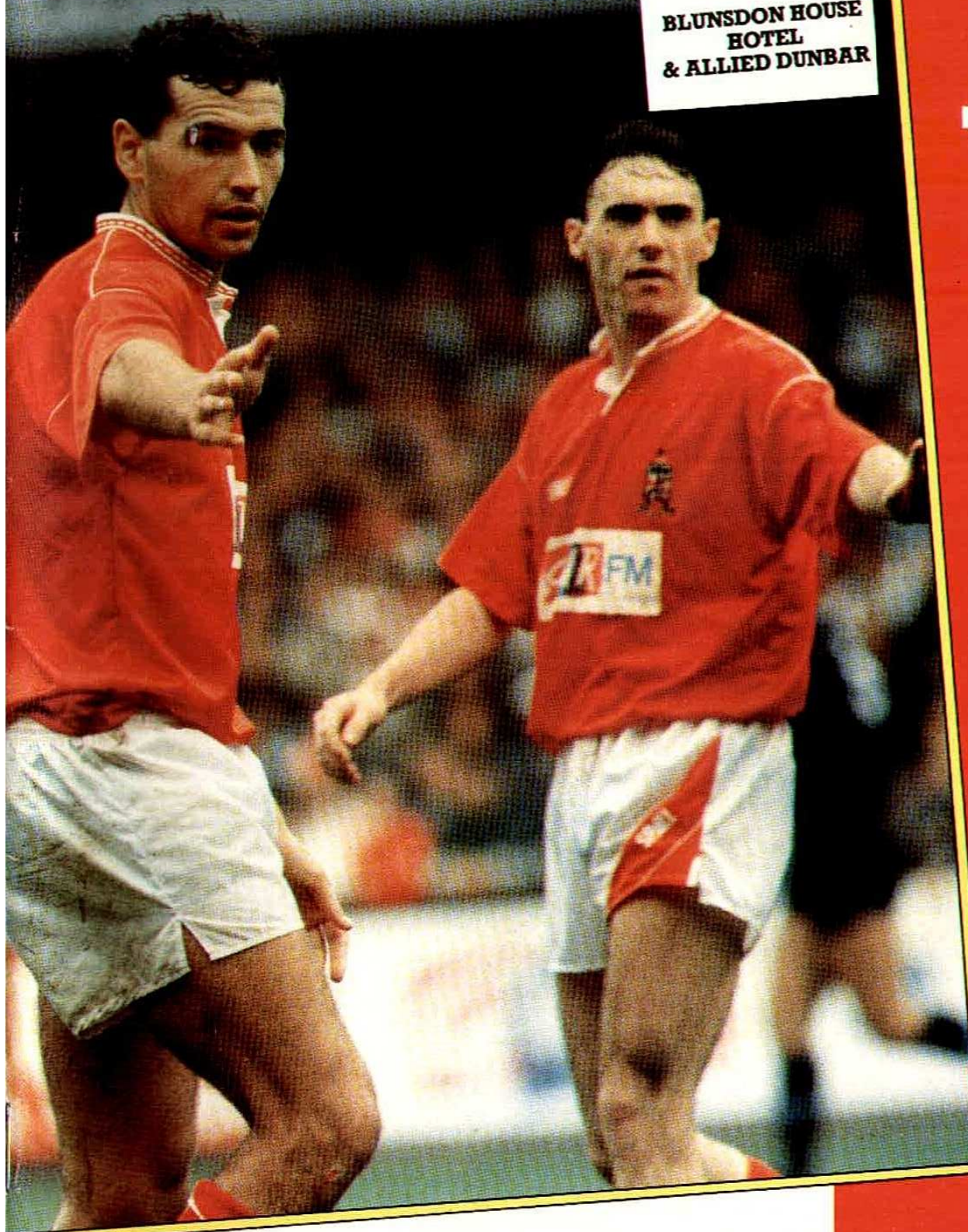


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# People and events in the news at the County Ground

## LOADS OF MONEY!

Proud **Evesham United**, who we visited in a pre-season friendly, have sold their picturesque riverside Common Road ground for **£2 million**.

The deal, completed on September 8th, will see the money used to pay for a 40-acre site on the outskirts of the Town. The new stadium will double-up as a community sports centre with Evesham maintaining their rapid progress of the last three years. At present Evesham United are top of the Midland Combination League.

## MOVING UP

Town defender **Jon Gittens** has now moved to Swindon to live. Apart from a brief period, after he completed his signing, Jon has continued to commute from Southampton.



• **Jon Gittens** - finding the net in our recent 1-1 draw at West Ham United.

• Jon, who signed a new two year contract with the Club just before the start of the season, is now residing in the Eastern area of the Town with his family.

## THE LATE MR. AUSTIN ELSWORTH

It was with great regret that we were informed of the recent death of one of our most loyal supporters, **Mr. Austin Elsworth** of 8 Parsonage Farm, Cricklade. Swindon Town Football Club send their condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr. Elsworth.

## FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

**Michael Scarratt** of 5 Kentmore Place, Clayton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, has a large number of **Cup Finals** and **International programmes** for sale. He would like to know if any Swindon Town

supporters would like to get in touch with him and he would supply a list of what he has available. Please do not forget to enclose a stamped addressed Please contact Michael direct.

## BAD LUCK LEE

Misfortune certainly struck **Lee Spalding**, one of our trainees, when we met **West Bromwich Albion** in the **First Round** of the **Southern Junior Floodlit Cup** recently.



• **Lee Spalding**

Lee had the bad luck to fracture **three** of his toes when he left his foot in a tackle. Town physio **Kevin Morris** says that **Lee** should be back in action in the next few weeks.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DUNCAN



**Duncan Shearer** receives the **Hickman Goalscoring Award** for the 1988-89 season from **Mrs. Margaret Barton**, who is the **Sales Executive** of **Hickmans** of **Swindon** who kindly sponsored the award.

Duncan received the award before the kick-off of our Barclays League

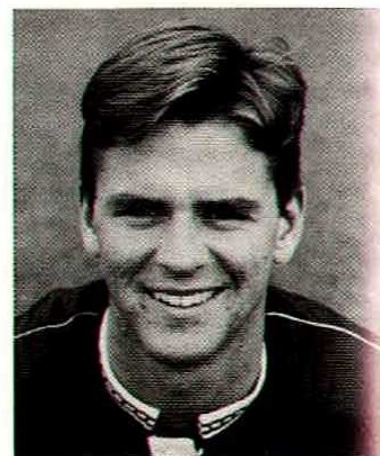
Division Two fixture with **Wolverhampton Wanderers** on Sunday September 3rd.

## BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are Town players **Mark Jones** and **Adrian Viveash**.



• **Mark Jones**



• **Adrian Viveash**

**Mark** will be celebrating his **twenty-eighth** birthday on **Friday** the **29th** while **Adrian** will reach his **twentieth** birthday on **Saturday**.

## WE VISIT SHORTWOOD UNITED

On **Tuesday October 10th** we shall be sending a strong **Swindon Town XI** to meet **Shortwood United** at their **Meadowbank** ground in **Nailsworth, Gloucestershire**, in a match arranged for the official switching-on of their recently installed floodlights. **Shortwood United** are members of the **Federated Homes League**. The kick-off for this match will be at **7.30 p.m.**



## WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

### MASCOTS UNITED



The two mascots for our recent match with **Wolverhampton Wanderers** at the **County Ground** on **Sunday September 3rd** are photographed above. **Shaun Kells**, who supports the Town on a regular basis, comes from Cambridge-shire. **James Jordan**, who is another Town supporter but visits Molineux

when he is not at the County Ground, hails from Bath.

Both **Shaun** and **James** are pictured with, left to right, **Ally Robertson** the **Wolves** skipper, **Mr. D. R. Palmer**, linesman, **Roger Gifford** the referee, **Mr. A. C. Williams**, linesman and **Colin Calderwood** the Town captain.

### CAN ANYONE HELP DEREK?

Town supporter **Derek Elston** of **62 Hinton Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN2 8NX** is appealing to anyone who might have this badge in their collection.



Derek has a collection of over 2,500 badges from the British Isles and until recently he thought that he had every badge produced for Swindon Town. The above badge is one that he has not collected and Derek is willing to pay any reasonable price to fill this gap in his collection. Derek can also be contacted on this number **(0604) 847004**.

### CONTRACTS

Since **Ossie Ardiles** took over as Manager at the **County Ground** he has been busy securing the long-term future of some of his squad of players. **Ross MacLaren**, **Fraser Digby** and **Alan McLoughlin** have tied themselves to the Club with new and improved terms. You may recall that **Jon Gittens'** future with the Club was resolved when the former **Tottenham Hotspur** and **Argentinian International** took over as Manager in succession to **Lou Macari**.

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### WE DESERVED TO WIN

**I was disappointed that the match with Barnsley did not produce two extra points. It was a match where we did not play as well as we can.**

There was no obvious answer on the day and there still isn't one now. These things happen in football. One match everything goes your way and the next it appears to be the opposite. Despite the fact we could have performed more in keeping with our ability I felt we still deserved to beat Barnsley.

### WELL DONE, PAUL

**The Barnsley match did give me the opportunity to introduce another of the talented young players we have at this Club.**

defending whatever the situation demands. We attacked in force and it was pleasant to see the goals coming early in the match.

### IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

**Fraser Digby** was able to play two matches without conceding a goal, which made me a happy man after the Cup-tie at Shrewsbury. The defence and the team as a unit are also responsible for helping Fraser to achieve this.

### WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE

**There are several aspects of our game that we need to improve and we are working hard to achieve this. I have commented about the defensive part of our game.**

Hotspur, I was always very aware of what a lot of talent they had at their disposal. A tremendous choice of what could be described as the best of the schoolboy talent. So our 3-0 win in the South East Counties League was pleasing. I have stated before that we have some good boys here at Swindon. Everything is going fine and our Youth team set-up is very good.

### BOOTS ARE BROUGHT OUT AGAIN

**Last Wednesday I decided to get my boots out again and play in our Reserve team at Ipswich Town. We started the match as League leaders, but lost our top-of-the-table spot, losing 3-0.'**

I played in the first half but made way for Paul Trollope in the second. We did not play well despite the high number of experienced players we had in our line-up.

### LEEDS UNITED

**Following our 3-0 win at Shrewsbury the Leeds United match was a massive disappointment. It emphasised the gulf between two opponents and the standard we need to attain.**

One win in our first seven matches is a poor start and the players here will have to cast their minds back to the 4-0 defeat they suffered at Sunderland last season. The remainder of the season was then an improvement.

We have the same squad of players that were at the Club last season and they must start to find a level of consistency with fight and determination.

