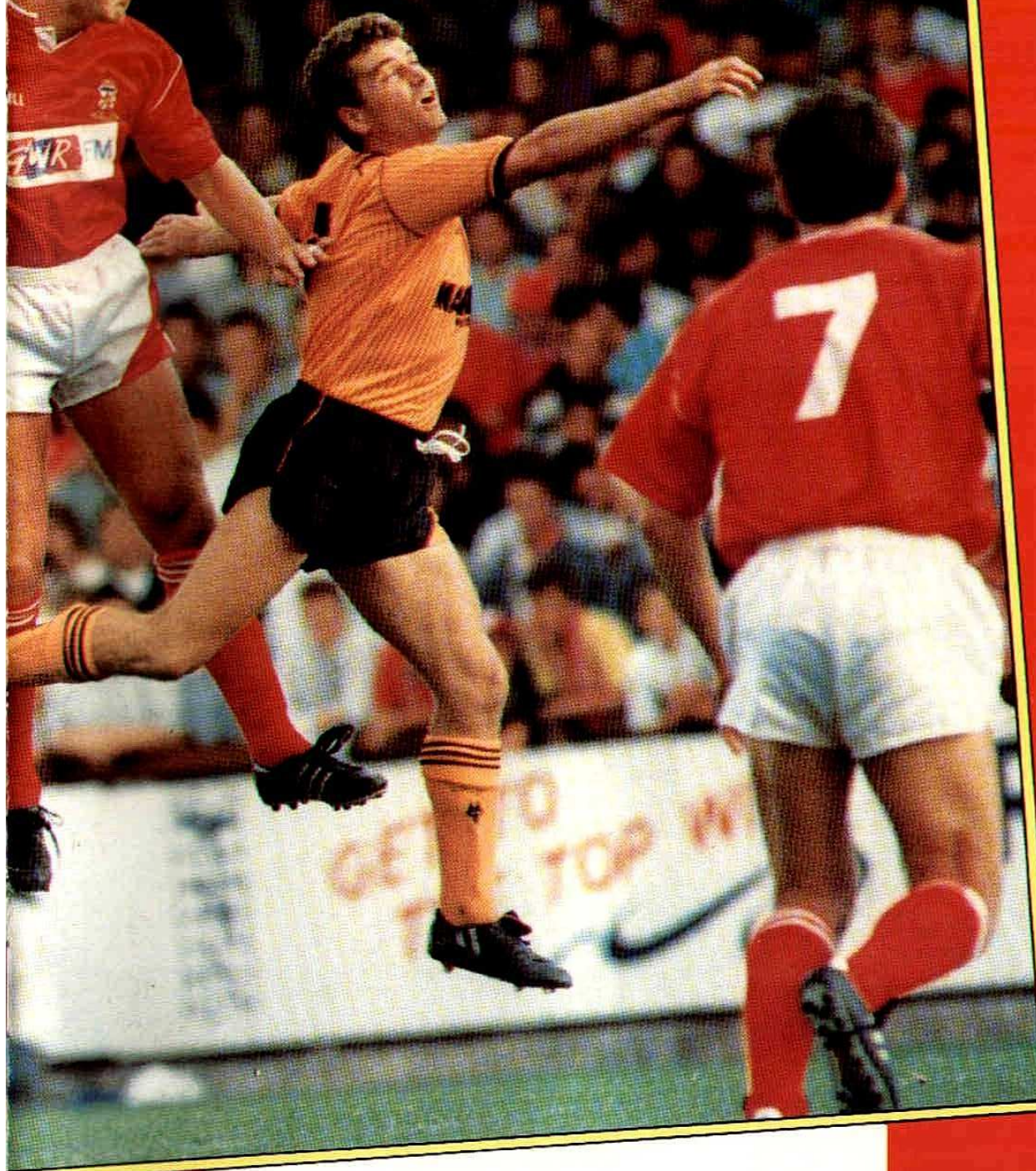


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People and events in the news at the County Ground

THE TOWN RELEASE

EIRE UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL

Following the non-arrival of **Curtis Fleming** for pre-season training, a mutual agreement has been reached between the player and the Club to cancel the remaining one year of his contract. **Curtis**, signed by our former Manager **Lou Macari**, was wanted by his former Club **St. Patrick's** and the latest news we received is that he is due to return to the Dublin Club on a free transfer.

FATHER AND SON...

When eighteen-year-old **Nick Summerbee** made his Football League debut in our last home match against **Wolverhampton Wanderers** he was watched by his father, former Town star **Mick Summerbee**, who later played for Manchester City and England.



A proud father is photographed in the North Stand with his son, following our impressive 3-1 victory.

ENGLAND STARS AT THE COUNTY GROUND

Also at the match with **Wolves** were England stars **Chris Waddle** and **Paul Gascoigne**. The England team were preparing for the World Cup Qualifying fixture against Sweden in Stockholm the following Wednesday.



Also in attendance was England Under-21 team boss **Dave Sexton**. Another interested spectator was former Town boss **Lou Macari**.

RECEIVING A GOLDEN MEMORY...

When **Swindon Town Supporters Club** held their recent photography session in association with the Town players, they borrowed the League Cup that the Club had won at **Wembley** in 1969 when we defeated mighty **Arsenal** 3-1.

Two members of that triumphant town line-up are pictured below holding the Cup aloft once again!

The mercurial **Don Rogers** and the so constant **John Trollope** still retain the smiles of 1969.



The **Supporters Club**, who were holding the event in their drive to raise funds for the **Disabled Enclosure**, had to collect the trophy from a **Wolverhampton Museum**. The Cup was insured against theft for £6,000 although its worth is estimated to be more in the region of £10,000.



SWINDON TOWN ARE OFF TO THE RACES...

Swindon Town Football Club are once again sponsoring the **Swindon Town Handicap Hurdle** at **Cheltenham Race Course**, which is to be run at their meeting on **Thursday 5th October 1989**.

Cheltenham Race Course have made available the **Festival Suite**, this is a new room adjacent to the Old National Hunt Room and at the end of the stand nearest the Royal Box. The room holds 100 people and **North Stand Season Ticket holders** who would like to attend and utilise these facilities can purchase tickets to include entrance to the ground, a **buffet lunch** and a **race card** at a special price of **£6.00** for **Swindon Town Season Ticket**

holders only. Naturally this is limited to 100 people.

Swindon Town Football Club will give a magnum of champagne to the winning owner, trainer and jockey and £30 to the stable lad of the best turned out horse.

We would like to express our thanks to **Mr. Ed Gillespie** of **Cheltenham Race Course** for his help in arranging this day at the races.

YOUR PROGRAMME COVER... SHOT!

The photograph on the front cover of this programme shows **Ross Maclaren** climbing high above the opposition in our last home fixture against **Wolverhampton Wanderers**.

TONY RETURNS FOR EIRE

Tony Galvin, our close seasing signing from **Sheffield Wednesday** justified his recall for his 29th cap by helping the **Republic of Ireland** to a creditable 1-1 draw in their friendly against **West Germany** at **Lansdowne Road, Dublin** on **Wednesday, September, 6th** before a crowd of **48,000**.

Tony's previous International appearances were as follows:-

- 1983 v **Netherlands, Malta.**
- 1984 v **Netherlands, Israel.**
- 1985 v **Mexico, U.S.S.R., Norway, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Spain.**
- 1986 v **Uruguay, Iceland, Czechoslovakia.**
- 1987 v **Belgium, Scotland, Belgium, Bulgaria, Luxembourg.**
- 1988 v **Luxembourg, Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland, Norway, England, U.S.S.R., Netherlands.**
- 1989 v **Spain.**



● **Tony Galvin** - who helped Eire to a 1-1 draw against **West Germany** in **Dublin**.

SHAUN LINKS UP WITH 'OSSIE' AGAIN

Our latest signing **Shaun Close** from **A.F.C. Bournemouth** was a former playing colleague of our Manager **Ossie Ardiles**, when both were on the playing

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF BARNSELY

staff of **Tottenham Hotspur**. When 'Ossie' decided to add to the strength of the squad at the County Ground he made overtures to the **Dean Court Club** for the **Islington** born player. The deal was completed within hours of the player arriving at the County Ground for talks. Shaun moved to the County Ground in a £60,000 transfer deal.



• Shaun Close

Shaun joined Tottenham Hotspur on Y.T.S. forms before joining the White Hart Lane staff as a full-time professional in August 1984. He made his League debut for Spurs on November 29th, 1986 versus Nottingham Forest in a 3-2 defeat at White Hart Lane.

The Tottenham Hotspur line-up that winter afternoon was: Ray Clemence, Paul Allen, Mitchell Thomas, Graham Roberts, John Polston, Gary Mabbutt, Clive Allen, Shaun Close, Chris Waddle, Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles.

Shaun spent a period on loan to A.F.C. Bournemouth during the 1987-88 season, scoring twice in a five match period. Harry Redknapp, the 'Cherries' Manager, signed Shaun and the player concluded the season by adding four more goals to his tally including one against the Town!

Shaun's goal against us came in our 2-0 defeat at Dean Court on May 2nd 1988. The other 'Cherries' goalscorer that afternoon was Mark Newson, from the penalty spot. Shaun's only appearance at the County Ground in a League match was ironically almost a year ago when he made an appearance as a substitute in the Dean Court Club's 3-1 defeat at the County Ground on September 20th.

Shaun's League goals have been scored as follows:-

- February 6th 1988
Hull City (Home) - 2
- March 12th 1988
Blackburn Rovers (Away) - 1
- March 19th 1988
Ipswich Town (Away) - 1

- April 30th 1988
Huddersfield Town (Away) - 1
- May 2nd 1988
Swindon Town (Home) - 1
- August 27th 1988
Sunderland (Away) - 1
- October 15th 1988
Portsmouth (Away) - 1

PLAYING RECORD (LEAGUE)

1986-87	Tottenham Hotspur	
App. 1	Sub. 1	Goals 0
1987-88	Tottenham Hotspur	
App. 2	Sub. 5	Goals 0
1987-88	A.F.C. Bournemouth (Loan)	
App. 5	Sub. -	Goals 2
1987-88	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
App. 10	Sub. 1	Goals 6
1988-89	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
App. 13	Sub. 10	Goals 2
1989-90	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
App. -	Sub. -	Goals -

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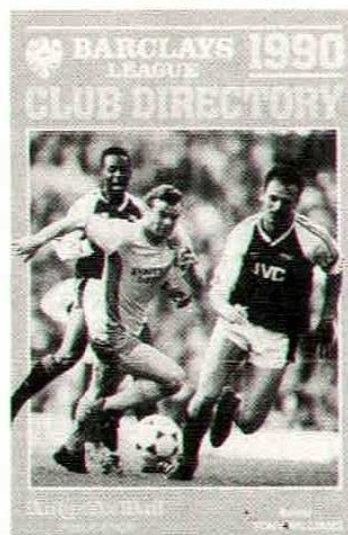
We enter this years competition in the Preliminary Round when we are drawn away to Westbury United. The date for this fixture is still to be arranged.

