they take their television money and run?

GARY IN NEED OF OPPOSITION

Britain's new heavyweight boxing hope Gary Mason recorded his thirtieth professional victory last week against Terry Armstrong of the United States with a Third Round knockout. A great achievement by Gary to record that many wins but perhaps it's time for his opponents to move up a notch to see if he really is the natural successor to

Frank Bruno. But my goodness he's a big lad isn't he?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

Talking of great performances what about Nigel Mansell in the Brazilian Grand Prix. Mansell has joined Ferrari this season and appears to have a genuinely competitive car giving the Brummie every chance of the World Title. What was even more encouraging was the four British drivers in the first seven places. Well done to all those particular gentlemen, it's a sobering fact that James Hunt was Britain's last World Champion in 1976.

THOUGHTS ON THE AMERICA'S CUP

Finally this evening to the rich and expensive world of yacht racing. The United States has been stripped of the America's Cup and the trophy awarded to the New Zealand challengers. The Americans were guilty of using an unfair advantage with the type of boat they used, I have no knowledge of the technicalities thing but I would think the shape of the craft were the same when the New Zealander objected before the races were held, so why weren't the Americans disqualified prior to the event? Well it's all terribly complicated and the upshot is that the next America's Cup will be held off Auckland in 1991. It all looks plain sailing from now on.

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

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION & YOUTH TEAM NEWS

AN ENTERTAINING DRAW

Our South East Counties Youth League team fresh from their Midland Youth Cup success against Leicester City were held to a goalless draw by Bristol City when they returned to League action. The Second Division fixture was played at Lydiard Park on Saturday, March 25th.

In a very competitive match both teams displayed plenty of endeavour but also cancelled each other out. Strong defences dominated throughout and therefore the play was mainly confined to midfield. The Town's first opportunity fell to Liam Dixon when he managed to creep in behind the City defence, draw goalkeeper Weaver from his goal, but then shot over the crossbar.

Brian Lovegrove in the Town goal handled crosses well and gave a competent display in place of the injured Paul Thompson.

Town Youth team Manager John Trollope was pleased with the performance and remarked "Ryan Lovegrove in his first League game did very little wrong while both Paul Trollope and Paul Hunt gave the best performances of the day. Nicky Summerbee led the attack with some hard work. Overall this was an improvement on some of our recent performances."

Team: Lovegrove, Spalding, Graham, Quinn, Sandrey, Lea, Hammersley, Trollope, Summerbee, Hunt, Dixon.

Substitutes: Walker and Hall.

MARK ON THE SPOT

Our Football Combination team continued their recent impressive form when they extended their current unbeaten run to seven matches. They defeated Crystal Palace on Tuesday March 28th at the County Ground by 1-0 in their 'Ovenden Papers' fixture. It was a happy occasion for Mark Jones. The diminutive midfielder player who recently returned to action following a long injury lay-off scored a second half penalty to ensure this latest victory.

Town Coach Andy Rowland in his report of the game said "Chances were

few and far between. It took a Mark Jones penalty to secure both points in our seventh successive win. On a bumpy surface both teams found the conditions difficult, resulting in a scrappy affair. Neither team put many moves together.

Midway through the second half Peter Coyne broke through the middle and was pulled down for our penalty award. One or two half chances went begging and we were left to reflect that our two points were hard earned against a youthful Crystal Palace team."

Curtis Fleming made his debut in this match but finished the game with damaged ankle ligaments which necessitated the full back hobbling around on crutches the following day!

Team: Digby, Fleming, Marshall, Barnard, Cornwell, King, Tomlinson, Coyne, Henry, Simpson and Viveash.

Substitutes: Jones (for King in 35th min.) Hunt (for Marshall in 70th min.)