The Second Division is a tough one and it will be easy to find ourselves fighting relegation if we are not careful. The players know that they are better than that and have to prove it with results on the field of play. Leeds spent £3 million on their team and have every right to expect some return for it. Money is not always the answer. Determination is an attribute, we must start to show we can put Saturdays 4-0 defeat behind us and begin to climb the League table. We owe that to ourselves. I expect a reaction to Saturday, it is up to the players to show that reaction with three valuable points. We have not scored in our last three League matches. We must start to find the back of the net.



## Ossie Ardiles

**Paul Hunt** made his League debut and I thought he did very well for the limited time that he was on the field. I will continue this policy of encouraging the younger players and we have some very good youth players coming through the system.

### JUST ATTACK OR DEFEND

**For our Littlewoods Cup match I decided to field a five man midfield system. Although for this to be effective the midfield players have to be fluent and mobile.**

Basically they are all attacking or

In midfield we need to become more tigerish, with more fight when we need it. Finishing is something we need to improve upon and at present we are working very hard to achieve these aims.

### OTHER TEAMS WITHIN THE CLUB

**All the teams within the Club are important and therefore I was very happy to see the Reserve team top of their League last week and our Youth team defeat Tottenham Hotspur.**

As a player with Tottenham

Swindon Supporters in London Association sponsor Ossie Ardiles' kit.

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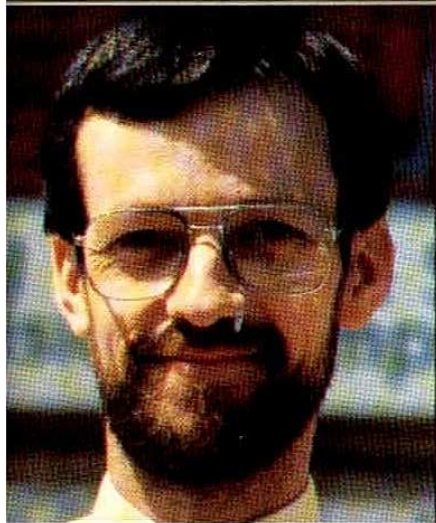
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## Paul Plowman

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

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE DAYS

Today we meet Plymouth Argyle for the 53rd time in the Football League and for the 83rd time since the Devonshire Club first joined the Southern League back in 1903.

The County Ground hosted 13 Southern League encounters between the Clubs from which Swindon could boast eleven victories and no defeats. Between 1909 and 1913 Archie Brown made a habit of scoring when Plymouth were visitors, hitting ten goals.

Similarly, the Town failed to inflict a defeat upon Argyle in the 13 Southern League games at Home Park. In fact, on only one occasion – in 1906/07 – did the visitors manage to score more than once, Johnny Kidd netting both goals in a 2-2 draw.

### FORTY YEARS ON!

It was 1923 before Swindon recorded their first success in Plymouth, Cyril Daniel (2) and Tom Phillipson scoring in a 3-1 win – and it was to be forty years before a

Town side would again return from Home Park victorious!

Argyle were the most consistent side in the Third Division's South in the 1920's. They finished in second place in six successive seasons, only the champions gaining promotion in those days. During that period Swindon won only three out of the ten meetings at the County Ground.

In 1930, Plymouth finally secured the championship and the two Clubs did not cross paths again until 1950.

### BAT AND BALL

George Dews, the Argyle inside-forward and Worcestershire cricketer, scored in all four encounters against Swindon in 1950/51 and 1951/52. His striking partner Maurice Tadman scored in three of them. The Town took just one point from the four fixtures. The 5-1 reverse at Plymouth in March 1951 followed an 8-2 defeat in Swindon's previous away game, at Southend. The 23 away trips that season yielded three wins and 20 losses!

### REMEMBER FRANK?

Swindon's post-war victory over Plymouth came 32 years ago this month. Frank O'Mahony was the match-winner with a 12th minute goal, his fifth in only six games for the Town.

After suffering defeat in seven previous visits to Home Park, Swindon returned with a point in January 1958. Argyle looked to be well in command when they led 2-0 after only 14 minutes, but Andy Micklewright pulled a goal back on the half-hour and then snatched an equaliser just seconds before the final whistle.

### PILGRIMS ON THE 'DOUBLE'

Plymouth were Division Three champions again in 1959 – and again recorded a League 'double' over the Town. Over 26,000 were at Home Park for the October fixture, when it was Argyle's turn to grab a last-minute goal. Jimmy Gould,

later to sign for Swindon, was the scorer, giving the home side a 3-2 advantage. The return encounter provided seven goals. Gauld again did the damage, hitting a hat-trick as Plymouth triumphed 4-3. Willie Marshall scored twice on his Town debut and Argyle's Peter Anderson also netted two – one at each end!

### TOWN ON THE 'DOUBLE'

It was Swindon's turn to take maximum points from the two meetings in 1963/64, with a 2-1 home win and a 4-2 success at Home Park. Ex-Town players scored for Argyle in both games. Cliff Jackson scored the opener in the Devon meeting, before a brace from 'Ernie' Hunt and two goals in the final six minutes, from Don Rogers and Bobby Woodruff, clinched the points for the visitors. The return fixture in March saw Frank Large score twice on his Swindon debut with Town old boy David Corbett getting his name on the scoresheet for Plymouth.

### DANNY AND THE CUP PARADE AT HOME PARK

The Town recorded an early season win over Argyle in 1968/69, two goals in the 3-0 success coming from Don Rogers. His second of the game, in the 57th minute was a superb 30-yard volley. Just a week after lifting the League Cup at Wembley, Swindon travelled to Home Park to do League battle once more. Before the kick-off, Managers Billy Bingham and Danny Williams paraded the trophy around the ground, where 20,776 were present. But Dave Burnside and Mike Bickle ruined Swindon's day by combining twice to give Plymouth the points with a 2-1 win.

### AN APALLING RECORD BY THE 'BRINEY'

Goals from 'little and large' – Dave Cunningham and Chris Guthrie – gave the Town their last success at Home Park in March 1978, their third in 42 trips!

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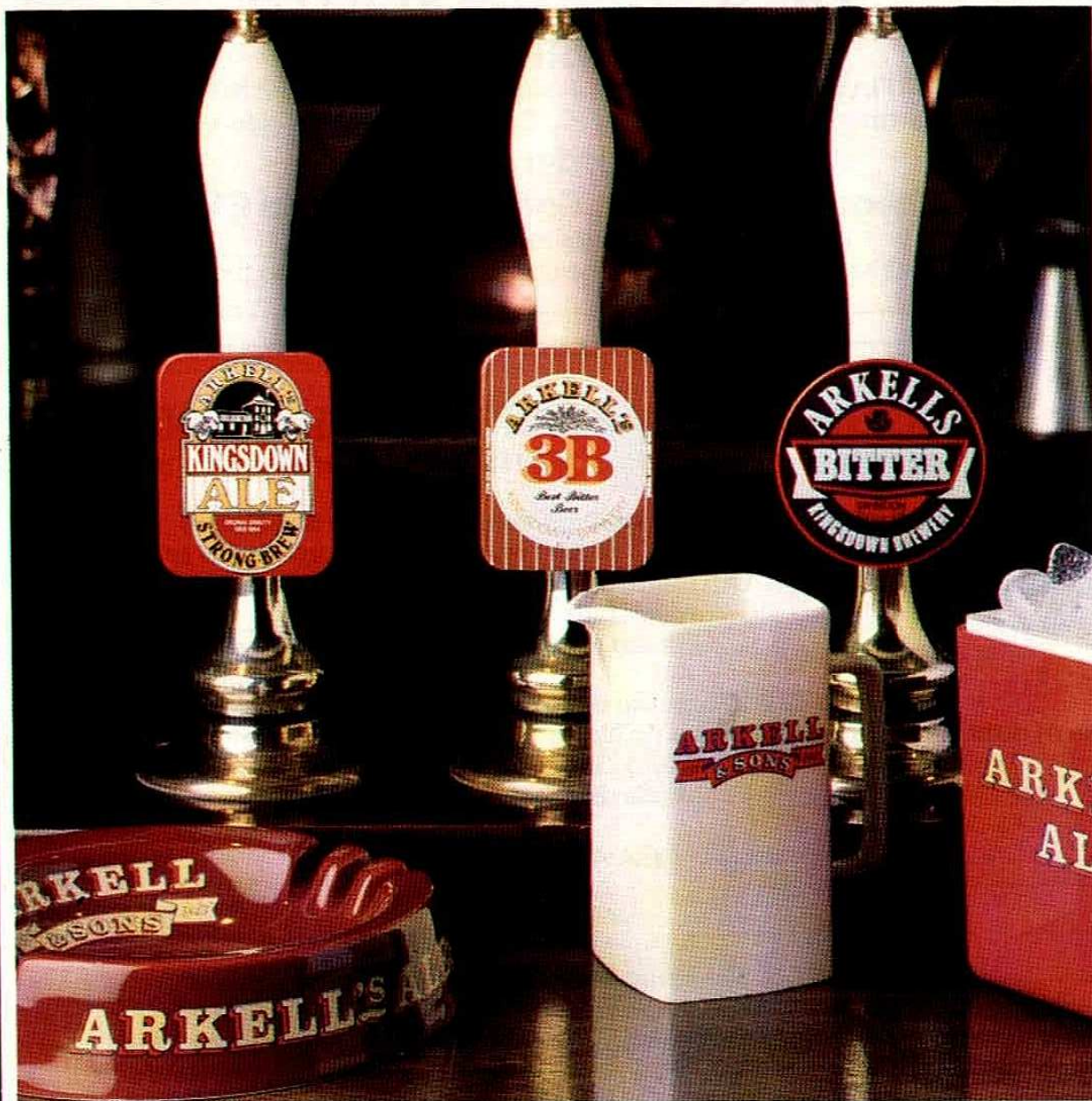
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## NO EXCUSES

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We probably tried one pass too many and invariably our moves were breaking down before we had started. A goal at any stage would have altered the whole complexity of the game. While the score remained at 0-0 we always thought we would be the first team to score. Although we pressed forward in vain we also had to safeguard against leaving spaces at the back. Overall a disappointment.

## SIMILAR SITUATION!

What a start to the season for Alan McLoughlin. Playing in midfield with a licence to get up in attack as much as possible appears to have given Alan a real purpose about his game.

It reminds me of the Charlie Henry situation that we saw a couple of seasons or more ago. Alan, similar to Charlie, did not appear to be a regular goalscorer and then suddenly it's goals everywhere. Let's all hope Alan passes Charlie's total, although Charlie had the advantage of being an out and out striker most of his memorable season.