YOUTH CUP NEWS

Following our 3-0 success at Peterborough United on Wednesday August 31st we are now due to meet the winners of the outstanding Mansfield Town and Nottingham Forest First Round tie, a match which is still to be arranged. Our Youth team crashed out of the South East Counties League Cup last Saturday to Portsmouth who were 3-2 victors at the County Ground.

On Monday last, September 11th, they also made their exit from the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup when we lost 2-0 at West Bromwich Albion.

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Play-Off Winners: 1987

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Semi-Finalists: 1911

F.A. Youth Cup

Finalists: 1964

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SHAUN WILL ADD STRENGTH
After watching the first few matches of this season I decided that it was necessary to add a little strength to the squad of players here at Swindon Town. After negotiations with Harry Redknapp at Bournemouth I was able to snap up Shaun Close for a reasonable fee.

I had known Shaun from our days at Tottenham Hotspur. It was at White Hart Lane that he had proved to be a natural goalscorer although his first team opportunities were limited due to the number of well-known players already established in the Tottenham line-up. Shaun will be a valuable asset to Swindon Town when he has settled down.

THE FIRST WIN MADE ME HAPPY
I was very happy to secure our first

gutsy performance. Upton Park is not an easy place to play. The crowd are near the pitch and they make plenty of noise.

The pitch is a tight one and from my days at Tottenham Hotspur I knew how difficult it was to take a point. We came through with flying colours after withstanding early pressure.

THANK YOU
I have been very pleased with the support that we have been receiving in both our home and away matches. We have shown that we are more than capable of establishing ourselves in the top half of the Second Division.

With your continuing support we can surprise quite a few of the more fancied Clubs. We have nothing to fear and if we take the West Ham United match as a

mettle. I cannot confess to knowing much about Shrewsbury but my assistant 'Chic' Bates certainly will! 'Chic' describes any match under floodlights at Shrewsbury as troublesome but if we can field our strongest line-up we can prove our mettle and bring Shrewsbury back to the County Ground. With a Third Round tie well in prospect. Despite the fact that they were relegated last season, Shrewsbury Town will be very difficult opponents.

TEN MATCHES AND THEN...
There is no early definite pattern to the Division Two League table. Liverpool have come to the fore in the First Division but in this League I believe you could name ten or twelve Clubs who will do well.

It requires ten matches to have been played before the League table becomes somewhat significant. Players begin to settle to the autumn and winter months and the well prepared Clubs come to the front and begin to dictate the pace.

FLOODLIT FOOTBALL
Floodlights always make the game a spectacle and during October we shall be able to see three such matches. Following the Shrewsbury Second Leg, Littlewoods Cup match on October 3rd we entertain Oxford United and A.F.C. Bournemouth before the month is out.

Evening games have no distraction and it is similar to watching the stage at the theatre. It also allows those who play on week-ends to watch the League teams in action. Enjoy this afternoon's game and keep watching and cheering for us, we are trying our best for you.

The Sheffield United match brought a disappointing result when we lost by two clear goals. There were one or two frustrating aspects from our performance.

I felt that we did not deliver enough quality crosses when we played the ball wide and also as a strike force we did not post anywhere near enough threat to the Sheffield United defence. It's a simple enough solution, if we do not strike at goal we cannot score and if we do not score we will not win. A part of our game we have to improve upon quickly.



Ossie Ardiles

win of the season against Wolverhampton Wanderers in our last home match. The first win always comes as a relief.

We played very well in this match and an early goal settled everyone. The players here at Swindon are capable of playing good controlled football and on their day are more than a match for anyone in this Division.

WELL PLEASED... AGAIN
The point we gained at West Ham United last Saturday came from a

guideline you will see what I mean. We have played them twice and although one of those matches was a friendly the more fancied 'Hammers' failed to defeat Swindon Town on either occasion.

'CHIC' RETURNS TO GAY MEADOW
The next few weeks will become rather hectic with several midweek fixtures to come. This will prove the depth and strength of our squad.

The Littlewoods Cup tie with Shrewsbury Town will provide a test of our

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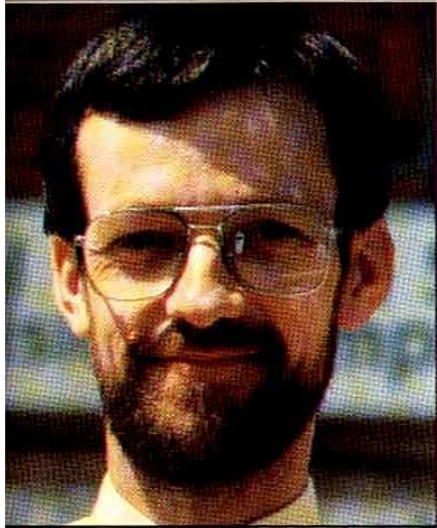
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**OUR HISTORIAN TAKES A
LOOK BACK AT SOME
PREVIOUS MEETINGS
WITH TODAY'S OPPONENTS**

THE NINETEENTH TIME

Today sees the 19th meeting of Swindon Town and Barnsley in the Football League, the last one in January being the only goal-less occasion. Prior to the first League meeting in 1959, the Clubs had met five times in the F.A. Cup. Swindon failed to score a goal in any of them!

DRAW AT HOME, WIN AWAY

Barnsley had just been relegated from the Second Division when they arrived for the Town's opening home game of 1959/60. Jack Lunn put the visitors in front in the 23rd minute, winger Johnny Stephens replied fifteen minutes from the end. Just a week later Swindon recorded a comprehensive 3-0 victory in the return game. John Richards put the Town ahead just before half-time, Keith Morgan and 'Bronco' Layne wrapped it up with goals in the final ten minutes.

'ERNIE'S' GOAL

'Ernie' Hunt scored in both encounters in 1960/61. At Oakwell,

Swindon trailed at the interval to goals by Ken Oliver and Frank Beaumont. 'Ernie' pulled one back soon afterwards but the scoreline stayed at 2-1. His 50th minute goal a month later was enough to give the Town both points on the night.

FROM ANOTHER HUNT - RALPH

The Clubs were to meet twice a week again in September 1961. In a 1-1 draw at the County Ground Ralph Hunt, for Swindon, and Frank Bartlett were on the mark. At Oakwell they each scored twice. The Clubs then occupied two of the last three places in the Third Division. The Yorkshire side had just FOUR points from ten games, the Town had only two more. But Bartlett gave the 'Tykes' a FOURth-minute lead. By the interval, the home side has scored FOUR times and went on to defeat Swindon by a FOUR-goal margin, 6-2 being the final score. Ralph Hunt had found the net in his FOURth successive League game for the Town. In their next game, Swindon scored in the FOURth minute - and won by FOUR goals, against Lincoln. Ralph Hunt scored the FOURth.

CURTAIN RAISER

Swindon travelled to Barnsley for the opening game of last season. It was also the curtain-raiser to the Town's first-ever promotion season, 1962/63. On both occasions the outcome was a 1-1 draw. The County Ground fixture of December 1962 was to be the last for seven years. Swindon recorded a 2-1 win, with goals from Mike Summerbee and Jack Smith. Tony Leighton, who served five Yorkshire Clubs in all, replied for Barnsley.

DON AND JOHN

Only two Town players survived those seven years, winger Don Rogers and full-back John Trollope. John was making his first appearance in the familiar number three shirt since breaking his arm five months earlier. He celebrated by putting Swindon ahead in the eighth minute at Oakwell. But the Town, who had hit five goals in both of

their previous two games, had to be content with just one point after John Bettany had equalised almost on half-time. Ten days after the famous Wembley victory, over 17,000 were at the County Ground to see Peter Noble secure two points for Swindon with two second-half goals, in the 50th and 86th minutes.

AN ABSENCE OF ELEVEN YEARS!

Eleven years passed before the next meeting, at Oakwell, in January 1980. The heads of Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland provided the Town with a 2-1 win. Mayes put Swindon ahead six minutes into the second half when he glanced in an Ian Miller cross. Andy added the second ten minutes from time when he bulletted home a free-kick from Ray McHale (see special feature). Ian Banks, who recently re-signed for the Club, put Barnsley back in the game in the dying minutes and only a spectacular save in injury time by Jimmy Allan, from Trevor Aylott, kept the Town's lead intact. But Barnsley reclaimed two points with a single Glyn Riley goal at Swindon in the final game of the season.

HONOURS REMAIN EVEN

Honours were even again in 1980/81. Each Club secured a 2-0 victory and each with the aid of a penalty. Ronnie Glavin and Derrick Parker gave the 'Tykes' the points in Yorkshire and two Brians - Hughes and Williams - returned the compliment at Swindon.

WE MEET AGAIN

With Barnsley then gaining promotion to the Second Division, it was 1987 before the Clubs met again. The Town then recorded their first 'double'. An early season 1-0 win, with a Dave Bamber goal, was followed by a 3-0 success at the County Ground on the Town's favourite date, March 15. A Jimmy Quinn spot-kick was followed by two goals in a five minute spell by Steve White.

Can we have another couple today, Steve?

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WOLVES AND THE 'HAMMERS'
Within the space of six days we were able to compare the qualities of a team promoted from the Third Division and one that was relegated from the First Division.

My verdict, after facing both Wolverhampton Wanderers and West Ham United, is that the 'Hammers' have the better team. I personally thought that their defence and midfield were superior to Wolves.

MUCH BETTER ON THE DAY ... EXCUSE THE PUN!