● **Mark Jones** - Netted from the penalty spot in our 1-0 win against Crystal Palace. A welcome goal for the midfielder player who recently returned from injury.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE RESULTS 1988-89

Aug	27	Reading	Home	W3-2	Hammersley, Morgan, own goal
	31	Wimbledon	Home	D4-4	Hammersley, Summerbee (2), Morgan
Sep	03	Oxford United	Away	W2-1	Summerbee, Hunt
	10	Colchester United	Away	W2-1	Summerbee (2)
	24	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Away	W2-0	Lea, Trollope
Oct	01	Brentford	Home	W2-1	Summerbee, Hunt
	08	Brighton & Hove Albion	Home	D2-2	Summerbee, Hunt (pen)
	15	Northampton Town	Home	W3-1	Summerbee (2), Hunt
	22	Bristol Rovers	Away	L2-3	Summerbee, Hunt
	29	Tottenham Hotspur	Home	W3-0	Lea, Hammersley, Hunt
Nov	05	Luton Town	Home	W3-1	Summerbee, Hunt (2 pen)
	12	Southampton	Home	D1-1	Summerbee
	19	Crystal Palace	Away	W1-0	Hammersley
	26	Bristol City	Away	L0-1	-
Dec	03	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	W1-0	Quinn (pen)
	10	Reading	Away	D2-2	Dixon, Hunt (pen)
	17	Northampton Town	Away	D2-0	Dixon, Hunt
	17	Northampton Town	Away	D2-0	Hammersley, Hunt
	31	Wimbledon	Away	L1-3	Summerbee
Jan	07	Oxford United	Home	L0-1	-
	21	Colchester United	Home	W2-1	Hammersley, Dixon
	28	A.F.C. Bournemouth	Home	W2-1	Summerbee, Dixon
Feb	04	Brentford	Away	L0-2	-
	11	Brighton	Away	D1-1	Hunt
Mar	04	Luton Town	Away	L0-6	-
	25	Bristol City	Home	D0-0	-

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THE PLAY-OFF MATCHES

We are now able to confirm the arrangements for this end of seasons play-offs

Semi-Finals - 1st Leg Sunday 21st May 1989. 2nd Leg Wednesday 24th May 1989.

Final - 1st Leg Wednesday 31st May 1989. 2nd Leg Saturday 3rd June 1989.

Possible third match - Tuesday 6th June 1989.

Wales have a World Cup match against West Germany on Wednesday 31st May 1989. If a Club in the Play-off Final has a player or players selected for Wales then the Football League will re-schedule that Club's matches in the Play-off Final accordingly.

The Semi-Final line-up for Division Two will be,

6th Club v 3rd Club

5th Club v 4th Club

Competition Rules

1. In the Semi-finals and Final, with the exception of a third match, the team who finished higher in the League will play away from home in the First Leg.
2. In the Semi-Finals, if the aggregate scores are level at the end of 90 minutes in the Second Leg, extra time will be played. If the scores are then still level, the away goals rule will be applied, followed, if necessary by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game, (i.e. 5 kicks per side taken alternately followed by sudden death).
3. In the Final, if the aggregate scores are level at the end of 90 minutes in the Second Leg, a third match will be played on the ground of the finalist Club which finished higher in the League.
4. In a third match, if the score is level at the end of 90 minutes, extra time will be played, followed, if necessary, by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Financial Rules

1. For all play-off matches, The Football League will set the admission prices.
2. In all play-off matches, the visiting

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Club should be allowed to claim travelling expenses as laid down in the Rules of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup. Such expenses shall be deducted from the gross gate receipts.

3. In all play-off matches, 50% of the nett gate receipts shall be pooled, Division by Division, and each Division's pool shall be shared equally amongst all Clubs in that Division in Season 1988/89, except for those Clubs who actually gain promotion.

4. In Semi-Final matches, the remaining 50% of the nett gate receipts shall also be pooled, Division by Division, and shall be shared equally amongst the four semi-finalist Clubs in each Division.

5. In the Final, each finalist Club shall receive 25% of the nett gate receipts from each of its matches.

THANK YOU DEREK

One of the Town's most devoted fans, Derek Elston, from Northampton, brought the article you can read below into the Club recently. The article is of obvious interest to Swindon Town fans.

THE WRONG MOVE

by Frank Coumbe

The timing and destination of a player transferred can affect his whole career. The right move can see a player both financially sound and admired throughout the world of football. The wrong move can ultimately see him not achieve the standard he should or even push him out of football altogether. Today I intend to look at moves certain players have made and discuss their merits.