## WELL DONE, 'OGGIE'

Thinking further about the Barnsley match, I was impressed with little 'Oggie' Hunt's debut. 'Oggie' came on fairly late in the game and then proceeded to buzz effectively.

Paul was positive in his approach, not frightened to take defenders on. I like the way in which he committed such as experienced campaigner as Malcolm Shotton. 'Oggie' has been turning it on in our Reserve team and I have noticed the spectators at these matches have an air of expectancy about them whenever he receives the ball. Quite simply he is an exciting type of talent.

## TIME TO LEARN

Fitzroy Simpson is the older of the younger players being provided with an opportunity at first team level. At Shrewsbury in the Littlewoods Cup it was noticeable that Fitz was allowing their full back to come forward. He needed to drop back and track the player.

Once again he showed natural and exciting skills to lay on our third goal and did well. What Fitz needs to do is to listen and take heed and learn from the older and more experienced players around him.

## IT WORKED A TREAT

Our line-up at Shrewsbury was a new method for us to try out. It worked a treat. It was a system

Colin Calderwood



where we needed plenty of movement and a quick breaking game.

We provided both and reaped our reward. We could have scored more. We showed in this Littlewoods Cup tie that we can finish well and badly in one match!

## NOT A FORMALITY, BUT THREE HELP!

The Second Leg a formality with a three clear goal lead? Not if we provide them with an early goal which would give them a lifeline. That is why it was so important for us to prevent Shrewsbury Town opening their account in the First Leg.

If we can score first it would make the scoreline 4-0, what a daunting prospect that will be for Shrewsbury. We will approach the match in our normal manner.

## PESSIMISTS

The fact that we have failed to score in two of our three home fixtures and defeated a Wolves team tipped to struggle immediately, brought forth comment that we would be in for a difficult time this season.

The facts are that we were down to ten men against Sunderland. Pundits may revise their opinion now that Wolves have won at Ipswich. While we were, admittedly, below par when we met Barnsley, we have often sneaked a 1-0 win against the odds when we have not been playing particularly well.

## INJURY TOLL BUT ADEQUATE REPLACEMENTS STAND BY

Although we have been hit by injuries to Dave Hockaday, Duncan Shearer and the non-appearance of Steve Foley, we have coped well due to the strength of our squad.

Ross Maclaren has slotted into a midfield role in place of Steve Foley and played very well. Such is our strength in depth that most of our first team squad have received a game and we have only played seven League matches!

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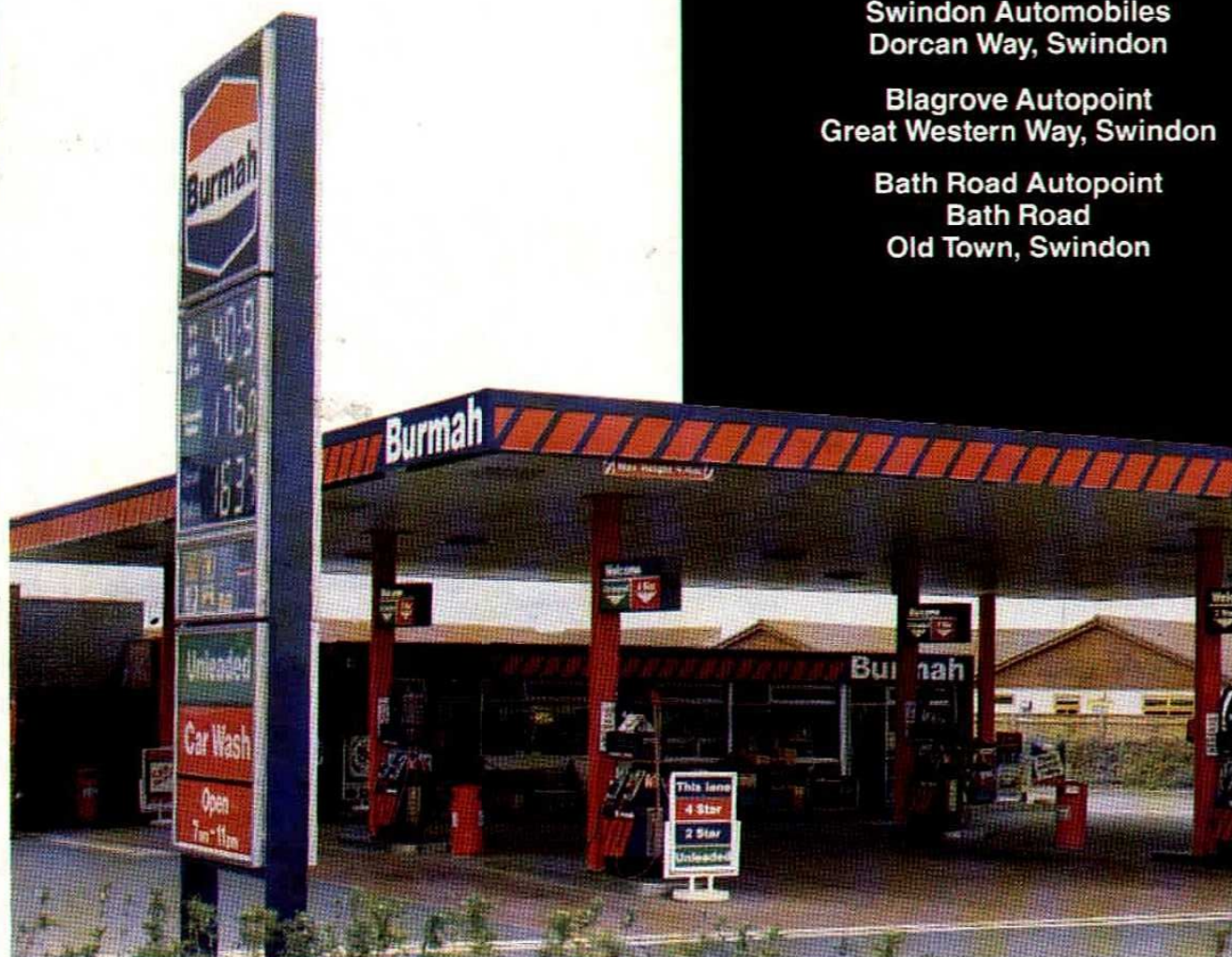
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## BARNSELY BORE

Alongside filling a page with interesting comment on another Barnsley scoreless bore, impossible tasks such as convincing Chris Waddle that his barber was joking or breathing a lungfull of fresh air in the Shrivvenham Road toilets seem straight forward.

The only person amongst the damp throng that afternoon who seemed remotely interested was Barnsley boss Allan Clarke who was up and down more times than Sammy Nelson's shorts as he urged his team on with a technique borrowing a great deal from the tic-tac men at Doncaster races. If only 'Sniffer' had shown the same enthusiasm for the game when he pulled on an England shirt! His own enthusiasm in print criticising Persil-white Vinny Jones also proved costly last week leaving him £3000 poorer.

## WE WERE STRUGGLING THIS TIME

Contary to my comments in the Barnsley programme, the 'Town' performance that afternoon truly justified a 'struggling Swindon' tag as we struggled to find the right idea at the right time amongst some dire passing moves which progressed forwards, but always ended with the ball being suicidally sprayed across the back four.

## WHERE IS STEVE?

The loss of the bite, fight and attitude of 'the player of the year' is biting hard as we continue to fail to stamp any kind of authority on the game, a speedy recovery seems too much to hope for. His presence against Leeds on Saturday would have given Vinny Jones more to think about than libel suits for once.

## RATHER PALACE THAN TOWN

Liverpool's recent cheque book demolition of Crystal Palace did at last provoke some much needed humour - what time are Crystal Palace kicking off on Saturday? - Every ten minutes, being my favourite.

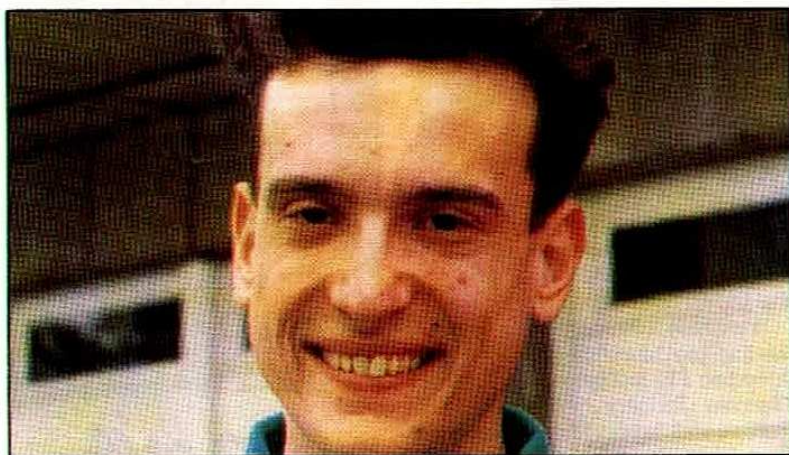
## GREEK MAYHEM

Whether hell bent on hooliganism or a loyal follower, travelling to Europe in support of a British team

seems in the present climate the act of a lunatic. Whatever the facts (and they will probably never be known) of Swansea City's Greek tragedy, the local authorities zealous response seems understandable. What possessed the Welsh fans to place themselves in a very potentially volatile situation goes beyond club loyalty and smells very strongly of a mixture of lager lout abroad culture and the rent-a-yob-mobs we have had to endure in Britain for years. The second leg unfortunately promises more trouble, this time at the Vetch Field, with supposedly 3000 revenge hungry Greeks intending to make

to have settled well into a Third Division attitude, with the gulf between second and third becoming apparent very early on as the 'Town' cruised to a comfortable 3-0 half time lead, inspired mainly by a brilliant performance from Alan McLoughlin, well rewarded with two well taken goals.

The real tests of the 'Town's' class last Tuesday was passed with ease - in previous seasons as the long ball was pumped monotonously upwards, the chap with the boat who retrieves the ball from the Severn every time is clears the stand at Gay Meadow had enough practice to enter the round the



by **Michael Scott**

the trip. We can only hope that some sort of commonsense will prevail and the hype is minimal. It is almost possible to see the Sun's headlines already with all stereotypes from Zorba to Stavros featuring strongly.

## CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER THANKS TO ALAN

If Wolves recent visit to the County Ground proved that adapting to another division is difficult, the Littlewoods Cup tie at Shrewsbury last Tuesday showed the other side of the coin. Whereas the Third Division champions are still struggling to find their second division feet, the relegated 'Shrews' seem

world yacht race, for the cup tie though he was only called on once, the greatest evidence so far of our much hyped change of style.