Steve Bull arrived at the County Ground with a fearsome reputation and one richly deserved. On the day I thought that his striking partner Andy Mutch posed the bigger problem.

The game proved that it does not matter how good a striker you may be, unless you receive good service you cannot pose a problem. There was little or no service to the Wolves duo and although they may have the edge over West Ham United in attack, I was left with the feeling that over the length of the season the London Club may prove to be more dangerous and therefore score more goals.

YES, WE DID PLAY WELL ... BUT

It has been suggested that our first half display against Wolves was the best display seen at Swindon in pure football terms for a long time.

All that I can say is that I thought we played well in the first half with a pleasing style. When Wolves were reduced to ten men I thought we failed to take the player on enough. We became more content to pass the ball about and really going nowhere. If we had continued to attack players and doing so all over the field we may have won more convincingly. Still, it was a great result and our first League win of the season.

WELL PREPARED FOR THIS MATCH

We were well prepared for the trip to West Ham United. The boss has told us to be watching for an all out assault in the first twenty

minutes. Ossie told us that if we could withstand the early bombardment we would survive to take a result and the crowd would become less vociferous.

We hung on to half time despite conceding a goal after 17 minutes of play. We were somewhat fortunate but we came out in the second half and equalised through 'Gitts'. We played some neat football at times.

WELCOME TO SHAUN ...

The boss decided to strengthen the squad before the West Ham match by signing Shaun Close from A.F.C. Bournemouth. I have no doubt he will prove a more than useful acquisition.

Although he is not very tall, Shaun possesses a good spring and climbs higher than people may imagine.

Colin Calderwood



He appears to be quick with good control. Do they have any bad players at Tottenham Hotspur? Shaun started his career with Spurs and he has probably played in front of bigger crowds than the majority of the players we have at the County Ground, so he should be used to the big time atmosphere.

TOUGH OPPOSITION - THE SHREWS

Next week we meet Shrewsbury Town in the Littlewoods Cup and I believe they will be tougher opposition than they were last season in the Second Division.

When teams tend to be on a losing streak an early first goal seems to evaporate what little confidence that they have. Players become used to conceding goals and losing at home.

Although they are now down a Division they are winning matches and so confidence is sky high. It does not really matter whether you are top of the Third or Fourth Division it is all about results where confidence is concerned.

In a two leg match it is always easier to be slightly cautious if you play the first leg away. I believe there is a massive bonus to winning away, it really sets players up for the following match. It is a big boost and in all League matches there is more gained from winning and losing in a match period than drawing both games. With three points for a win it is always positive to try to win.

We will have to be on our toes at Shrewsbury and if we can keep the scoreline reasonable we will give ourselves a fine opportunity in the Second Leg two weeks later. I am sure we will be all out to win the first match and ease the pressure.

FLOODLIGHTS HERALD THE WINTER MONTHS ...

With last Tuesday's match at Sheffield United and further mid-week matches to follow against Plymouth Argyle and the two Shrewsbury matches as well it will be a good test of our resources.

Plenty of exciting action in store and I always believe floodlit football really means that the season is well under way. Mind, it is also a sign of winter!

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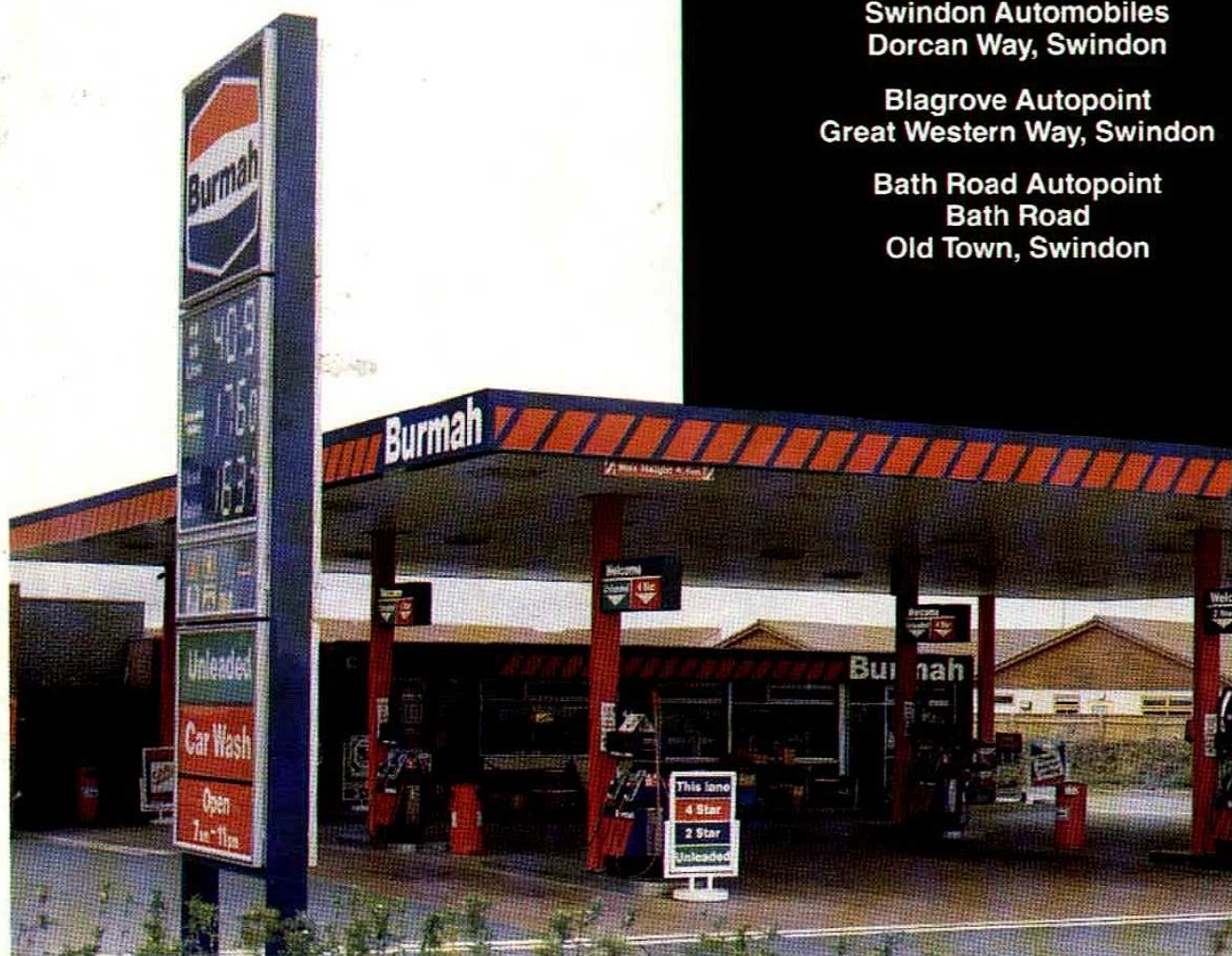
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BRILLIANT FRASER

Despite being surrounded in the stand at Upton Park by partisan West Ham fans last Saturday, our first League encounter with the Irons proved a wholly enjoyable experience.

Fraser Digby's brilliant display as for once we rode our luck, and also got away with an equaliser that looked suspiciously offside, were the highlights as we gained a result that few sides will achieve at Upton Park this season

ALF WAS MISSING

The promise of a day of Cockney hospitality was too good to refuse and saw me supping alongside Alf Garnett's cousins in the West Ham Supporters Club before the game as they swapped tales of strained pelvises and spoke of the formation of a joint Paul Ince/Ambrose Mendy fan club.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR SHOULD VISIT WEST HAM!

Unfortunately the afternoon very nearly turned sour as West Ham proved that they are yet another Club that hasn't learnt the lessons of Hillsborough. With only two turnstiles open in the stand and no separate entrance for ticket holders, a large crowd soon became restless as kick-off approached with no progress towards entry being made. Only the intervention of the Police sorted out the 'Hammers' disorganisation, although even some of their number misinterpreted our restlessness. Finally we got through the stewardless crush and into the ground, cursing yet another example of footballing negligence.

'COR BLIMEY'

My attempts at the Cockney lingo with well worn phrases like 'cor blimey that Kelly ain't much good' (maybe not exactly the phrase used) made sure that I wasn't too conspicuous as the wall-to-wall Eastenders urged on their team around me. The loss of discipline in the second half by both sides suited us better and probably ensured the loss of West Ham's rhythm which had given them enough chances to win the game in the first half. Jon Gittens' predatory instincts made the whole day worth-

while with a goal that almost saw me jump from my seat and had the Eastenders choking on their pie and mash.

The return match in February should prove just as interesting with a comparable tour of Swindon highspots on the cards for the boys who gave me such an illuminating tour of the East End after the game.

'STRUGGLING'

Deadlines prevent me from commenting on our second consecutive game against the League leaders at Bramall Lane on Tuesday night. Maybe a win there will have stopped the press describing us as 'struggling Swindon', which the

by the present board, with such a cloak and dagger approach from the bidders, it was hard to formulate any opinion other than that the whole saga was just excessive publicity over not much at all.

POLITICAL MOTIVATION?

England's trip to Sweden gave the tabloid editors the chance to get their headlines ready well in advance. Shaven headed yobboes with Union Jack T-shirts and 'I Love Mum' tatoos only seem to emerge from under their stones when England play abroad and cause the Government to stare open-mouthed at a problem that they could solve quite comfortably with a little co-



by **Michael Scott**

Observer managed last Sunday, four games into the season, a win, two draws and a defeat means we're struggling does it?

Judging by their performance in our last home game, Wolves will be relying on Steve Bull to compensate for their defensive lapses with another fifty goals this season. In spite of the boys from the Black Country playing like they were still in Division Three, there were enough good first half signs from the 'Town' to indicate that the side is waking up to its task.

CLOAK AND DAGGER

It came as no surprise to see the recent bid for the 'Town' rejected

ordinated thought. Heaven forbid though that they might actually think! Ferry companies acceptance of bookings from groups of single males also seems a bit naive, given that England's World Cup qualifier was the obvious journey's end for them, perhaps the Titanic could be raised and chartered for their next trip.