A player who certainly seemed to make a mistake was Colin Gordon. Colin, a tall centre forward, had a fine 1985-86 season, helping Swindon Town to become Division Four champions. Instead of remaining at the County Ground however, he opted to join Division One newcomers, Wimbledon for the following season where he hoped to displace John Fasanu. It didn't happen

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and Colin only made three League appearances for the Dons all season. In addition he played four games on loan to Third Division Gillingham. The summer of 1987 saw Colin sold to Second Division Reading for £80,000, the same fee Wimbledon had paid Swindon for him a year earlier.

The move to Reading wasn't the great success that Colin had hoped for. Although he scored eight goals in twenty games during the first half of the 1987-88 season, Manager Ian Branfoot went out and bought Billy Whitehurst from Oxford to replace him. Colin then went on loan to Third Division Bristol City where he scored four goals in eight games to help them into the end of season play-offs.

The 1988-89 season started with Colin in Reading's Reserves, then Fulham paid £90,000 for him. After only one goal in ten games he was dropped. One wonders what would have happened if he'd remained with Swindon Town who are now in the Second Division!

BOBBY KNEW A SMART MOVE!

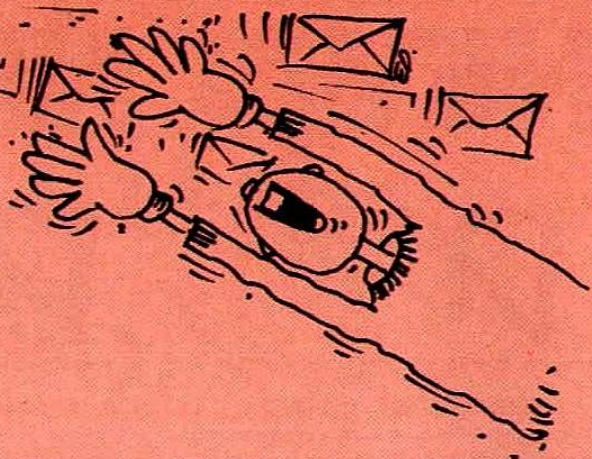
When England travelled to Albania for their World Cup match on Monday, March 6th they took 80lb of prime steak, 70 salmonella-free chicken breasts and their own Chef.

This was all due to Bobby Robson asking Town Director Mr Lionel Smart, a senior F.A. Councillor, to rustle up the country's finest beef. Bristol butcher Bob Jarrett, an England fan, was only too pleased to grab a steak in England's World Cup hopes!

Mr Smart said, "We took our own chef, Roger Narkett, to Greece and were told there to expect the worse of everything to eat in Albania. It was such an important game there was no point in leaving anything to chance, so Roger flew out with us again."

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you because I would like to know what Fraser Digby has to do to become the Player of the Month, he has made many great saves for the Town and the saves he did in the Portsmouth and the West Ham Cup Ties. Look at the saves he made against West Ham at the County Ground and the extra money he brought to the Club by the replays, I am very disappointed to think he has not been given the Player of the Month award.

Yours faithfully
E. J. Tomes

Hungerford Town Football Club

Dear Dave,

May I, on behalf of Hungerford Town F.C., thank you and Swindon Town F.C. for the use of the Stewards' coats arranged through Terry Wollen for our F.A. Vase Semi-Final match against Sudbury Town F.C. last Saturday. This gesture was very much appreciated and made the Steward's job much easier on the day.

Please find enclosed a copy of the programme produced for the match and you will see that an acknowledgement was given to Swindon Town on the second page under the heading 'Sponsorship'.

Once again, thank you very much for your help.