## WE MUST START TO MOVE OUT OF THE BOTTOM HALF

Tonight we witness that unusual beast, the midweek League game, Plymouth are always tough opposition, but then most Second division sides are no pushovers. A win tonight will boost confidence for another difficult trip on Saturday to Bradford and also lift us away from the lower half of the table which once settled in it is difficult to get out of.

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### HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The recent introduction of young players to our first team squad brings into focus how valuable a successful youth policy can be for the less wealthy Clubs. For Swindon Town the recent introduction of Paul Hunt and Nicky Summerbee has revitalised the hopes of many of the would be protégés at this Club. Trainees brought through the youth team ranks can now challenge the more established players at the Club. Not on a constant basis at this period of time, but with progress, certainly in a year or so.

### IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE 'MONEYBAGS' LEAGUE

What a contrast this appears when compared with the 'Moneybags League'. Take, for instance, Manchester United. Their Manager, Alex Ferguson, has paid £11.8 million in his period as Supremo in the transfer market. The Old Trafford Club are still nowhere in terms of honours.

It was only ten days ago that Alex Ferguson overtook Graeme Souness of Glasgow Rangers with the £1.2 million signing of former Southampton striker Danny Wallace. The odds are that the spending league will be the only table that United will top this season.

Previously, Graeme Souness was leading the 'Moneybags League' after spending £11 million in a bid to make Glasgow Rangers the best Club in Europe until Bayern Munich intervened! That bid will now remain on ice for twelve months.

At Liverpool, Kenny Dalglish, currently lies third of the big spenders worth £9.2 million in four years. Although there comes the difference, with two championships and two F.A. Cup wins to his credit. Clearly a man who knows what he wants – and gets it.

Swindon Town are one division away from these affluent Clubs but with a totally different approach and means.

### A MERSEYSIDE CHALLENGE?

This may be a season where the Anfield clubs Merseyside rivals Everton provide a realistic challenge for the top honours. The Goodison Park Manager, Colin Harvey, is fourth in the 'Moneybags' League having spent £7.7 million which includes a £750,000 swoop for Norman Whiteside. Colin Harvey searches for his first major honour in two years.

Tottenham Hotspur's 'El Tel' is in the same dilemma having spent £7.4 million in the past twenty-four months. In comparison the Scrooge-like George Graham is laughing all the way to the bank. Championship and Littlewoods Cup success have been achieved at a



by Dave King

cost of just £3.2 million in his three years in charge at Highbury.

A superb youth policy has produced Tony Adams, Michael Thomas, David Rocastle, Paul Davis and Paul Merson in eye catching style. Money will not always guarantee success.

### BRIAN CLOUGH HAS SHOWN THE WAY!

The Manager who knows the value of obtaining players at a tender age is Brian Clough. Despite the fact he spent some of the Neil Webb fee on Leeds' former midfield star John Sheridan he still refuses to play him at the cost of some of his home produced players.

Are Swindon Town in no-mans land at present? A progressive youth policy is of

paramount importance. Of course we shall continue to seek crumbs of comfort in the transfer market but the appointment of former Town full back Terry Wollen as the Clubs Youth Development Officer is aimed at producing more young players of the ilk of Nick and Paul. There must be a continual line of production. It is difficult at times to realise that we are, at the outset of each season, forty-six matches away from joining the Anfield, Goodison Park and Old Trafford club in their 'Moneybags' league. If we cannot produce young players and strike lucky we might as well be wishing on a star – because frankly that is about as near as we might get to the real thing.

So please have patience with these young players, they need, and will no doubt receive, your extended patience in their apprenticeship to the real thing. For these young players Second Division football is a challenge and they are vital to the progress of Swindon Town.

### STRATTON BANK

Following consultation with the Safety Team and Police Authorities on the implication of the Hillsborough Report issued by Lord Justice Taylor, fears for public safety have been expressed to the Club on the reduced capacity of the Visitors enclosure.

The Police Authorities have made representation to Swindon Town Football Club, in conjunction with the Safety Team, that the limit of 1,700 will cause immense problems and endanger public safety in specific instances.

The Directors of Swindon Town Football Club therefore had no alternative but to ask those people who now occupy the Stratton Bank End of the County Ground to move to the Shrivensham Road enclosure.

Swindon Town Football Club had no alternative in making this decision and the consequences of not only the disaster of Hillsborough but also the Hysel Stadium disaster have severe ramifications for football Clubs in general.

Similar severe restrictions are being implemented at Stoke City. That is having severe consequences for not only Stoke City but also visiting clubs. These are difficult times for clubs and will remain so for quite a period of time. It is pertinent to point out that Lord Justice Taylor's report was interim and his final report will have further implications for both clubs and supporters. It is a measure that we did not wish to seek to implement and Swindon Town apologise profusely for any immediate inconvenience.





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## PAUL PLOWMAN LOOKS BACK AT THE CAREERS OF TWO PLAYERS WHO SERVED BOTH SWINDON TOWN AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Through the years there have been relatively few transfers between Swindon Town and Plymouth Argyle.

But both Clubs have been fortunate in having had the services of two of the more prolific goalscorers of the period between the Wars.

### HAT-TRICK ON HIS DEBUT!

Frank Richardson, from Barking in East London, took his boots down to Home Park in 1920 after scoring 70 goals in a season for his local side. He hit a hat-trick on his debut in August 1921 and went on to grab 31 goals in 41 games that season. When, in 1923, Frank moved on to Stoke, Argyle were able to get £2,000 for him, a fair sum in those days. Before the year was out, Frank was on the move again, back to familiar territory at West Ham. He came to the County Ground in June 1924 and made his debut - at Home Park - on September 8. Sadly, he could not inspire his new team-mates to anything other than a 2-0 defeat.

### AN ADMIRABLE GOALSCORING RECORD

Frank netted 15 goals for Swindon in 1924/25, two less than top scorer Jack Johnson. In the following season he was leading scorer himself, with 18 from only 19 games before joining Reading in February. Frank also bagged ten for the Town in the F.A. Cup, all against non-League sides. He claimed four of the ten against Fulham and another four against Sittingbourne. Reading signed Frank in an attempt to clinch promotion to Division Two. He obliged, with 12 goals from 13 games and smashed home four in the championship decider on May 1. Reading hammered Brentford 7-1. Frank had a 21-goal haul in the Second Division in 1926/27 and stayed at Elm Park until 1930, when he returned to Swindon for a season. He continued to live in Reading, where he died two years ago at the age of 90.

### Frank Richardson's League Career:

Plymouth 36 apps. (37 goals)  
Stoke 14 (3), West Ham 10 (2), Swindon Town 9 (1), Reading 91 (47).

### JIMMY COST JUST £60

Jimmy Cookson began playing for South Salford Boys Club, in the Manchester suburbs, before going to Maine Road, where his brother Sam was already a professional. He was unable to get into the League side there, but Chesterfield



• Jimmy Cookson



• Frank Richardson

## Passing Back



## Paul Plowman

thought he was worth a £60 gamble in 1925. Jimmy responded with a staggering 86 goals in 74 League appearances! Not surprisingly, scouts flocked to Saltergate and he was soon on his way to West Bromwich Albion, in June 1927. When Albion defeated Blackpool 6-3 in late September, Jimmy scored all six! He was leading goalscorer at the Hawthorns in each of his first three seasons there. In 1931, he was called up to tour Canada with the F.A. Representative XI.

### TOP MARKSMAN AT HOME PARK

Jimmy signed for Plymouth on August 8 1933 and struck 27 goals in 29 League games to finish as Argyle's top marksman in his first year at Home Park. Three years later, almost to the day, he came to Swindon. A further 25 goals in 33 appearances in 1936/37 gave him the remarkable record of having been the highest goalscorer at each of the four Clubs he made League

appearances for, in his initial season with them. Unfortunately, injury prevented Town fans from seeing the best of Jimmy Cookson. He was forced to retire from the League scene in 1938. His career thus came to an end on 292 League games, during which he banged in 256 goals! Jimmy died at the age of 66 in December 1970, at Warminster.

### Jimmy Cookson's League Career:

Manchester City no apps., Chesterfield 74 apps. (86 goals), W.B.A. 122 (102), Plymouth 46 (37), Swindon Town 51 (31).

### REMAINING TRANSFERS

Since the War transfers between the Clubs have included Ernie Edds, Tony McShane, Rex Tilley and Jimmy Gauld, who all arrived from Plymouth and Dave Corbett, Cliff Jackson and Garry Nelson, who went in the opposite direction.





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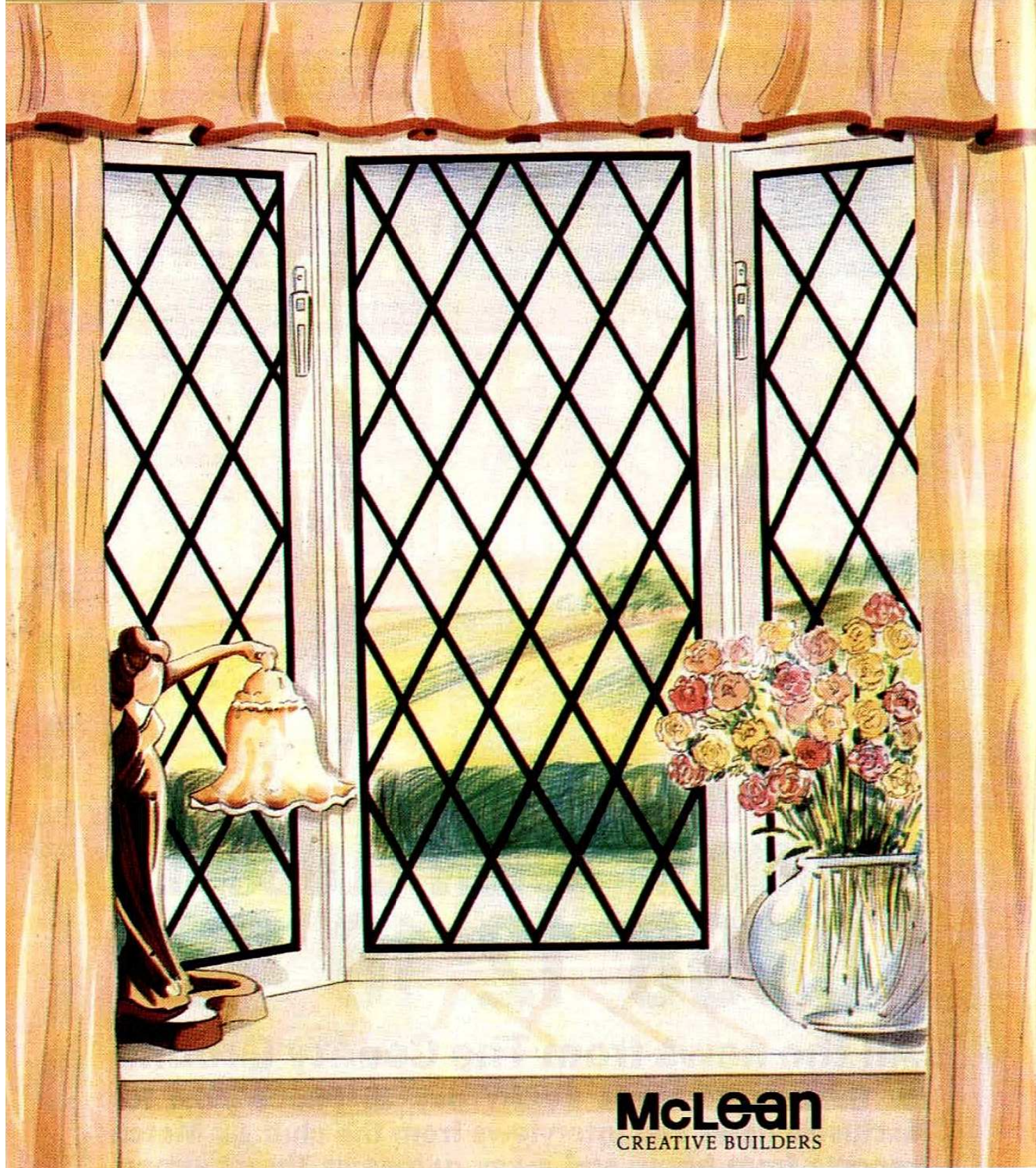
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1. Newcastle United
2. West Ham United
3. Middlesbrough