LET'S DEAL WITH THE 'SHREWS' LADS

The glamour and razzmatazz of the Cup is with us on Tuesday with our glittering tie at Gay Meadow. Shrewsbury will be an awkward side to beat, even over two legs, but more attractive ties in future rounds have to be our incentive.

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SWINDON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Swindon Town Supporters Club Secretary, Miss Sandra Coburn, recently asked me to attend a Committee meeting they were convening in the Social Club.

It was difficult not to be impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of those in attendance. Chris Scott, the Chairman, struggled in with the aid of a walking stick. Chris had a back injury. Paul Strange from Stonehouse, Gareth Markey from Dursley and Paul White from Stroud had all travelled a round trip of eighty miles to attend. Dave Smith, who is an able Public Relations representative for the Committee, was also at the meeting along with ardent Town fan Mike Skinner.

It was a most productive meeting aimed at discussions to raise money for a renovation of the Disabled Enclosure.

PLEASE, HELP THEM?

I am totally convinced that the majority of Swindon Town fans would not hesitate to help the less fortunate. May I therefore ask you to support this Committee in raising funds for this purpose. Without pre-empting their efforts may I appeal to you to help them in whatever way you can.

The Supporters Club have no base, a membership of 500 and we discussed ways and means in which the Football Club could assist in their valiant efforts. Proposals will be put to the Directors of the Club and hopefully some will be implemented. Facilities for the Disabled come under a lot of criticism at various grounds throughout the Football League and rightly so. The majority have no facilities. Swindon Town have limited scope and we need to improve the area designated. Seven people sat down determined to help that evening. It is our turn to help them. I know you will not let them down.

DON'T FORGET

Season ticket holders must claim their seats for the Littlewoods Cup, Second Round, Second Leg tie at the County Ground against Shrewsbury Town by 5.00 p.m. on Monday October 2nd 1989. Postal payment is accepted along with Voucher A from your Season ticket book. Please enclose a cheque/postal order and stamped addressed envelope.



by **Dave King**

LAW AND ORDER... TO BOOT?
If there are any Swindon Town supporters who travel abroad to watch the England International matches I am sure they are as bemused as I am by what is happening to our national sport.

The Prime Minister would like to see the Football Association withdraw the England team from the World Cup. That is the easy course to take. Hooliganism is a world wide curse that, like it or not, reflects the societies in which we live. It is now a matter of keeping the hooligans in their own countries.

European countries abdicate the responsibility to convict and are only too pleased to return the marauding hordes that invade their land. Amazingly in this country

there is a vast discrepancy between the number of arrests and convictions. Recent statistics have shown that for 6,000 arrests in and around football grounds only 684 are subsequently banned by magistrates from attending future matches.

Civil liberties and electoral considerations prevent the withdrawal of passports. Those responsible for law and order appear almost impotent. Surely what is required is a political will to find a real and lasting cure or a European convention on violence. Such matters are not confined to just England.

IT IS ON THE FIELD... THAT MATTERS

The early weeks of this season have seen and heard so much talk of matters off the field of play that the game appears to be secondary. It is to the credit of staff and players here at the County Ground that they have diligently proceeded with the task of putting these matters aside.

The initial disappointment of the Sunderland result was quickly overcome with a well deserved point at Oldham Athletic. A fine performance against Wolverhampton Wanderers was a springboard for a point at West Ham United. A mixture of the newly promoted and recently relegated and the established. Three Clubs with a huge following and the players have shown resolve that is to their eternal credit.

THE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

Your question answered - Is my Membership Card from last season still valid this season?

Yes it is. The Membership Card has an indefinite life. All members will be notified through the media if and when the Card scheme needs changing. If you have a Season ticket from last season which has not been renewed it is NOT acceptable as a Membership Card and cannot be accepted through the turnstiles. Application forms are obtainable from the Club offices.

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?

Why is it that two First Division Clubs will play 20 games at home this season while the rest play nineteen.

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PAUL PLOWMAN LOOKS BACK AT THE CAREER OF A PLAYER WHO SERVED BOTH SWINDON TOWN AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS

'NUMBER TWO'

RAY McHALE was just winding down after a training session at the McCain Stadium, home of Scarborough, when I caught up with him recently. Nowadays, he's the 'number two' at the ambitious Fourth Division Club. Colin Morris, appointed Player-Manager there on the departure of Neil Warnock last December, invited his old playing colleague from Sheffield United to join him and Ray was delighted to accept. At the time, Ray was with Northern Counties East Club Guiseley and was actively involved with the PFA as a regional administrator.

A GAMBLE

It was something of a gamble when he gave that post to try a shot in management. There was no contract on offer – that was until the new partnership took Scarborough to the play-offs! Colin and Ray have since attended a two-week course in management. "It's run by the PFA once every two years and is mainly for players at the end or near the end of their careers" said Ray. "You don't have to be that bright to be a footballer", he continued, "but in management you have to deal with all kinds of people". Ray still turns out occasionally for the reserve side, but the future is obviously with the younger members of the playing staff. "There are great financial rewards in the game for the youngsters now, much more so than when I started."

ONCE A 'MILKO'

Ray was a latecomer to the Football League scene. He had a number of jobs – including milkman – prior to signing as a part-time professional for Chesterfield in 1970. "Young

players now don't know what it's like to have to get up at six o'clock every morning", he said. Ray stayed at Saltergate until moving to the other side of his native Sheffield to Halifax, in October 1974. At the Shay, his midfield foraging came under the scrutiny of fellow Yorkshireman and Swindon Manager Danny Williams. After knocking in sixteen goals in 1975/76 Ray was rescued from the clutches of the Fourth Division, signing for the Town on September 9 1976.

TIME TO ADJUST

It took Ray a while to adjust to life in the south. "I was substituted quite a few times early on", he said, "but the turning point for me came in the Cup game at Fulham". The Londoners included George Best, Rodney Marsh and Bobby Moore in their line-up, but Ray excelled, scoring the third goal as the Town came away with a 3-3

13 games as they gained promotion to the Second Division. Barnsley finished in sixth place in 1981/82 and also reached the Fifth Round of the League Cup. Ray missed just two games. But at the end of the season Barnsley offered him only a one-year contract. "Sheffield United offered me three", said Ray, "and at 31 that was a better deal". So he made the short trip to Bramall Lane where, at the end of 1983/84, he enjoyed another promotion party. By 1985 the legs were naturally beginning to slow a little and Ray went on a free transfer to Swansea. The Welsh Club was desperately trying to avoid relegation from the First to the Fourth Division in consecutive seasons. "John Bond signed me, Paul Price and Derek Parlane without seeing any of us play" said Ray. Swansea stayed up by taking a point from their final game.

Passing Back



Paul Plowman



draw. In the replay, Swindon stormed to a 5-0 victory.

Ray missed only one game in the next two seasons and was the midfield inspiration in 17 Cup games played by the Town during 1979/80. He was quick to acknowledge that it was at the County Ground that his game matured and it was where he was to spend the most successful years of his career. The accuracy of his passing and his many penalty kicks will long be remembered.

TOP OF THE LADDER

Ray moved to the First Division with Brighton for 1980/81 but then Albion Manager Alan Mullery paid £400,000 to sign Gordon Smith from Glasgow Rangers. Ray soon found himself squeezed out and, just before the transfer deadline, joined Barnsley. He played in the last

THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT

A year later Ray returned to Yorkshire, linking up with Scarborough for the first time – for the Club's final season before promotion to the Football League. Ray played in 25 Fourth Division games in 1987/88 and then accepted the job as Player/Manager at Goole Town. A short spell at Northwich Victoria was followed by a second stint at Goole, before Ray received the phone call that was to take him back to a career in League football.

LOOKING FOR PROMOTION

Now Ray looks forward to 'going one better than the play-offs and seeing Scarborough into the Third Division. Soon he will be moving closer to Seamer Road, to Bridlington, while the Club is also seeking new horizons. It too will be moving to a new location in the near future.



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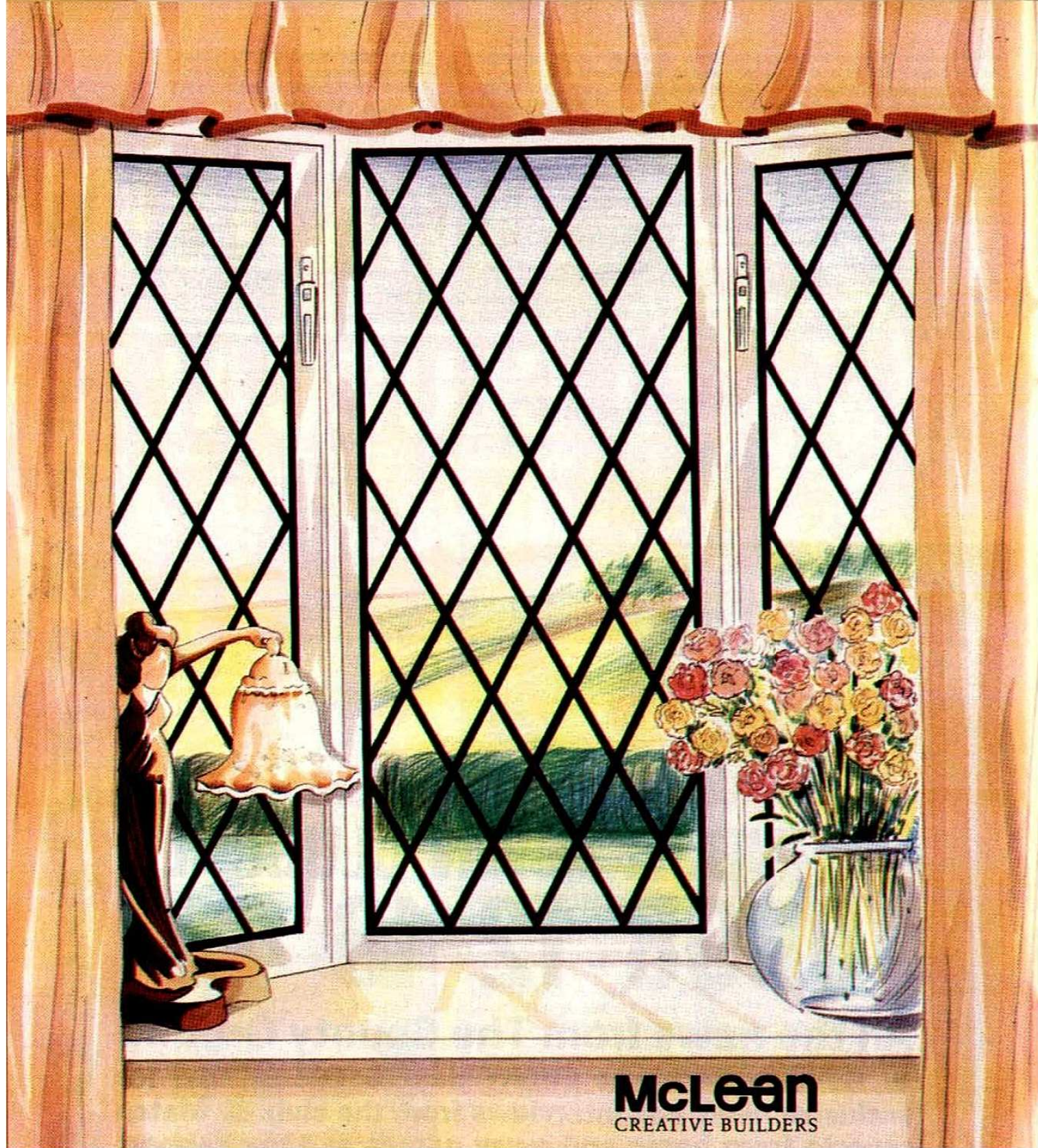
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2. Newcastle United
3. West Ham United

2. The team you expect to make the most improvement.

Stoke City.