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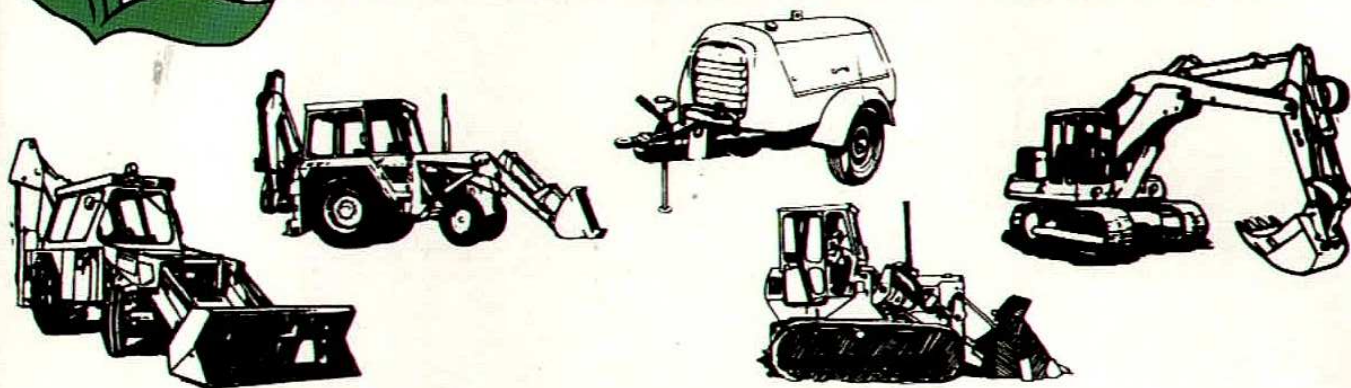
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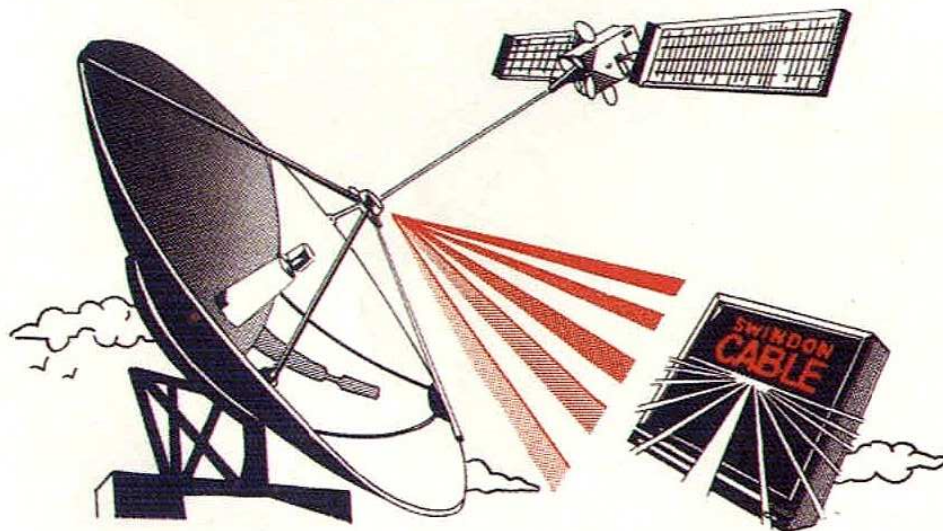