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

Ipswich Town.

**3. A tip for promotion from Division Three.**

Shrewsbury Town.

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

1. Peter Shilton
2. Dave Hockaday
3. Phil King
4. George Williams
5. Mark Wright
6. Rob Hindmarsh

7. Ted McMinn
8. Bobby Davison
9. Derek Johnstone
10. John Gregory
11. Gordon Smith

**5. The best player you have seen in your position.**

Ronald Koeman (Barcelona).

**6. Details of your first match, at any level, for your first professional Club.**

**Team and Opponents:**

Chelsea v Shrewsbury.

**Date of Match:**

1981

**Venue:**

Stamford Bridge

**Position played:**

Right Side Midfield

**Player you were marking:**

Mike Fillery

**No of goals scored:**

None

**Final result:**

3-0

**7. Your favourite holiday spots at home and abroad.**

Edinburgh, Scotland

Australia

**8. Your favourite sports commentator.**

Desmond Lynam

## Ross Maclaren



**9. Your favourite publication for sport.**

Match.

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

Best - Dave Geddis.

Worst - Steve White, without a doubt.

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

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Hampden Park

**12. Your worst moment on the football field.**

Losing to Crystal Palace in 1989 Play-Offs.

**13. What are your favourite TV shows.**

Taggart, Cheers, Take The High Road.

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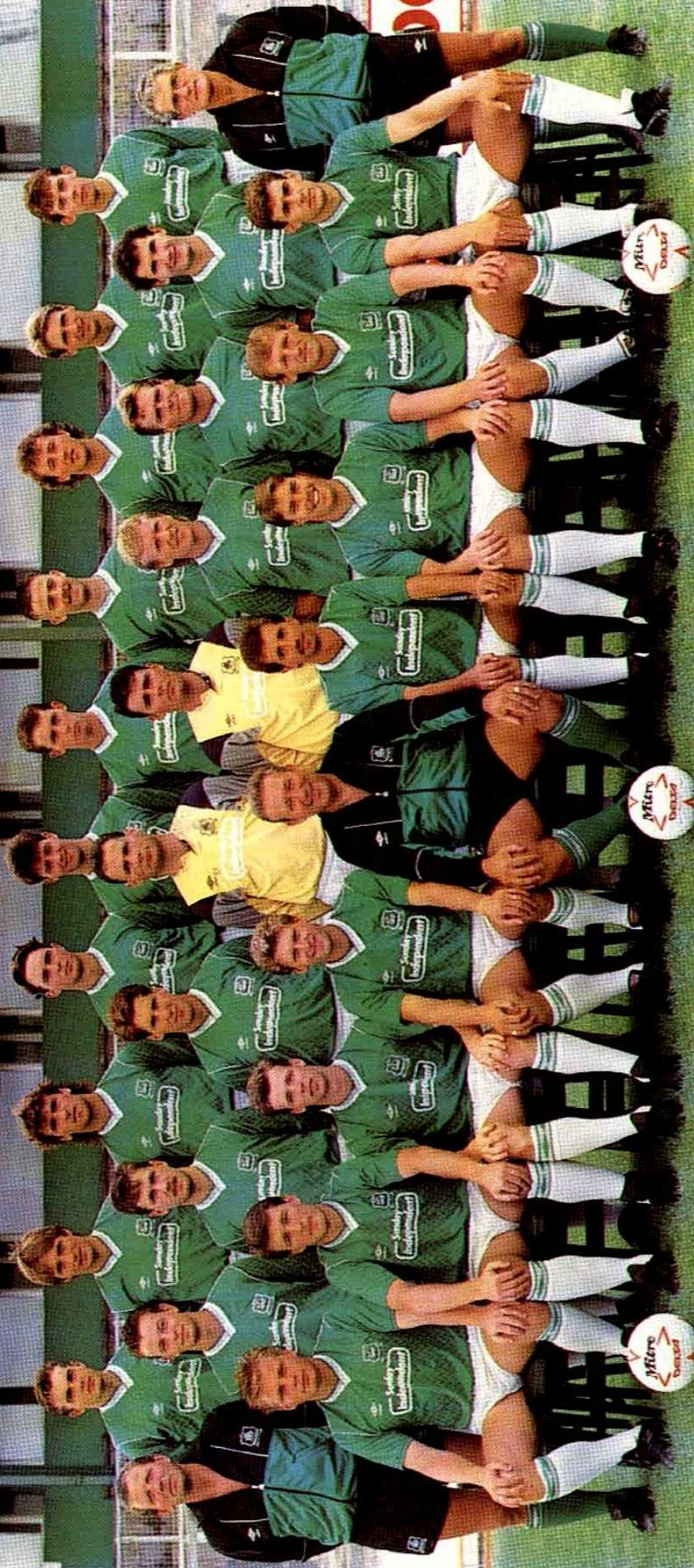
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**Back Row, left to right:** Martin Barlow, Leigh Cooper, David Byrne, Darren Garner, Owen Pickard, Jason Rowbotham, Lee Cansfield, Kenny Brown, Kevin Hodges, Stuart Casey.

**Middle Row, left to right:** Martin Harvey (Team Coach), Paul Rowe, Ian Angus (now with Dundee), Greg Campbell, Rhys Wilmot, Garry Penhaligon, Tommy Tynan, John Brinacombe, Mark Stuart, Malcolm Musgrove (Physiotherapist).

**Front Row, left to right:** Andy Morrison, Andy Thomas, Peter Whiston, Adrian Burrows, Ken Brown, (Manager), Kevin Summerfield, Sean McCarthy, Nicky Marker, Mark Smith.



## Form guide

**Plymouth Argyle** have certainly made a positive start to this season. The **Home Park** Club won their first two matches, defeating **Oxford United** 2-0 at home and then defeating **Cardiff City** at **Ninian Park** three days later by 3-0 in the **First Leg** of the **Littlewoods Cup, First Round**.

They then proceeded to lose the next two games, away to **West Ham United** by 3-2 and surprisingly losing 2-0 to **Cardiff City** in the **Second Leg** of their **Littlewoods Cup, Second Round, Second Leg** fixture at **Home Park**.

**Argyle** defeated **Barnsley** 2-1 at home on **September 2nd** and seven days later travelled to **Oldham Athletic** where the 'Latics' inflicted a nail biting 3-2 defeat on the 'Pilgrims'.

On **September 12th** the Devon Club won the battle of the Naval bases when they travelled along the South Coast to meet **Portsmouth**. An emphatic 3-0 win saw the goalscoring talent of **Tommy Tynan** record

his first League goals of the season against beleaguered 'Pompey'.

A match marred by the high wind prevailing over **Home Park** spoilt the encounter with League leaders **Sheffield United** on **September 16th** and a goalless match ensued.

The Devon Club met last seasons First Division Champions **Arsenal** last Tuesday evening in the **First Leg** of their **Second Round, Littlewoods Cup** fixture and were defeated 2-0 at Highbury.

**GOALSCORERS:** Up to and including Tuesday September 19th.

**League:** Mark Stuart 4, Andy Thomas, Tommy Tynan and Sean McCarthy 2 each.

**Littlewoods Cup:** Tommy Tynan 2, Sean McCarthy one.

**Average Home Attendance (League matches):** 9,033.

this season the former Argyle apprentice has had to share a substitutes role with **Peter Whiston** (21) another mid-field player who joined Argyle in December 1987. Peter's League appearances have been limited to two matches. The experienced **Kevin Summerfield** (30) is another broken leg victim. Kevin, formerly with Midlands Clubs West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City and Walsall has made 206 League appearances for his four League Clubs. Kevin has appeared in 128 of those for Argyle since joining the Club in December 1984. Kevin needs two goals to reach half a century in League games. **Stuart Casey** (20), a local born midfield player, has yet to make his League debut after completing his traineeship with the Home Park Club.

### TOMMY TYNAN'S CAREER RECORD (up to and including September 16th 1989)

Season	Club	App	Goals
1975-76	Swansea City	6	2
1976-77	Sheffield Wed.	39	14
1977-78	Sheffield Wed.	44	16
1978-79	Sheffield Wed.	8	1
1978-79	Lincoln City	9	1
1978-79	Newport County	20	7
1979-80	Newport County	34	8
1980-81	Newport County	45	13
1981-82	Newport County	38	13
1982-83	Newport County	46	25
1983-84	Plymouth Argyle	35	12
1984-85	Plymouth Argyle	45	31
1985-86	Rotherham United	30	13
1985-86	Plymouth Argyle	9	9
1986-87	Plymouth Argyle	40	18
1987-88	Plymouth Argyle	43	16
1988-89	Plymouth Argyle	46	24
1989/90	Plymouth Argyle	8	2

**Forwards:** The irrepressible **Tommy Tynan** (33), was soon off the mark this season with two goals in the Home Park Club's 3-0 First Leg win of the Littlewoods Cup against Cardiff City at Ninian Park. The former Sheffield Wednesday and Newport County striker is in his second spell with the Devon Club. **Sean McCarthy** (22), a £50,000 signing from Swansea City, is in his second season with the Club. Injuries have prevented **Greg Campbell** (24), a signing from Dutch Club Fortuna-Sittard in 1988, from establishing a regular position in the Home Park attack, restricted to substitute appearances in the early matches of this season. **Owen Pickard** (19), a former Club trainee, has made two League appearances for Argyle.