3. A tip for promotion from Division Three.

Birmingham City or
Crewe Alexandra.

4. Select a team from players that you have played with at Club level.

1. Fraser Digby
2. Dave Hockaday
3. Arthur Albiston
4. Ross Maclaren

5. Colin Calderwood
6. Chris Kamara
7. Bryan Robson
8. Arnold Muhren
9. Mark Hughes
10. Norman Whiteside
11. Ossie Ardiles

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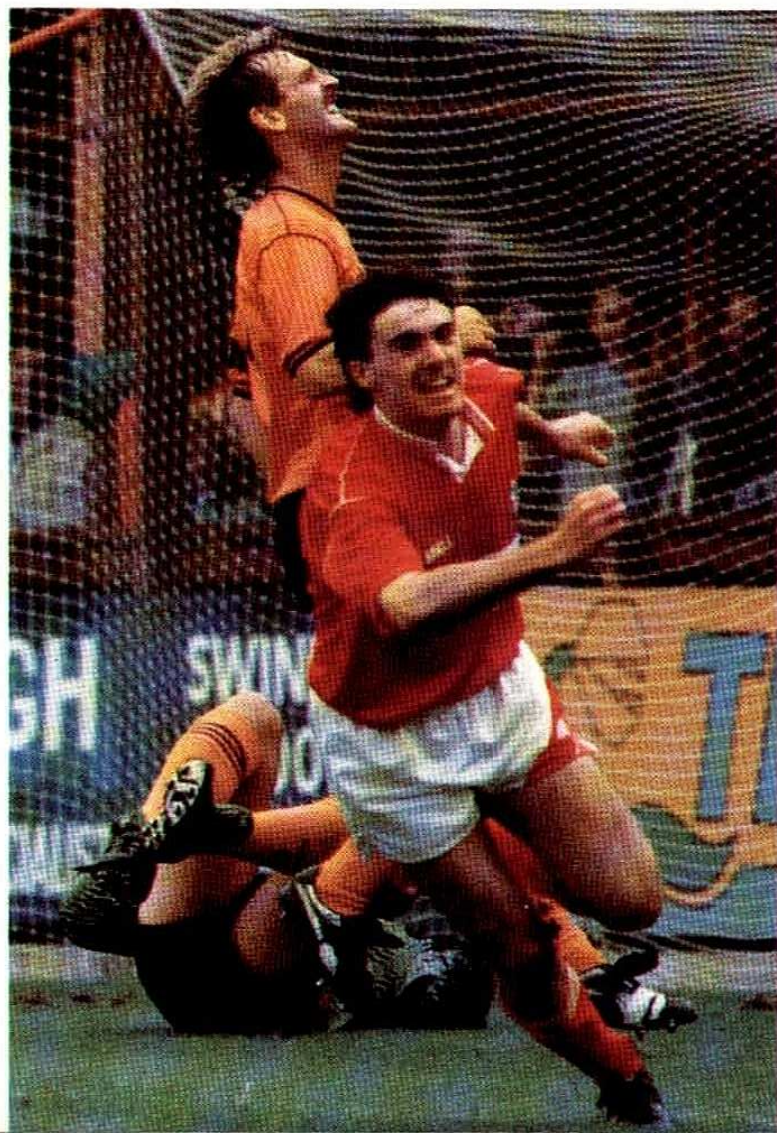
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7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.

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Match.

10. The best & worst dressers among your team mates.

David Geddis - best.
Steve White - Phil King

11. The best ground you have played on and the one you would most like to appear on.

Old Trafford, Wembley or
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12. Your worst moment on the football field.

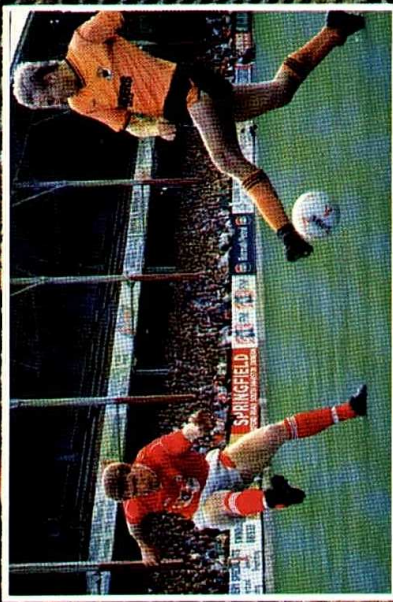
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matches.

13. What are your favourite TV shows.

Coronation Street/Any
Sports shows.

PERSONAL OPINION





Action from our 3-1 home win against Wolves



BARNSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Back row, left to right: Steve Lowndes, Steve Cooper, Malcolm Shotton, Carl Tiler, Paul McGugan, Paul Fletcher, Darren Foreman, Julian Broddle.

Middle row, left to right: Eric Winstanley (First Team Coach), Tony Rees (now at Grimsby Town), Paul Cross, David Currie, Ian Wardle, Clive Baker, Ian Banks, Jim Dobbins, Mark Nile (Physiotherapist), Kevin Fogg (Youth Team Coach).

Front row, left to right: John Macdonald, Mark Robinson, Steve Agnew, Allan Clarke (Manager), Joe Joyce, Gwyn Thomas, Owen Archdeacon.

Form guide

Barnsley finished last season with their **eighth** away win, finishing **two** points behind the Town in **seventh** position in the **Second Division** League table. **David Currie**, reputed to be worth **£1 million** in today's transfer market, finished the season as top scorer with **twenty** goals (**16** League, **1** Littlewoods Cup, **3** F.A. Cup). **Paul Fitcher** collected the supporters **'Player of the Year'** award.

Despite that impressive away record the Yorkshire Club come to the **County Ground** this afternoon looking for their **first**

away point of the season, having lost to **Ipswich Town (3-1)** and **Plymouth Argyle (2-1)**.

The Yorkshire Club remain unbeaten at home having defeated **Brighton and Hove Albion (1-0)**, **Stoke City (3-2)** and retaining their home record intact with a **1-1** draw last Saturday against **Middlesbrough**.

Goalscorers: **Steve Lowndes 2**, **Steve Agnew**, **David Currie**, **Steve Cooper**, **John Macdonald** and **Malcolm Shotton** one each.

Average attendance at Oakwell: 8,344.

Did you know that we met Barnsley in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final of the 1911/12 season?

A goalless draw at Stamford Bridge meant a replay at Meadow Lane, Nottingham, where a Phil Bratley header ensured Barnsley reached the final. They lifted the cup, winning a replay against West Bromwich Albion 1-0 at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, from a goal by Harry Tufnell.

in July. This was the second time that Ian had rejoined Barnsley! After commencing his career on the Oakwell staff in 1977 as an apprentice and making a subsequent 159 League appearances he moved to Leicester City in August 1983 and later played for fellow Yorkshire Clubs Huddersfield Town and Bradford City. **Mark Robinson (20)** was a free transfer signing from West Bromwich Albion in 1987. After appearing in the final seven matches of last season, Mark has worn the number 11 shirt for the opening five matches of this season. **Steve Lowndes (29)**, was signed from Millwall for £40,000 in August 1986. Previously with Newport County the Welsh International, who was in contractual dispute with the Club in the close season, is no stranger to Town fans. The veteran **Gwyn Thomas (31)** has been sidelined with an injury sustained last January. The former Leeds United player joined Barnsley in March 1984 for a £40,000 fee. Gwyn needs two more League appearances to reach the 200 mark for the Oakwell Club. **Steve Agnew (23)** joined the Club as an apprentice and is capable of scoring his share of goals from a midfield role. Steve missed only three League matches last season.

Forwards - Our visitors today rely heavily on the goalscoring prowess of **David Currie (26)** who netted 20 League and Cup goals last season. The former Middlesbrough player joined Barnsley from Darlington in February 1988 for £150,000. Former Plymouth Argyle striker **Steve Cooper (25)**, who is noted for his heading ability, joined the Oakwell Club for a fee of £100,000 in June 1988. Previously with Birmingham City and Newport County. **John Macdonald (28)** has been struggling to find a regular position in the opening matches of this season. The former Glasgow Rangers striker moved to the Yorkshire Club in November 1986. **Owen Archdeacon (23)** is a former Scottish Youth and Under-21 International who joined Barnsley from Glasgow Celtic in June for £80,000. This close season signing has yet to appear in the Oakwell line-up. Both **Tony Rees (25)** and **Darren Foreman (21)** have yet to appear in the Oakwell line-up. **Darren Foreman (21)** has yet to appear in League matches this season. Darren, who joined the Club from school in the summer of 1986, has yet to establish a regular position in the Oakwell line-up.

Allan Clarke is in his second spell at Oakwell, having originally joined Barnsley as Player-Manager from Leeds United in June 1978. In 1979 he helped the Yorkshire Club to clinch promotion to Division Three, but returned to Leeds United soon after as Manager.