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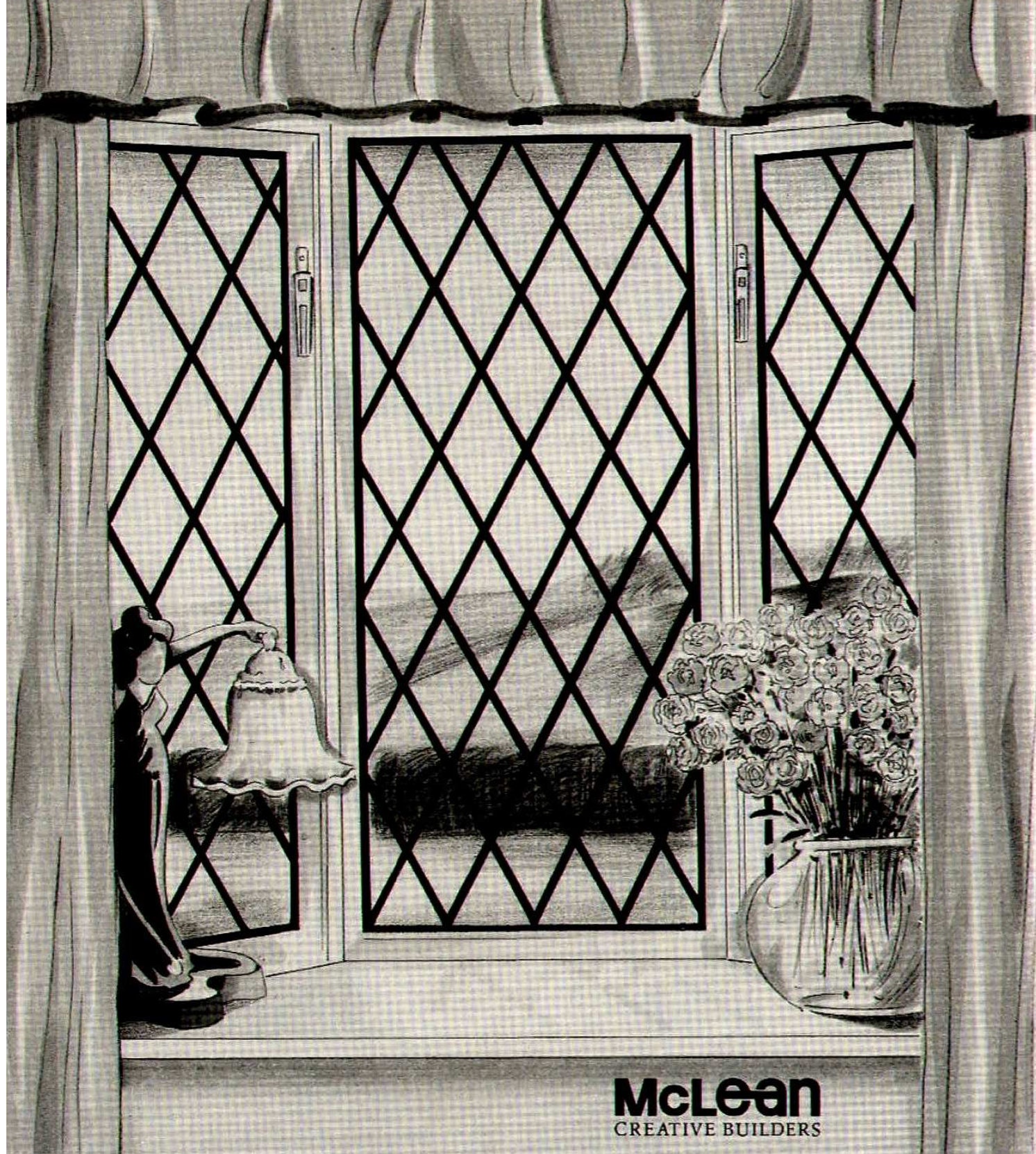
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VIEWPOINT

A DREADFUL START

What a dreadful start to my stay here at Swindon Town. I had been here just a couple of days when a training injury put me out of action.

Physio Kevin Morris has told me that I should be able to return to the field of play in a couple of weeks time. I have been out of action with a shoulder injury before, that time it was my right shoulder and I suffered a separation. This time it is my left shoulder and it is heavily bruised.

ALWAYS GOING TO OLD TRAFFORD

Obviously I had hoped to make an impression during my stay and at the very least add to my experience. If I can get started I hope to make progress.

Most schoolboys dream of playing for the recognised big Clubs. I was no different in this respect and had always dreamed of belonging to Manchester United. So when I was invited to sign schoolboy forms nobody was more delighted than I was.

STEPPING UP

Obviously playing schoolboy soccer for Manchester Under-14s is totally different to appearing in United teams, but everyone starts somewhere.

When I joined United I had to go through the process of playing in the Junior teams. Manchester United compete in the Lancashire League and you have to progress through the 'A' and 'B' teams to appear at Reserve team level in the Central League.

SPECIALISED TREATMENT

Goalkeepers receive specialised treatment at Old Trafford and we spend one day each week under instruction from Alan Hodgkinson

JIM O'DONNELL

who was for many years an asset to Sheffield United.

Thursday is usually the day we receive specialist training from Alan. On other days we train alone, Jim Leighton, Gary Walsh and myself. This season I have played a great deal of Central League football due to Gary Walsh being injured although he is now back in regular action.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

I was able to witness Football Combination football for the first time last Tuesday when I watched the Reserve match with Crystal Palace. There is not a lot to choose between this standard and Central League. Although in the Central League there are two Divisions which probably make it a little more competitive.

Last season at Old Trafford we were able to call upon players such as Kevin Moran and Graeme Hogg, yet we were in danger of relegation from Division One of the Central League at one stage. This season our Reserve team is made up of younger players. Some of those you have probably seen on your television sets during this season. Players like Lee Martin and Russell Beardsmore have been in first team matches that have been televised.