While most Clubs appear to play without a recognised winger, Argyle have been operating with two! **David Byrne** (29) was signed from Millwall in March just before the transfer deadline. The former Gillingham winger has spent loan periods with Cambridge United and Blackburn Rovers while he was on Millwall's staff. **Mark Stuart** (22) was signed from Charlton Athletic in November 1988. A winger with an eye for goals, he has scored braces against Oxford United in the opening game of the season and in the 3-2 defeat at West Ham United two matches later! Mark is now approaching 150 League appearances in his two-Club career. Former Club trainee **Martin Barlow** (18), another winger on Argyle's books, is still awaiting his League debut. Former trainee **Darren Garner** (18) made his League debut in the penultimate League match of last season against Oxford United at Home Park. **Paul Rowe** (18), another Club trainee who has signed a two-year contract with the Club, is still awaiting his League debut.

# Welcome to

## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

### THE SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Close season signing **Rhys Wilmot** (27), who cost £100,000 from Arsenal, is firmly established as the Argyle custodian. The former Welsh Schoolboy and Under-21 International has spent loan periods with Hereford United, Leyton Orient and Swansea City. A seventeen match loan period with Argyle preceded his summer move to Home Park. Cornish born, **Gary Penhaligon**, (19), is a former Club trainee who made his League debut last season against Birmingham City at St. Andrews in October and is understudy to the former Highbury 'keeper.

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**Defenders:** Full back **Kenny Brown** (22) is the son of the Argyle Manager and is now well established in the Home Park Club's defence after making 39 League appearances last season. Kenny was previously with Norwich City. **John Brimacombe** (30) is a local born player who is nearing a century of League appearances with the Club. **Leigh Cooper** (29) is a veteran of over 300 League matches. Leigh captained Plymouth Argyle to their F.A. Cup Semi-Final appearance four years ago. A

broken leg, sustained against Portsmouth last season, put him out of contention but he is hoping to regain his first team position this season. At the centre of the Argyle defence is **Aidrian Burrows** (30) and **Mark Smith** (29). Aidrian was a £10,000 signing from Northampton Town in July 1984. The former Mansfield Town defender has made over 300 League appearances. Mark, the former Sheffield Wednesday defender, made 282 League appearances for the Yorkshire Club before joining the Devon Club three seasons ago in a £100,000 deal. **Andy Morrison** (19) is a Scot who has made three League appearances for Argyle. Welsh born, **Jason Rowbotham** (20) signed professional forms for the Club in July 1987, making nine League appearances to date.

**Midfield:** Former Exeter defender **Nicky Marker** (24) has been converted into a midfielder player at Home Park. The former St. James Park Club defender is now approaching 300 League appearances in the service of these two Devon Clubs. Summer signing **Andy Thomas** (26) was signed from Bradford City in July. The former Oxford United and Newcastle United player has appeared in all of the opening League games for Argyle. The veteran **Kevin Hodges** (29) has made 426 League appearances for Argyle, his only League Club. To date

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## AWAY IN HAGGIS LAND!

Due to the deadline imposed for my column to be printed for this midweek match and being on holiday in Scotland. Hence the reason you may have missed my dulcet tones on GWR, I find myself reporting on general matters appertaining to the Second Division. Scouring the news items and snippets have unearthed several interesting matters.

## SO WHAT DID GO ON?

The Sunday Telegraph of Sunday September 17th in their Side Lines carried the following item!

Perhaps Manchester United or West Ham United will one day reveal the truth behind Paul Ince's transfer. Rumours abound that Ince's off-on-off-on move had more to do with unsavoury financial manouevrings than the physical condition of a young man who first went to Upton Park on a YTS scheme on the recommendation of his probation officer.

Why didn't the Sunday Telegraph comment further on what they know? Such schinaningings! It should be all tied up in a haggis.

## DAVID

### - AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST

Pleasant to see that Leicester City Manager David Pleat remains an eternal optimist. Following the recent 2-0 defeat at Bradford City he said, "I was pleased with our general attitude. If we continue like that we will be okay."

"We have some quality players missing through injury but I thought we came back well. We had our chances but did not take them. I think it will come. We gave it our best shot but did not get a result."

Ah well! Keep hoping David.

## HITTING THE BUFFERS - TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT?

Wolves have quickly found that life in the Second Division is in stark contrast to the two-year success story fashioned in the Fourth Division and carried through at break-neck speed. The Molineux bandwagon has hit the buffers although their recent 3-1 win at Portman Road against Ipswich Town should lift their spirits.

## BERNIE CRAVES FOR THE FIRST DIVISION

Bernie Slaven proved just why his Manager rates him among the best strikers in Britain.

Bernie, who was a £25,000 investment, celebrated his 200th League game with a goal in Middlesbrough's 2-1 home win over A.F.C. Bournemouth. He recently said that he still yearns for the big game: "I've tasted the top flight and I want us to go back there!"

## JASON BALL - FROM THE ROUND BALL TO ANOTHER OVAL BALL

Moving away from the Second Division and soccer, here is an unusual story. Former Arsenal starlet Jason Ball is carving out a new career - in Rugby Union.

Ball, 20, who spent two seasons at Highbury, is now playing in the

centre for Neath, Wales's most successful Club. Ball, an ex-Welsh Youth Soccer International, explained, "I joined Arsenal straight from school at 16 and when they cast me off I thought my world had ended. But since taking up Rugby I realise there is life after Highbury!"

**YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTE, LOU**  
Former Town boss Lou Macari will be hoping that he never meets former 'Hammer' Alan Curishly again! The Brighton and Hove Albion midfielder player revealed, after the London Club's recent 3-0 defeat, these comments. "I'm delighted to put one over on them. I've still never lost a League game against West Ham United."

## AN UNWANTED RECORD

Port Vale are the only Club - apart from League newcomers Maidstone United - never to have reached the third round of the Littlewoods Cup in the competitions 29 year history.

Their 2-1 defeat at home to Wimbledon last week would appear to have almost ended any hopes that they had of achieving that this season. They face a stiff task to overcome this deficit in their Second Leg fixture at Plough Lane next week.

## FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Sheffield United Manager Dave Bassett moved quickly to cover the loss of his regular left backs David Barnes and Martin Pike.

The United chief signed Sheffield Wednesday's Wilf Roston on a months loan. With David Barnes injured and Martin Pike receiving a three match ban for being sent off in a pre-season friendly, close rivals Wednesday willingly lent a helping hand.

## BUTTON UP!

Former Leeds United and now Barnsley Manager Allan Clarke, was recently fined £3,000 by the Football Association for criticising his old Club in a newspaper article.

The Barnsley Manager had hit out at United's £650,000 signing of Wimbledon forward Vinny Jones. Mr. Clarke, I believe, was in fine vocal form from the dug out when we played Barnsley in our recent home fixture. A fact that did not go unnoticed by the North Stand clientele and some of the nearby stewards and ball boys!

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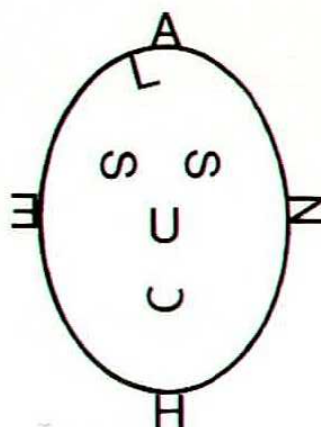
**Answer:** Completely Safe. The coach trip and day out is very well supervised, watching the match is always in a set or standing area within the Clubs family section. Ask any Junior Robin who has been before.

## WATCH OUT FOR:

The new Junior Robins Newsletter is coming soon.

## DONT FORGET:

The next meeting is on Monday in the Alamo at 5.30 p.m.



## Face in the Crowd

Are you the face ringed in the photograph alongside? If you are, you've won two tickets for a S.T.F.C. home game this season. All you have to do is bring along your programme to Lisa, Joanne or Michelle at the Club reception office and claim your tickets.

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## Travel Club News

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Date	Venue	Depart County Ground	Fare
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

We will also be running coaches to all Cup matches. Bookings are taken from MEMBERS ONLY. Membership is currently available at the cost of £2.00 for one year, or £5.00 for three years. You must also provide TWO passport size photographs with your application. Forms are available from the Travel Club Office, which is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 7.30 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. and also before and after each home game. For further information please telephone 611499.

### YOUR ROUTE TO BRADFORD CITY AND VALLEY PARADE

Next **Saturday September 30th** we travel to Yorkshire where we meet **Bradford City** and renew acquaintanceship with our former Northern Ireland striker **Jimmy Quinn**.

Your route from **Swindon** will be via the **A361** through **Burford** and **Banbury** by-passing **Daventry** to **Junction 18** of the **M1**. Then proceed north to the **M62** and exit at **Junction 26** onto the **M606**. At end take **4th exit** from roundabout and follow **Ring Road (A6036)** to **Keighly** for **4½ miles**, then turn left at cross-roads with **A650**. Take **A650** and follow signs for **Bradford**. A third of a mile after junction with **Ring Road** turn left into **Valley Parade**.

### MATCH DETAILS

Entrance to the terraces will be **£3.75**. There will be no seating arrangements for Town supporters at Valley Parade.

The terrace arrangements are at the **Hollywell Ash Lane** end of Valley Parade. The telephone number of the Club is (0274) 306062.

Your matchday programme will be on sale at 70p.

There is accommodation for twelve wheel-chairs in the **Disabled Enclosure**. Car Parking is limited to the nearby streets and local car parks (£2 entry charge). Your nearest Railway Station is the **Bradford Interchange**. The local Police telephone number is (0274) 723422.

There are snack bars throughout the Valley Parade ground.

### MAP OF VALLEY PARADE



with the **CLUB**

## FORM CHECK AT VALLEY PARADE

**Bradford City** have made a disappointing start to this season. They kicked-off the season with a 2-2 draw at home to **Port Vale**, newly promoted from the Third Division. After leading, through a **Paul Jewell** header in the **tenth minute**, following a **Jimmy Quinn** nod-down, they found they were trailing to goals from **Dean Glover**, who netted from the **penalty spot** in the **seventy-sixth minute** following a handball by City defender **Brian Tinnion**. Within six minutes they went further behind to the visitors when **Darren Beckford** scored from a header.