Allan returned to Oakwell in July 1985 as successor to Bobby Collins. One of five footballing brothers, he played for Walsall, Fulham, Leicester City, Leeds United and Barnsley, scoring 223 goals in 510 League matches. In addition he also won 19 full England caps.

Welcome to BARNLEY

THE SQUAD

Goalkeepers - Former Norwich City goalkeeper **Clive Baker (30)**, made 14 appearances in seven seasons at Carrow Road. Since joining Barnsley on a free transfer in August 1984 he has missed just ten matches. While Clive remains virtually unchallenged for the custodians position due to his consistent form, the Oakwell Club management hope that **Ian Wardle (19)**, who joined the Yorkshire Club from school in 1988, will develop into a competitive understudy.

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Defenders - There is plenty of experience for Manager Allan Clarke to call upon for the central defensive positions where **Paul Fitcher (32)** and **Malcolm Shotton (32)** lined-up for the opening matches of this season. Paul, who made his League debut at 16 years of age, is a former England Under-21 International who has made over 500 League appearances for Chester, Luton Town, Manchester City and Oldham Athletic. Malcolm is the former Oxford United defender, well known to Town fans, who captained the Manor Ground to promotion

in successive seasons. **Paul McGugan (25)**, a long term injury casualty last season, is a former Glasgow Celtic central defender who was a target for our former Manager Lou Macari before he joined Barnsley in October 1987 for a fee of £55,000. Injuries have forced the Oakwell Club to experiment at full back and the experience of **Joe Joyce (28)**, who has made over 300 League appearances in a ten year career at Oakwell, has been sadly missed. Former Scunthorpe United striker **Julian Broddie (25)**, who played against the Town in that role during our Fourth Division days, is now appearing at full back following the transfer of John Beresford to Portsmouth in a £300,000 transfer deal.

Also in contention for defensive roles are **Paul Cross (23)**, a former Barnsley schoolboy forced to miss all of last season through injury, along with **Darren Rolph (20)** whose appearances have been limited at full back. **Carl Tiler (19)** has been a regular substitute in the opening matches of the season and replaced the injured Paul Fitcher after twenty minutes of play in the Yorkshire Club's exciting 3-2 win against visiting **Stoke City** recently.

Midfield - A feature of Barnsley's play is the fine form of their midfield players who include **Jim Dobbin (25)** who was signed from Doncaster Rovers in September 1986 for a fee of £35,000 alongside **Ian Banks (25)** who rejoined the Club for £100,000 from West Bromwich Albion

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BLADES ON TOP

At the time of writing, Sheffield United top the table on goal difference from Sunderland, having played a game less. The 'Blades' beat Brighton 5-4 at Bramall Lane. They were 3-0 up in 31 minutes and then went 4-3 down. John Francis netted the decisive goal just before the final whistle, his second of the match. Paul Wood and Kevin Bremner were twice on target for the visitors.

HAT-TRICKS AND BRACES!

Marco Gabbiadini hit a hat-trick at Roker Park in the 4-0 defeat of Watford to total six for the term so far.

Paul Moulden scored twice for A.F.C. Bournemouth in their 2-1 home win over Newcastle United, whose reply came from the Division's leading marksman Mick Quinn, returning to the south coast. There were two goals for Peter Swan to help Cull City into a 2-1 lead at Portsmouth. Still without a hime WIN this season, Pompey picked up a point thank to Kevin Ball's last-minute strike.

VINNY OPENS HIS ACCOUNT

Vinny Jones opened his account for Leeds United, heading home against Ipswich Town. Chris Fairclough's own goal meant the honours were shared at Elland Road.

THE THROSTLES HAVE TRIUMPHED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON

Leicester City are bottom of the League after losing 3-1 to West Bromwich Albion at Filbert Street. Wolves, also on two points, are one place above them after a goal-less game at Molineux with Stoke City. It was a similar scoreline for Port Vale at home to fourth-placed Blackburn Rovers. At Upton Park, West Ham United, who are third, drew one-all against Lou Macari's former team - the Town. Swindon are 14th. Martin Allen and Jon Gittens on the scoresheet.

BELOW 5,000

Less than five thousand fans watched the fixture at Boundary Park and The Manor. Oldham Athletic beat Plymouth Argyle by the odd goal in five, Bradford City went down 2-1 away to Oxford United. Elsewhere, it was Barnsley 1 Middlesbrough 1.

At the Oakwell Ground in a midweek match, Stoke lost 3-2.

SUNDAY SOCCER A WINNER

During the previous weekend, Sunday soccer at the County Ground was a winner for Swindon. The

Town beat Wolves 3-1, thanks to goals by Tommy Jones, Duncan Shearer and Alan McLoughlin. Those three points moved them away from the foot of a table topped by West Ham United after their 1-1 draw at Hull City 24 hours earlier.

NATIONAL ATTENTION

The Saturday Second Division fixtures were the focus of national attention because the main matches in the Barclays League programme were suspended because of international commitments in Sweden.

Jason Dozzell celebrated his return to the England Under-21 team with his second goal of the season for Ipswich Town. Substitute Peter Shearer scored the equaliser for A.F.C. Bournemouth at Portman Road.

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THE MIGHTY QUINN MARCHES ON

Mick Quinn added two more to his season's tally, one of them a penalty, as Newcastle United beat Oldham Athletic 2-1 at St. James Park.

Middlesbrough and Sheffield United shared six goals at Ayresome Park. Bernie Slaven and Ian Bryson both scored twice.

Colin Hendry scored an own goal for Oxford United in the 2-2 draw at Blackburn Rovers. Rovers' Howard Gayle was on target with a last-minute equaliser.

Sean McCarthy's effort in injury-time secured three points for Plymouth Argyle at home to Barnsley. Substitute Greg Campbell put them on the road to victory with his first kick! They were 2-1 winners.

LAST GASP EFFORT

A 90th minute goal from Marco Gabbiadini gave Sunderland a share of the points at West Bromwich Albion. It was also 1-1 at Valley Parade and the Victoria Ground. Jimmy Quinn scored for Bradford City against Portsmouth, so-called 'hard men' Vinny Jones and Chris Kamara were in direct opposition at Stoke City entertained Leeds United. Another former Swindon Town player, Gary Nelson, netted for Brighton - 2-0 home winners over Port Vale, while Watford defeated Leicester City 3-1 at Vicarage Road.

TIME UP FOR ALLY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

Wolves defender Ally Robertson, who celebrated his 37th birthday last Saturday, admitted "I'm on borrowed time".

His Wolves team-mate on Shane Westley's sending off at the County Ground said "It was for handbag stuff really!" While Roger Gifford, the referee who dismissed the Wolves central defender, also gave a red card to Ally Robertson at Northampton last season.

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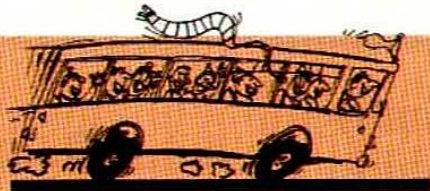
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Once again, Swindon Town Travel Club will be operating coach trips this season and they are ready to welcome new members, as well as renewing acquaintance with those members who have travelled on a regular basis for the past few seasons. There are many advantages to be gained by becoming a member of the Travel Club and if you have not already joined, you should seriously consider doing so.



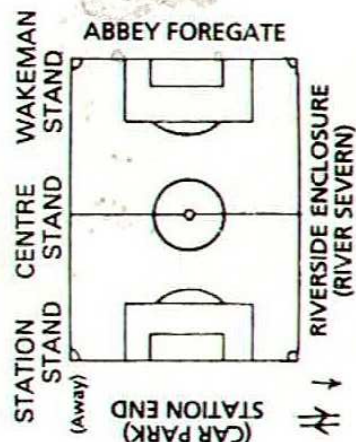
Date	Venue	Depart	
		County Ground	Fare
Sat	23 Leeds United	8.45 p.m.	£ 8.00
Sat	30 Bradford City	8.45 a.m.	£ 8.50
Sat Oct	7 Hull City	8.45 a.m.	£ 8.50
Sat	21 Leicester City	11.30 a.m.	£ 5.00

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The following admission prices will be in operation at Gay Meadow.

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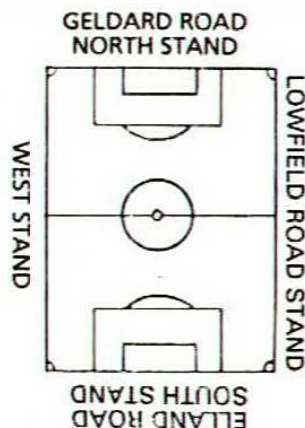
MATCH DETAILS