LOU A HERO

As a small boy I used to stand in the Stretford End and I must confess that Lou Macari was one of two of my favourite players. The other was Bristol City Manager Joe Jordan.

One of my first recollections of Lou



• JIM O'DONNELL

was in a Cup replay, Quarter Final against Everton. Lou was one of the substitutes and scored within two or three minutes of entering the field. One of my memories of Lou Macari was that he was always sharp, nippy and quick. I well remember his Testimonial against Glasgow Celtic just before he left Old Trafford.

QUITE A CONTINGENT

In recent seasons there have been quite a contingent of goalkeepers at Manchester United. Besides the three, I have previously mentioned including myself, there is a long list including Jim Leighton, Gary Walsh, Fraser Digby, Chris Turner, Jeff Wealands and Gary Bailey along with Stephen Pears.

The one 'keeper who made the biggest impression upon me personally was Gary Bailey. Acrobatic and fearless he was a fine goalkeeper and it was a tragedy that his career was prematurely ended. Until Jim Leighton moved south from Scotland there was a void. Gary was certainly a confident keeper and very good on crosses. If I can turn out to be as good I shall enjoy a fine career.

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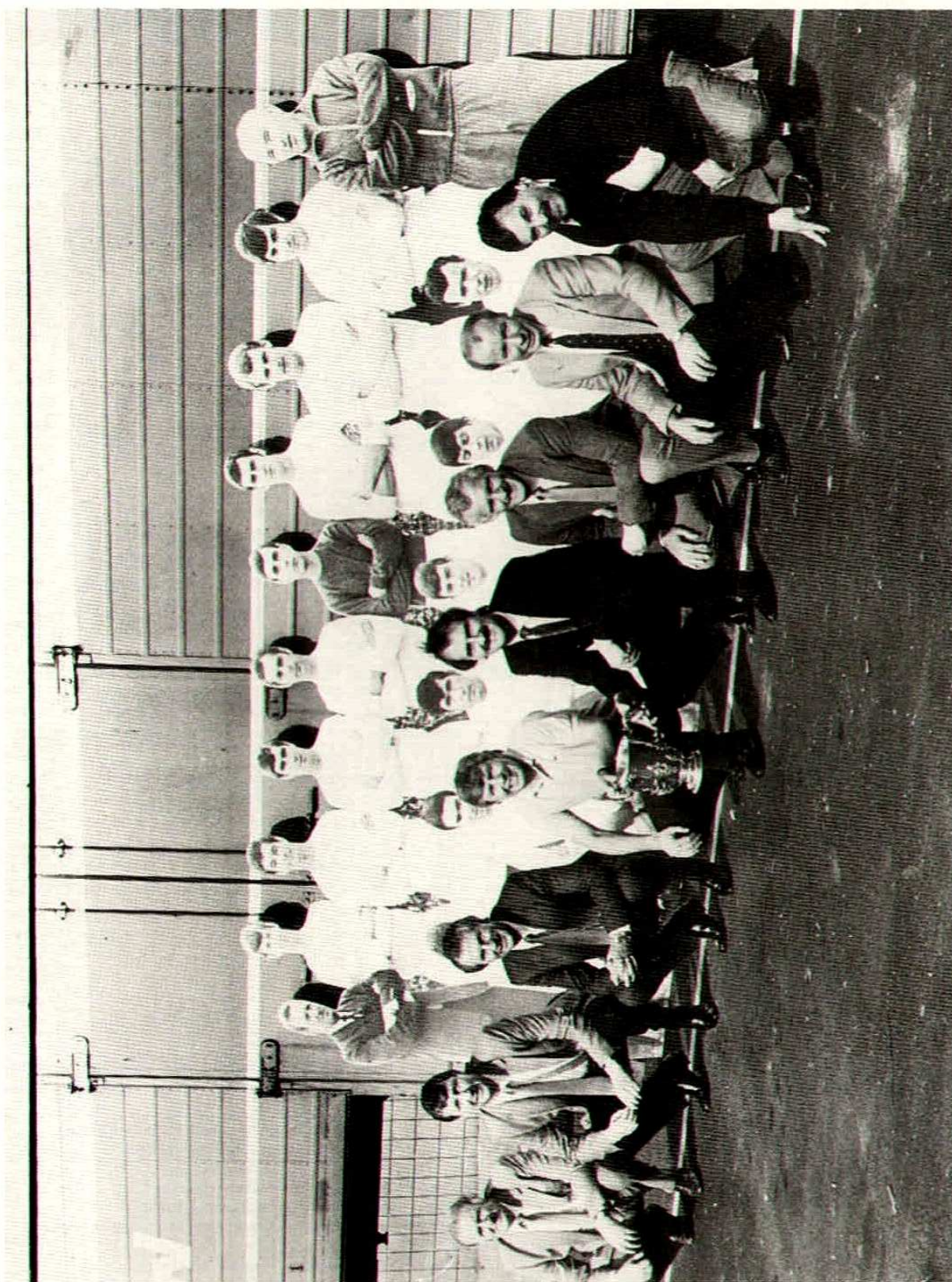
A nostalgic look back with HTV's 'Flashback for the Fans'. Several members of the 1969 League Cup winning team are photographed when they visited the television studios in Bristol recently.