It was left to the Valley Parade Club's defender **Brian Tinnion** to make amends for his earlier handling error. Brian surprised the Vale defenders when he scored from a long free kick near the touchline, with just six minutes of play remaining, to ease the disappointment of the **10,242** present.

Manager **Terry Yorath's** team were disappointing in their second home League match when they were held to a 1-1 draw by **Portsmouth** before an attendance of **8,452**. City fell behind to a first half goal by former Chelsea midfielder

player **Mike Fillery** who showed good close control in the **thirty-sixth minutes** as he swivelled quickly to place his shot wide of City goalkeeper **Paul Tomlinson**.

It was left to former Town striker **Jimmy Quinn** to earn a point when he rammed his short range angled shot past Portsmouth goalkeeper **Alan Knight** in the **forty-sixth minute** following a pass from **Kenny Wharton**.

Eventually the Valley Parade Club won their first home League match of the season on **Saturday September 16th** when they defeated **Leicester City 2-0** before an attendance of **8,732**. It was substitute **Kevin Megson** who replaced Welsh International **Alan Davies**, when he was carried off with a broken leg after six minutes, who set up the first goal. In the **thirty-third minute** he whipped across a centre which was headed home by **Mark Leonard**. It was former Leicester City striker **Jimmy Quinn** who sank his former Club when he finished off a long Dave Campbell angled pass which sliced through the Leicester City defence.

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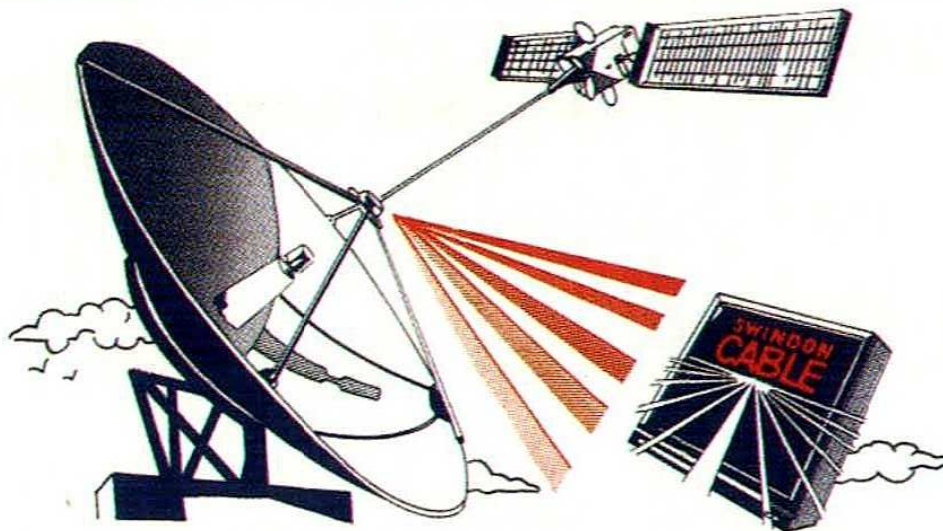
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Blackburn Rovers	7	1	2	0	4	3	2	2	0	6	3	13
Brighton & Hove Albion	7	3	0	0	7	1	0	3	8	9	12	
Sunderland	7	2	1	1	8	5	1	2	0	4	2	12
Leeds United	7	2	2	0	8	3	1	1	1	4	4	12
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Newcastle United	7	3	0	0	8	3	0	2	2	4	6	11
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Barnsley	7	3	1	0	7	3	0	1	2	2	5	11
Watford	7	3	0	0	5	1	0	2	2	2	7	11
<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
Ipswich Town	7	1	1	1	5	5	1	2	1	7	7	9
Oxford United	7	2	2	0	7	5	0	1	2	4	7	9
Middlesbrough	7	2	1	0	9	6	0	1	3	4	8	8
A.F.C. Bournemouth	7	2	1	1	10	10	0	1	2	3	5	8
West Bromwich Albion	7	1	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	6	6	8
Wolverhampton Wanderers	7	1	2	1	4	5	1	0	2	6	6	8
Port Vale	7	1	2	0	3	2	0	2	2	3	6	7
Bradford City	7	1	2	0	5	3	0	1	3	2	7	6
Portsmouth	7	1	2	1	5	6	0	1	2	1	8	6
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
Hull City	7	0	2	1	2	3	0	3	1	7	8	5
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Leicester City	7	1	1	2	4	6	0	1	2	2	6	

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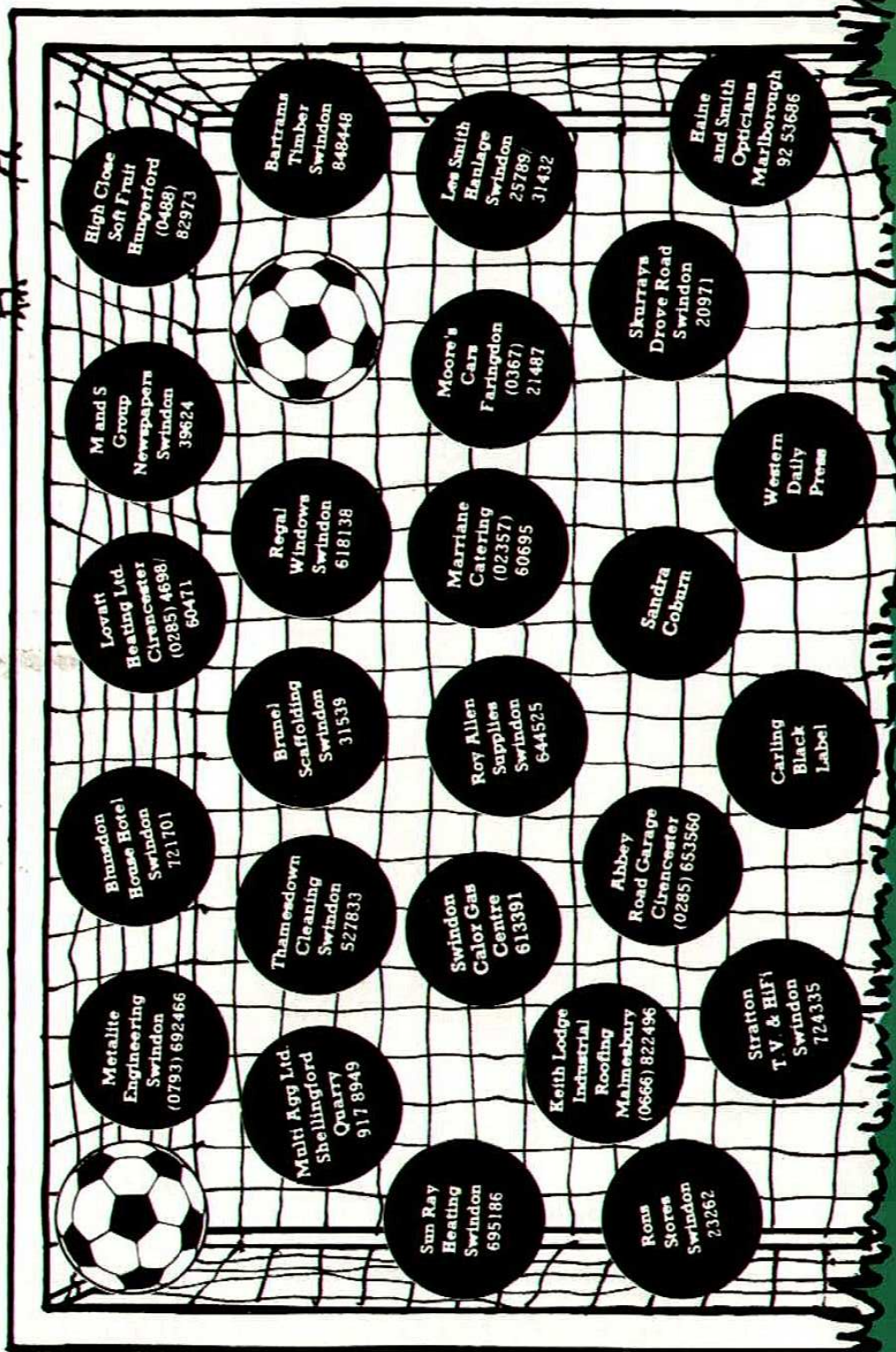
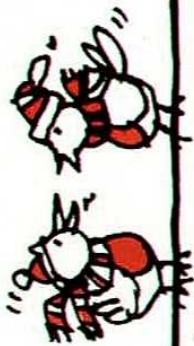
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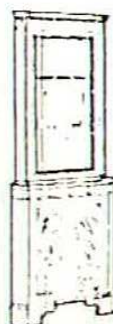
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	A	S	G
Nicky Hammond	7	-	-
Paul Hunt	7	-	3
Adrian Viveash	7	-	-
Paul Bodin	6	-	2
			(inc. 2 pen.)
Nicky Summerbee	6	-	1
Neil Tomlinson	6	1	-
Paul O'Driscoll	5	1	-
John Cornwell	4	-	2
David Geddis	4	-	1
Tommy Jones	4	-	-
Tim Parkin	4	-	-
Tony Sealy	3	-	1
Leigh Barnard	2	-	-
Dave Hockaday	2	-	-
Fitzroy Simpson	2	-	1
Paul Trollope	2	3	-
Ossie Ardiles	1	-	-
Julian Braidwood	1	-	-
Sean Close	1	-	-
Tony Galvin	1	-	-
Alex Graham	1	-	-
Jon Gittens	1	-	-
Mark Lea	-	1	-

### TABLE TOPPING TOWN!

Following their 5-0 home victory versus Fulham on Wednesday September 13th, our Reserve team returned to the top of the Football Combination League table on goal difference above Arsenal.

This was particularly pleasing after we had suffered two consecutive defeats. I felt on this occasion that we gave a fine attacking display.

The highlight of the match was a hat-trick by Paul Bodin. The former Newport County player scored with a header after twenty minutes and then followed a fine solo goal after 65 minutes and then he completed his trio of goals from the penalty spot after 70 minutes, when Neil Tomlinson was up-ended in the box. We created, and missed, chances at will. The other goalscorers were Fitzroy Simpson, playing his first full game after returning from a two match suspension, who netted in the twenty fifth minute and Tommy Jones, who scored in the 40th minute.

Fulham never really looked as though they would score, their forwards being well held by a resolute Town back four. Overall a most pleasing performance.