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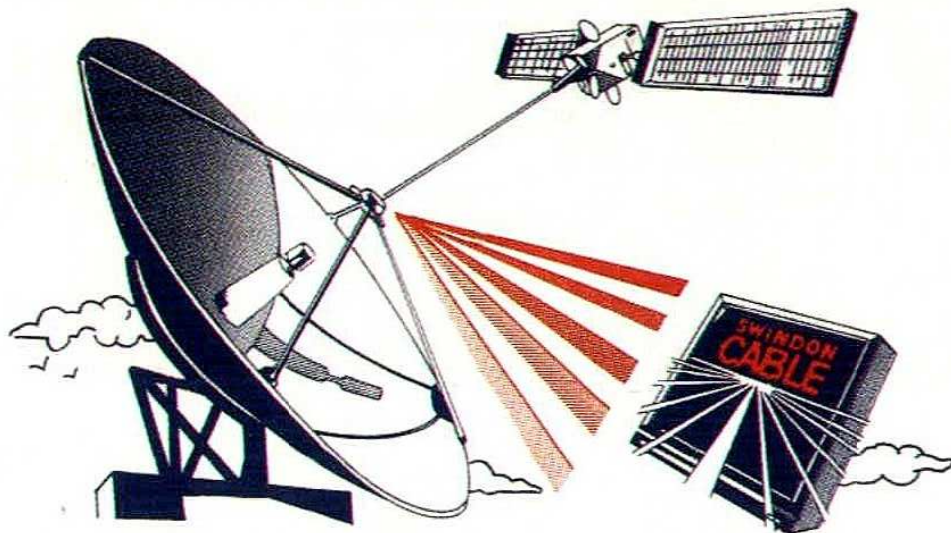
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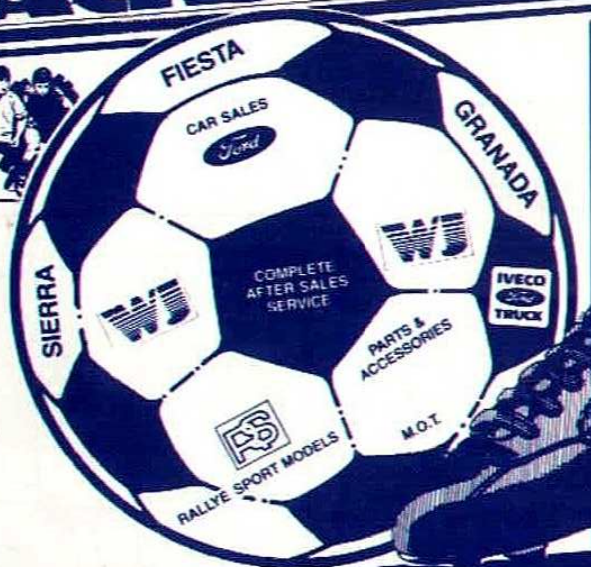
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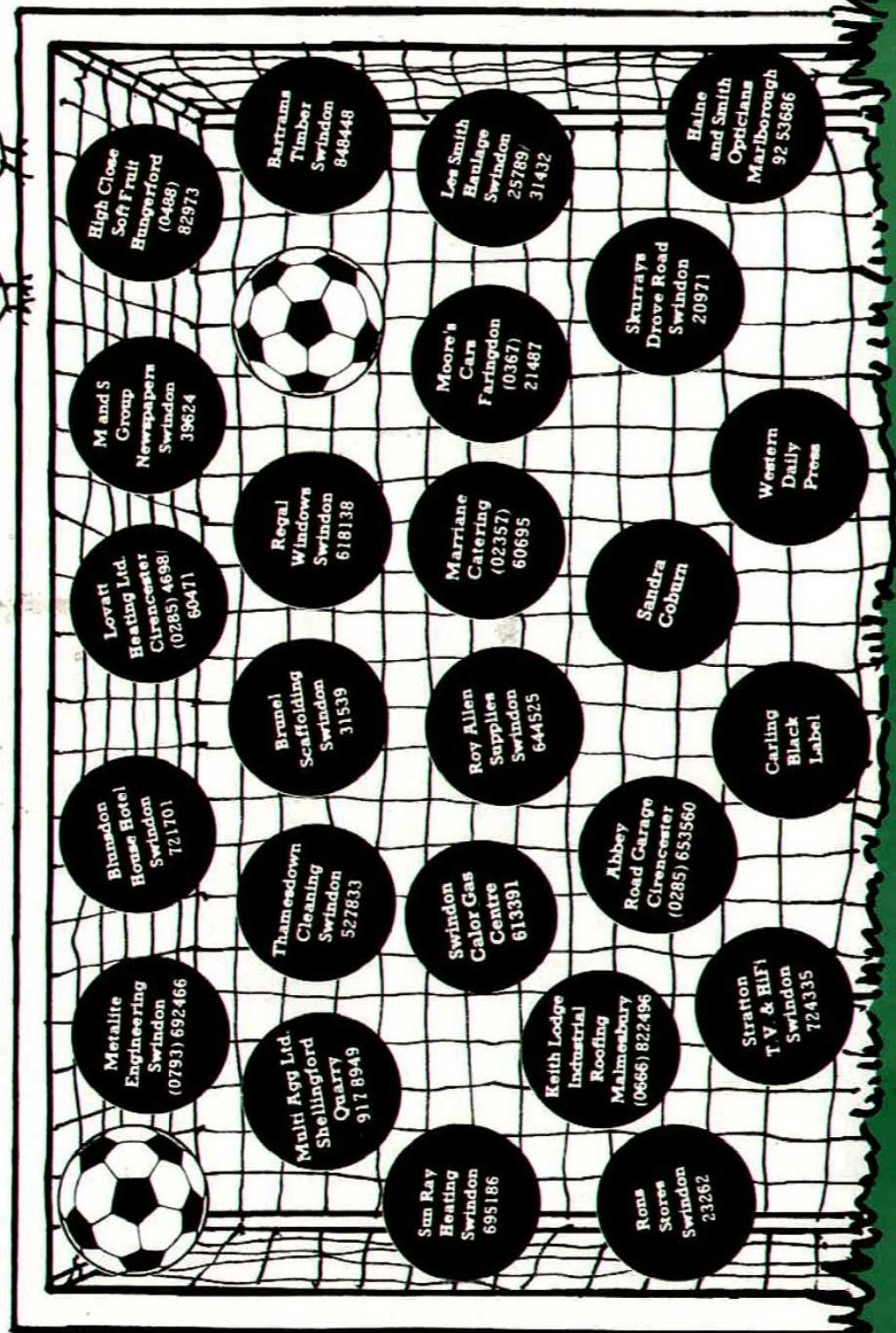
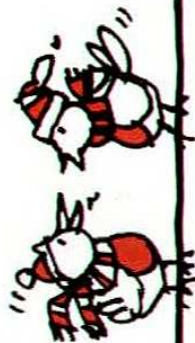
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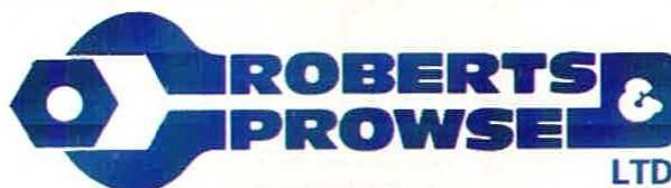


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Up to and including Wednesday September 13th 1989

	Pld	Won	Down	Lost	Goals For	Agst	Pts
Swindon Town	6	4	0	2	13	7	12
Arsenal	5	4	0	1	14	14	12
Wimbledon	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
Millwall	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Oxford United	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
Ipswich Town	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	2	1	2	9	9	7
Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	0	1	12	7	6
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Norwich City	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Queens Park Rangers	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Watford	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Crystal Palace	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
Southampton	5	0	2	3	7	9	2
Portsmouth	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
West Ham United	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Charlton Athletic	4	0	1	3	8	14	1
Reading	5	0	1	4	7	14	1
Fulham	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

THREE IN A ROW...

We made it three wins in a row when we defeated West Ham United at the County Ground on Tuesday August 29th by 3-1.

We made an ideal start to the match by scoring twice in the first six minutes! The first goal came from **John Cornwell** who latched onto a Paul Bodin through pass to score past Allan McKnight. **Paul Bodin** scored the second from the penalty spot after trailist Tony Sealy was brought down in the area.

Although the visitors pulled a goal back ten minutes before the interval through **Paul Kelly**, it was **John Cornwell** who sealed victory two minutes after half-time when he sidefooted home a Tony Sealy cross.

Mike Macari came on as a second half substitute for the Hammers. Former Town boss Lou Macari was an interested onlooker at the match.

Team: Hammond, Hockaday, Bodin, T. Jones, Viveash, Gittens, Tomlinson, Cornwell, Sealy, Summerbee, Hunt.

Substitutes: O'Driscoll and Trollope.

WOMELLES TAKE THAT

ONE HUNDRED PER-CENT RECORD...

It was disappointing to lose our first match of the season against Wimbledon at Plough Lane on Saturday September 2nd.

I was not too disappointed with our first defeat of the season for it was a game that either team



• **Tony Sealy** - Scored at Wimbledon but the former Brentford striker was not offered a contract by the Club.

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could have won. The Dons' took an early lead when **Paul McGhee** latched onto a mishit back-pass to give the home team an early lead.

We hit back immediately through **Nick Summerbee** who scored with a fine shot on the run. Opportunities were scorned by both

Andy Rowland



THE OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Result
1989		
Wed Aug 23	Portsmouth	2.00 H 2-0
Sat 26	Southampton	3.00 A 1-0
Tue 29	West Ham United	2.00 H 3-1
Sat Sep 2	Wimbledon	3.00 A 2-3
Tue 5	Oxford United	2.00 H 0-4
Wed 13	Fulham	2.00 H 5-0
Wed 20	Ipswich Town	3.00 A
Wed 27	Chelsea	2.00 A
Mon Oct 2	Millwall	2.00 H
Tue 10	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 H
Wed 18	Crystal Palace	2.00 A
Mon 23	Millwall	2.00 A
Tue 31	Luton Town	2.00 H
Tue Nov 7	Wimbledon	2.00 H
Tue 14	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 A
Tue 21	Arsenal	2.00 H
Tue 28	Charlton Athletic	2.00 A
Tue Dec 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	2.00 H
Sat 9	West Ham United	2.00 A
Tue 12	Portsmouth	7.00 A
Tue 19	Crystal Palace	2.00 H
1989		
Tue Jan 9	Watford	2.00 H
Tue 16	Reading	2.00 H
Wed 24	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.15 A
Sat 27	Watford	3.00 A
Tue 30	Chelsea	2.00 H
Fri Feb 2	Norwich City	7.30 A
Tue 6	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 H
Wed 14	Oxford United	7.30 A
Sat 17	Arsenal	3.00 A
Tue 20	Southampton	2.00 H
Wed 28	Fulham	2.00 A
Sat Mar 10	Luton Town	2.00 A
Tue 13	Ipswich Town	2.00 H
Tue 20	Charlton Athletic	2.00 H
Wed 28	Reading	2.00 A
Tue Apr 3	Norwich City	2.00 H
Tue 24	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 A

teams **Terry Gibson** scored two goals to put Wimbledon into a commanding lead. The first was a cracking shot into the top corner of the net from twenty yards. The second, in contrast, was a simple tap-in from a corner.

Tony Sealy reduced the arrears after a mix-up in the Wombles' defence. Although we pressed for the equaliser we were left to contemplate what might have been.

Team: Hammond, Bodin, O'Driscoll, Trollope, Viveash, Parkin, Tomlinson, Sealy, Geddis, Summerbee, Hunt.

Substitutes: Lea (for Summerbee in 45th minute), Dixon.