Left to Right: Danny Williams, Rod Thomas, Don Heath, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, John Trollope, Willie Penman and Don Rogers. ➤

▼ Still Protecting the Net! Danny Williams, Don Heath, Rod Thomas, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Willie Penman, John Trollope and Don Rogers were joined at the recent television tribute to Swindon Town's League Cup winning team of 1969 by present Town Physiotherapist Kevin Morris.



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SWINDON TOWN 1988/89												
DATE		OPPONENTS	V	Attnd	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29.8.88	MON	BARNLEY	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	BARNLEY	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 (1)
18.2.89	SAT	SUNDERLAND	H	7,432	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	7,456	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones (p)	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley
4.3.89	SAT	IPSWICH TOWN	A	11,542	2-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Calderwood	Parkin	Shearer
11.3.89	SAT	HULL CITY	H	7,090	1-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley
18.3.89	SAT	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	A	9,752	3-2	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Parkin	Calderwood	Foley(2)
25.3.89	SAT	WEST BROM	H	12,240	0-0	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones	Parkin*	Calderwood	Foley
27.3.89	MON	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	8,487	1-4	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin	Jones(1)	Gittens	Calderwood	Foley
1.4.89	SAT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	8,220	1-1	Digby	Hockaday	Bodin*	Jones(1)	Calderwood	Gittens	Foley (1)
4.4.89	TUE	BRADFORD CITY (7.45)	H									
8.4.89	SAT	MANCHESTER CITY	A									
11.4.89	TUE	BIRMINGHAM 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									

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NOT WORTH THE MONEY

Rodney Marsh, once of Fulham, Queens Park Rangers and Manchester City, describes Paul Gascoigne of Spurs as just a good midfield player. "I find it incredible he can command a fee of £2 million. If that's his worth, Bobby Charlton would be worth £20 million."

RODNEY, ARSENAL NOT FOR ME!

Rodney Marsh on Arsenal. "They look like being this years League champions but I wouldn't pay to watch them. I don't go to the ballet to watch the chorus or to a concert to listen to the backing group. I go to watch an outstanding individual and Arsenal haven't got one."

CROCK OF GOLD

Now something of a philosopher, Rodney Marsh says, "I always see myself as the crock of gold but now I realise I'm happy to be part of the rainbow. In other words, I see the importance of life as travelling, not reaching a destination."

IT REALLY BELONGS TO ME

Whitstable Town's Gerry Allen believes he might have scored the fastest goal in history after four seconds of his team's 4-1 win against Danson of Bexleyheath in the Kent League on Saturday March 4th.

DYNAMITE

England may believe they have hooligan problems, well East Germany's youth daily Junge Welt has called for a crackdown saying Magdeburg fans evaded security and took cases full of fireworks to a recent First Division match against Dynamo Dresden!

RECORD BREAKING

A record breaking transfer between Maidstone and Fisher Athletic was set in early March. The player involved was Ken Charlery who moved from Fisher Athletic for £35,000.

A FOOTBALL LEAGUE XI!