**Team:** Hammond, Hockaday, Bodin, T. Jones, Parkin, Viveash, Tomlinson, Cornwell, Summerbee, Hunt, Simpson.

**Substitutes:** O'Driscoll (for T. Jones in 45th minute), Trollope (for Cornwell in 75th minute).

**KNOCKED OFF THE TOP IN EAST ANGLIA**  
Our trip to East Anglia on Wednesday September 20th proved fruitless. We met Ipswich Town at Portman Road and suffered a 3-0 reverse. At this stage we were leading the Football Combination League table but lost our top spot following defeat.

It was a match in which we should have fared better, for we had a high percentage of players in our team with plenty of experience. We did not tackle the task in hand and subsequently suffered.

Three goals in an eight match spell quickly put paid to any hopes we had of a victory. Our bright start to the game was ended when the

Portman Road Club took the lead through Neil Woods after twenty one minutes. Ipswich quickly added to their lead with further goals by David Hill and David Gregory. Following that decisive burst the match developed into an uphill battle and, to be frank, we never got to grips with the task. We made no real effort on

goal. The pace of the Ipswich Town attack was a constant problem for our defence.

It was a most disappointing performance and we quickly need to establish a level of consistency in our performances at reserve team level. This was typical of one or two displays this season, while in others we have performed with credit.

**Team:** Nicky Hammond, Leigh Barnard, Paul O'Driscoll, John Cornwell, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Paul Hunt, Ossie Ardiles, Shaun Close, Nicky Summerbee, Tony Galvin.

**Substitutes:** Neil Tomlinson (for Ossie Ardiles in 45th minute), Paul Trollope (for John Cornwell in 45th minute).

## 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 0-3
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

# Andy Rowland



• Paul O'Driscoll - The former Southampton player has signed another month's contract with the Town. Paul, who hails from Swindon, is hoping to earn a full contract with the Club. Paul was promised a three month trial by our former Manager Lou Macari and he has completed two of his three month's probationary period.

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# FIRST ROUND KNOCK-OUT

We made our exit from the South East Counties League Cup on Saturday September 9th when we were defeated 3-2 by Portsmouth at the County Ground.

The First Round tie turned out to be one of our usual inconsistent performances, starting and finishing well, but in between we lacked appetite and know-how. We took the lead when **Liam Dixon** scored at the second attempt. Poor defending from a free kick allowed **Darren Anderton** to equalise for Portsmouth. Defensive errors early in the second half enabled 'Pompey' to take a two goal lead in when **Micky Ross** and **Darren Anderton**, with his second goal of the match, scored for the visitors.

It was not until the final ten minutes that we improved our game sufficiently to reduce the lead when **Nick Summerbee** converted an Alex Graham cross. Near attempts and a disallowed goal thwarted our efforts to earn a replay.

Overall I believe we require more consistency in both our approach and enthusiasm, together with a better knowledge and more concentration. All of these attributes will be needed if we are to show any improvement both individually and collectively.

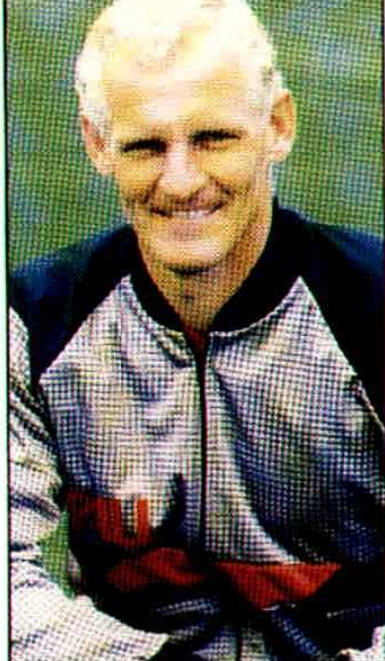
Team: **Paul Thompson, Darren Hall, Alex Graham, Mark Lea, Martin Churchward, Eddie Murray, Richard Walker, Liam Dixon, Nick Summerbee, Paul Trollope, Lee Spalding.**

Substitutes: **Robert Spence and Mathew Phillips.**

# ANOTHER FIRST ROUND EXIT!

We made our second exit from a Cup competition within the space of almost forty-eight hours when we lost our Southern Junior Floodlit First Round match at West Bromwich Albion 2-0 on Monday September 11th.

A match of contrasting halves with the home team enjoying the majority of play in the first half. **Simon Morris** put Albion ahead in the 30th minute when he hit a great first time shot



John  
Trollope

from 25 yards that gave Paul Thompson no chance, following a clearance from a corner. The Town then lost Lee Spalding with three fractured toes.

In the thirty fifth minute West Brom increased their lead when Paul Thompson brought down **Jason White** and he scored from the resultant penalty. We adopted a more positive attitude in the second half and if we can reproduce this attitude with added care and ideas when in possession we can certainly look forward to much better performances and results.

**Jason White** is the son of former England International **Peter**, who is now the Assistant Manager of Third Division Huddersfield Town.

Team: **Paul Thompson, Darren Hall, Lee Spalding, Paul Trollope, Martin Churchward, Eddie Murray, Richard Walker, Alex Graham, Nicky Summerbee, Liam Dixon, Mark Lea.**

Substitutes: **Wayne O'Sullivan and Robert Spence.**

# FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON

We secured our first win of the season when we defeated Tottenham Hotspur 3-0 on Saturday September 16th at Lydiard Park in our South East Counties Division Two fixture.

A more positive approach produced our finest performance of the season. A goalless first half was followed by a continuation of our first half form in the second period. We survived a forty seventh minute shock when Martin Churchward raced back to clear off the goal line. A minute later **Robert Spence** gave us the lead with a header.

A long ball from defence, in the sixty second minute, saw **Robert Spence** break clear and beat Cheesewright in the Spurs goal for our second goal. It was no surprise when Liam Dixon centred for **Paul Trollope** to apply the finishing touch to put us into a winning 3-0 lead.

I was pleased with the better appetite shown for the game and the thought put into our game. Overall a vast improvement.

Team: **Thompson, Hall, Graham, Lea, Churchward, Murray, O'Sullivan, Spence, Dixon, Trollope, Walker.**

Substitutes: **M. Phillips** (for Walker in 69th minute), **A. Thompson.**

# 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 3-0
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

# SWINDON TOWN TRAINEES

Birth Place	Date of Birth	Trainee	Contract Commenced	Contract Expires
Reading	16.02.73	J. Braidwood	10.07.89	09.07.91
Enfield	28.10.71	L. Dixon	18.07.88	17.07.90
Gateshead	17.04.72	A. Graham	18.07.88	17.07.90
Grays, Essex	03.01.73	D. Hall	10.07.89	09.07.91
Swindon	21.06.72	M. Lea	18.07.88	17.07.90
Ontario, Canada	02.01.73	R. Lovegrove	10.07.89	09.07.91
Wanstead	31.08.73	E. Murray	10.07.89	09.07.91
Swindon	21.08.72	L. Spalding	20.03.89	19.03.91
Helston, Cornwall	28.10.72	R. Spence	10.07.89	09.07.91
Eastleigh	21.06.72	P. Thompson	18.07.88	17.07.90
Swindon	03.06.72	P. Trollope	18.07.88	17.07.90
Worcester	02.07.72	R. Walker	18.07.88	17.07.90

# SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

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

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**FRASER DIGBY.** ..... The former Manchester United apprentice kept clean sheets in successive matches against Barnsley and Shrewsbury Town last week.



**RAY'S WILMOT.** ..... The former Arsenal keeper returned to Highbury in the Littlewoods Cup last Tuesday in the First Leg, Second Round defeat.

**DAVE HOCKADAY.** ..... Made a successful return to first team duty after injury at Shrewsbury Town last week.



**KENNY BROWN.** ..... Son of the Argyle Manager. Scored his first and only League goal against West Bromwich Albion on April 15th at the Hawthorns last season.

**PHIL KING.** ..... Plymouth are the only Devon League Club Phil has failed to appear for! Exeter City and Torquay United are his previous Clubs.



**JOHN BRIMACOMBE.** ..... Had the misfortune to score an own goal in last Tuesdays Littlewoods Cup Tie at Arsenal to make the final score 2-0.

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN.** ..... Two goals from the former Manchester United player at Shrewsbury last Tuesday.



**NICK MARKER.** ..... The former Exeter City utility player scored one of the Argyle goals in our 4-0 defeat at Home Park on March 27th last season.

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** ..... In fine form this season and leading by example. Makes his 176th League appearance for the Town tonight.



**ADRIAN BURROWS.** ..... The Mansfield and Northampton Town defender missed three League matches last season. Ever present to-date this campaign.

**JON GITTENS.** ..... Makes his 80th full League appearance in tonight's match. Sixty one of those appearances have been in Town colours.



**MARK SMITH.** ..... Settled his differences with the Club after expressing a desire to return to the North of England during the close season.

**TOMMY JONES.** ..... Still searching for his best form following his pre-season knee injury.



**KEVIN HODGES.** ..... With 74 League goals to his credit the former Home Park apprentice is still looking for his first goal of this season in the League.

**DUNCAN SHEARER.** ..... Scored the Town's first goal at Shrewsbury in the Littlewoods Cup last Tuesday.



**SEAN MCCARTHY.** ..... The former Swansea City striker returned to Wales to score his first goal of this season versus Cardiff City in the Littlewoods Cup on August 22nd. Scored twice in our 4-0 defeat at Home Park last season.

**STEVE WHITE.** ..... Steve's still looking for that elusive first goal of this season.



**TOMMY TYNAN.** ..... The former Newport County striker's penalty against the Town on May 18th 1982 at Somerton Park sealed our relegation to the Fourth Division for the first time in our history.

**ROSS MACLAREN.** ..... Rattled the crossbar with a tremendous shot against his former Club, Shrewsbury Town, last week.



**ANDY THOMAS.** ..... The former Oxford and Newcastle United midfielder scored his first League goal for Argyle in the 3-2 defeat at Oldham on September 9th.

**FITZROY SIMPSON.** ..... A fine left wing run past three defenders set up Alan McLoughlin's second goal at Gay Meadow last Tuesday.



**MARK STUART.** ..... Already scored double goals against Oxford United on August 19th and also versus West Ham at Upton Park a week later!

**PAUL BODIN.** ..... Included in the Town's five man midfield section at Gay Meadow last week after some good displays in the reserve team.



**GREG CAMPBELL.** ..... Son of Chelsea Manager Bobby Campbell. A goalscoring substitute in the 2-1 win at Home Park against Barnsley on September 2nd.

**SHAUN CLOSE.** ..... Still looking for his first goal for the Club since his recent £60,000 signing from A.F.C. Bournemouth.



**DAVID BYRNE.** ..... After appearing in the first five League matches of this season the former Millwall winger lost his place to Kevin Hodges.

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