INEPT PERFORMANCE

A lacklustre display saw an inevitable defeat when we entertained Oxford United at the County Ground on Tuesday September 5th. The visitors were well worth their 4-0 victory!

Despite the previous Saturday's defeat at Wimbledon we entered this match against our close neighbours sitting proudly on top of the Combination League table. I found it particularly disappointing to see the inexperienced Oxford team displaying an enthusiasm and will to win than the majority of our players.

Our totally inept performance was punished by a first half goal from **Robbie Mustoe**. Matters went from bad to worse when a further goal for **Oxford United** came from **Joey Beauchamp** and our demise was almost complete when **Phil Heath** netted from a rebound from his penalty kick, which was saved in the first instance by Nicky Hammond. **Matthew McConnell** completed the scoring with United's fourth. We missed several chances and individual performances let us down on the day.

Team: Hammond, Cornwell, O'Driscoll, Bodin, Parkin, Viveash, Tomlinson, Sealy, Geddis, Summerbee, Hunt.

Substitutes: Trollope (for Tomlinson in 45th minute), Lea.

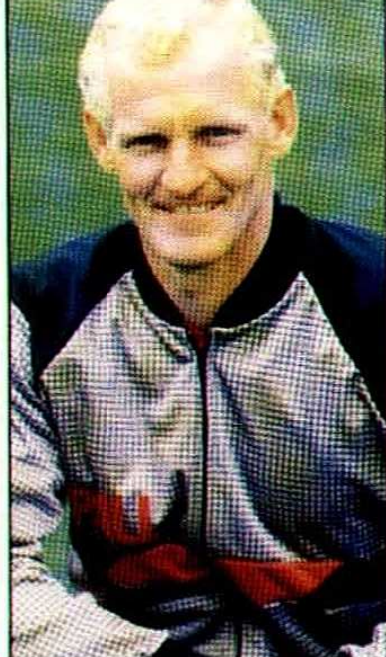
FINALISTS TWICE... THIRD TIME LUCKY?
We overcame our first round opponents Peterborough United at London Road in the Midland Youth Cup on Wednesday August 31st with a decisive 3-0 win. We now travel to meet the winners of the Mansfield Town and Notts Forest First Round tie.

Following an indifferent first twenty minutes we proceeded to dominate the match. Playing well in all departments of the team we should have won by a wider margin.



• **Nick Summerbee** - Scored twice at Peterborough in the Midland Youth Cup.

We took the lead after **thirty-two** minutes when a Paul Trollope corner was finished by **Nick Summerbee**. Although we were well on top it was in the last fifteen minutes of the match that we sealed victory. Following some good midfield play we went further ahead when **Nick Summerbee** scored his second goal. A



John Trollope

Liam Dixon header in the final minute made the score 3-0.

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Braidwood, Lea, Murray, Hall, Walker, Dixon, Summerbee, Trollope, Graham.

Substitutes: Spence, O'Sullivan.

... WOMBLES MORE DETERMINED

Seeking our first win of the season in the South East Counties League we were defeated 3-0 by visiting Wimbledon at Lydiard Park on Saturday September 2nd.

Once again we were below strength due to Reserve team calls. Although we started promisingly, trying to play some good constructive football, we eventually fell behind to a goal just before the interval scored by **Jeff Rowe** for Wimbledon.

Our second half display became muddled and spiritless and it was no real surprise when we conceded two further goals from **Stuart Castleton** and **David Cooper**.

The regular members of the team need to play by example and so help the lads who are tasting this grade of football for the first time. Unfortunately this did not happen in the second half and we could have no complaints about the result.

Team: Thompson, Spalding, Braidwood, Murray, Churchward, Hall, Walker, O'Sullivan, Spence, Goble, Graham.

Substitutes: Thomson (for Braidwood in 67th minute), Phillips (for Goble in 46th minute).

POOR START IN THE ALLIED COUNTIES
We made a poor start to our Allied Counties Youth League campaign when we lost 4-2 to Reading on Monday September 4th at Hungerford Town.

Despite the fact that we dominated most of the first half, limiting the visitors to only a few worthwhile attacks, they made the most of those opportunities to take a 2-1 interval lead. **Robert Spence** scoring our goal. We equalised early in the second half when, following a Stuart Phillips cross, **Robert Spence** scored his second goal in the game for the Town.

The last twenty minutes of play saw our play go to pieces and subsequently we conceded two further goals. I was disappointed with the appetite and enthusiasm some of the players showed when faced with adversity.

Team: Ryan Lovegrove, Darren Hall, Lee Spalding, Edwin Murray, Martin Churchward, Andy Thomson, Russell White, Marcus Phillips, Casey Coble, Stuart Phillips, Robert Spence.

Substitutes: Murray Flashlock (for Stuart Phillips after 72 minutes), Neil Sharland (for Russell after 45 minutes).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90

Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Sat	Aug 19	Reading	11 am H 1-1
Sat	26	Oxford United	A 0-3
Sat	Sep 2	Wimbledon	11 am H 0-3
Sat	16	Tottenham Hotspur	11 am H
Sat	23	Aldershot	A
Sat	30	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A
Sat	Oct 7	Luton Town	11 am H
Sat	14	Colchester United	A
Sat	21	League Cup (2)	
Sat	28	Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am H
Sat	Nov 4	Northampton Town	11 am H
Sat	11	Southampton	11 am H
Sat	18	Bristol City	A
Sat	25	Crystal Palace	A
Sat	Dec 2	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat	9	League Cup (3)	
Sat	16	Tottenham Hotspur	A
1990			
Sat	Jan 6	Reading	A
Sat	13	Oxford United	11 am H
Sat	20	Wimbledon	A
Sat	27	Aldershot	11 am H
Sat	Feb 3	Colchester United	12 noon H
Sat	10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	11 am H
Sat	17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Sat	24	Brentford	A
Sat	Mar 3	Bristol City	11 am H
Sat	17	Luton Town	A
Sat	24	Southampton	A
Sat	31	Crystal Palace	11 am H
Sat	Apr 7	Northampton Town	A

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP 1989/90

Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Sat	Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90

Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Wed	Aug 30	Peterborough United	A 3-0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Oxford United	4	3	1	-	9	4	7
Brentford	3	3	-	-	11	3	6
Wimbledon	5	3	-	2	12	6	6
Crystal Palace	3	-	-	-	7	1	6
A.F.C. Bournemouth	3	2	1	-	10	4	5
Southampton	6	2	1	3	8	8	5
Colchester United	6	2	1	3	9	11	5
Tottenham Hotspur	4	2	-	2	7	7	4
Luton Town	3	2	-	1	3	4	4
Brighton & Hove	3	1	-	2	4	4	2
Bristol City	3	-	2	1	2	4	2
Northampton Town	3	1	-	2	6	9	2
Bristol Rovers	3	1	-	2	5	8	2
Reading	3	-	1	2	1	4	1
Swindon Town	3	-	1	2	1	7	1
Aldershot	3	-	-	3	13	-	-

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

Date		Opponents	Result
1989			
Mon	Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-2

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Supporters who would like to see such associations formed are asked to write to the Commercial Department, STFC, County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. Please mark envelope 'Town Associations'. I look forward to hearing from you.

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TEAM CHECK

FRASER DIGBY. Gave a superb performance against West Ham United last Saturday. Still looking for his first clean sheet of the season.



CLIVE BAKER. The former Norwich 'keeper makes his 126th consecutive League appearance this afternoon.

LEIGH BARNARD. Once again proving his versatility to play in any position.



MALCOM SHOTTON. On the target in last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Middlesbrough at Oakwell. His sixth League goal for Barnsley.

PHIL KING. Made the 150th full League appearance of his career in the 1-1 draw at West Ham last week.



JULIAN BRODDLE. Scored the first goal for Scunthorpe United in our 6-2 defeat on March 29th 1985 at the now defunct Old Show Ground.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN. Scored his second goal of the season in the 3-1 defeat of Wolves on September 3rd.



JIM DOBBIN. The former Doncaster Rovers player appeared in both of the two League matches against the Town last season.

JON GITTENS. Scored his second League goal for the Town to earn a point at West Ham last week.



IAN BANKS. Now in his second spell with the Club following his return from West Bromwich Albion for £100,000 in the summer.

COLIN CALDERWOOD. The Town skipper made the 270th full appearance of his League career at Sheffield United last Tuesday.



PAUL FUTCHER. Made his 200th League appearance for Barnsley in the penultimate match of last season at home to Portsmouth.

TOMMY JONES. On the score sheet within minutes of his first game of the season in our last home match against Wolves.



STEVE LOWNDES. Scored the Oakwell Clubs first goal of the season in the 3-1 defeat at Ipswich on the first day of the season.

SHAUN CLOSE. Made his League debut at West Ham last week to help the Town to take a point in the 1-1 draw.



STEVE AGNEW. One of three Steve's who scored the three goals in the 3-2 win against Stoke City on September 6th. Lowndes and Cooper making the trio complete.

STEVE WHITE. With 120 League goals to his credit he still waits for his first goal of the new season.



STEVE COOPER. The former Newport County and Plymouth Argyle striker has 34 League goals to his credit since entering League soccer with Birmingham City.

ROSS MACLAREN. Will be looking forward to returning to one of his former Clubs next Tuesday when we visit Shrewsbury Town in the Littlewoods Cup.



DAVID CURRIE. Last seasons leading goalscorer has one goal against Brighton at Oakwell on August 26 to his credit this campaign.

TONY GALVIN. Capped for Eire in the 1-1 draw against West Germany in Dublin on September 6th.



MARK ROBINSON. Played his first full game for Barnsley against his former Club West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns on May 7th 1988.

JOHN CORNWELL. Four substitute appearances to his credit for the Club this season. Replaced Leigh Barnard in the second half at Sheffield United on Tuesday.



JOHN MacDONALD. Scored an 86th minute consolation effort in the Yorkshire Clubs last away match against Plymouth Argyle in a 2-1 defeat on September 2nd.

FITZROY SIMPSON. Returned from a two match suspension in the mid-week defeat at Sheffield United as a substitute for Tommy Jones.



CARL TILER. Made his first appearance of the season in the 20th minute of the 3-2 home win against Stoke City for the injured Paul Fitcher.

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