Glasgow Rangers can now fill a Football League XI: Mel Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), Chris Woods (Norwich City), Gary Stevens (Everton), Ray Wilkins (Manchester United), Terry Butcher (Ipswich Town), Kevin Drinkell (Norwich City), Mark Walters (Aston Villa). Rangers have five Scots who have played in England. Aston Villa duo Andy Gray and Neale Cooper, Ally McCoist (Sunderland), Jimmy Nichol (West Bromwich Albion) and Richard Gough (Tottenham Hotspur).

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Seven Swindon schoolboys have represented England schoolboys at Under-15 level. They were A. Archer in 1913, G. Chalkin in 1972, K. Colsell in 1960, D. Hobbs in 1956, C. Jackson in 1957, A. Stroud in 1969, W. F. Puffett in 1928.

I'M STILL WORTH A LOT

Kevin Keegan has been insured for £500,000 when he plays in Kenny Wharton's testimonial. It will be his first game at St James Park since he led Newcastle United to promotion in 1984.

BIG MAL DISMISSED

Malcolm Allison was recently dismissed as Manager of Portuguese Club Farense after less than two months in charge of the First Division Club. They had only won one match under the guidance of the flamboyant former Manchester City and Plymouth Argyle boss.

THE FIRST TIME

The Merseyside derby has been put back because of the Simod Cup Final between Everton and Nottingham Forest at Wembley on April 30th. Everton and Liverpool will now meet at Goodison Park on May 3rd with ITV offering live coverage for the first time of a League match starting at 8 p.m.

REDISCOVERED APPETITE

Football Managers rediscovered their appetite for last-minute buying as the transfer deadline provided a £4.3 million spending spree. There were 31 permanent deals and 14 loan deals before the final whistle blew at 5 p.m. on Thursday March 23rd.

SPURS

Tottenham Hotspur plan to build a £5 million West Stand which will include 2,000 standing places on the terraces. There will be 36 new executive boxes from which the Club expect an extra income of £1.7 million a year - with an overall capacity of 50,000.

SINGING IN THE VALLEY

Charlton Athletic made their planned return to the Valley official during a meeting of 600 singing supporters in Woolwich recently. Chairman Roger Alwen mapped out a £2 million redevelopment of the ground, left vacant for four years. Charlton aim to be back in action at their old home before the end of next season.

WHAT A SURPRISE!

A London punter stands to make £72,000 from a £10,000 stake off Corals if Liverpool can complete the double. Liverpool recently took over as the book-makers favourites to take the First Division title.

FOOTBALL GLASNOST

East met West on Good Friday morning when a group of West Country youngsters met a squad of Soviet sailors at football scoring a goal for glasnost. The matelots from the Russian cargo ship Dieppe Detlughales tested their skills at Avonmouth against the Bristol dockers.

THE DEAREST AND CHEAPEST

Did you know that the most expensive tribunal fee set on a player was £925,000 when Pat Nevin moved to Everton from Chelsea in 1988 and the cheapest was the £1,500 that Newport County were ordered to pay for Jimmy Mullen when he left Cardiff City?

IN TOTAL

There have been 233 transfer deals settled by the Football League, the average fee demanded is £206,000 and the average fee offered is £62,000. The average fee obtained after arbitration is £87,140.

OFFER, REJECTION AND ARBITRATION

The money demanded by Clubs has reached £40,859,000 while the money offered is £12,160,000 and the amount that has eventually changed hands after arbitration is £20,626,000.

THE MOST REGULAR VISITORS

Did you know that Swindon Town are reputed to be the most regular user of the Tribunal system - 17 times! The least regular are Hereford United and Cambridge United who are reported to have used the system once! Cambridge United actually used the system for a former Swindon Town player - Colin Bailie.

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11. Steve White
12. Phil King
14. David Geddis

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Team Changes

1. Paul Tomlinson
2. Brian Mitchell
3. Brian Tinnion
4. Greg Abbott
5. Gavin Oliver
6. David Campbell
7. Leigh Palin
8. Lee Sinnott
9. Mark Leonard
10. Jimmy Quinn
11. Karl Goddard
12. Peter Jackson
14. Paul Jewell

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TEAM IN THE MIDDLE

Referee: Mr. P. E. Alcock

Linesman Red Flag: Mr. S. W. Dunn

Linesman Yellow Flag: Mr. D. T. Morgan

Reserve Official: Mr. D. M. Smith

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