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**Front Cover: On your Marks...! The
midfield duo of Brennan (left) and
Proctor are in top form — and
scoring goals.**

STRAIGHT TALKING

Players are starting to bubble again

... by

IT WAS disappointing for everybody not to record our first away win of the season in the Second Division at Newcastle last weekend.

But the manner of our performance was very important, and I was pleased with the way in which the players knuckled down to their task and worked hard for each other.

It was especially pleasing the way we did not lose our composure after conceding an early goal. It was not a very good goal to concede because we panicked a little bit when it was possible to clear the ball from the danger area.

Afterwards we worked hard to get back into the game. You've got to be competitive in the derby atmosphere and we earned the right to pull back that early goal. Mark Proctor took his goal very well and then Mark Brennan did well to get himself into a scoring position and put us into the lead early in the second half.

At that stage I felt that we were capable of going on to win the match. The second half brought an awful lot of pressure for us and just as it looked as though we were going to weather the storm, Newcastle broke through for the equaliser.

Naturally we want to win games and nobody likes giving away late goals. But Newcastle is not an easy place to go and get results. You've only got to look at the Second Division table to see that.

Our players came out of the game with a lot of credit and it was a performance we must look to build on. We were especially strong through the midfield and that's something we want to see repeated in the future.

People tell me that we are in a false position near the foot of the table, but we are not in a false position. We are

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there simply because we haven't picked up as many points as most of the other teams in the Second Division.

Our job is to keep working as hard as we did at Newcastle so that we can pick up the points to start rising up the table.

The recent results in the League have given the players a boost and you can sense that they are starting to bubble again. What we need now is a couple of wins to keep the ball rolling.

We are hoping to start against our visitors Swindon Town this afternoon. Our home form has been quite good and we want to make Ayresome Park a difficult ground for all our visitors.

The important thing to remember is that there are no easy games in any division.

Second Division sides are no easier to beat than those in the First Division.

So we must continue to display the same commitment which we showed at St James's Park. We must treat Swindon with the same respect that we did Newcastle and go out there to try to play the kind of football of which we know we are capable.

We all have the same objective. That's three points. So the desire must be matched by the determination.



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No. 10

WELCOME TO AYRESOME

PAUL BODIN (defender): Joined Town from the now defunct Newport County in March 1988, but he made his league debut with Cardiff. After three seasons with the South Wales club he drifted into non-League football with Bath City and Newport eventually paid the Southern League club £15,000 for his return in January 1988.

JOHN CORNWELL (midfield): Adept at performing equally as well in midfield or defence. The former Leyton Orient and Newcastle United player moved to the County ground in December 1988 for a £60,000 transfer fee.

FRASER DIGBY (goalkeeper): The former England U21 International was the only ever-present in the League last season. Began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice. Following an initial period on loan he moved to Swindon for £12,500 in December 1986.

STEVE FOLEY (midfield): Joined Town from Sheffield United for a Football League tribunal fee of £35,000 in July 1987. The former Liverpool apprentice failed to make a senior appearance with the Anfield club and eventually given a



free transfer, he joined Grimsby in 1984, moving on to the Blades a year later.

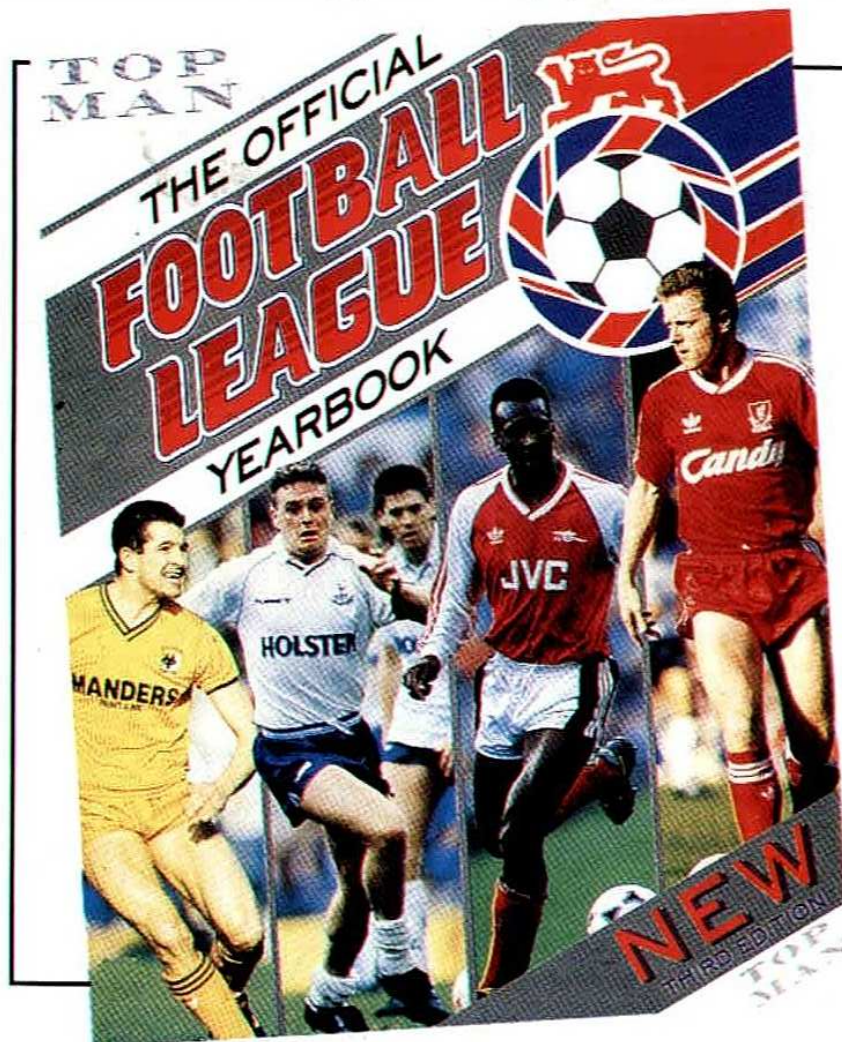
DAVID GEDDIS (striker): The much-travelled player rejected a close season move to Grimsby Town after the two clubs had agreed to a £40,000 transfer deal, the same figure that Swindon made when they secured his signature from Shrewsbury in October 1988. Began his career with Ipswich as an apprentice, sold to Aston Villa in 1979 for £300,000 and has played for eight clubs in all.

JON GITTENS (defender): Joined the Robins in July 1987 with a Football League tribunal committee setting the fee at £40,000, following his move from Southampton. Was signed by the Saints from Paget Rovers, the Midland Combination club, in October 1985 for £22,000. Appearances last season were limited due to disciplinary suspensions and he missed the first two matches this term.

NICKY HAMMOND (goalkeeper): The former Arsenal player spent the summer months recovering full fitness after breaking a leg in a training accident. Given a free transfer by the Highbury club at the end of the 1986-87 season, he has proved an able understudy to Digby.

DAVE HOCKADAY (defender): Has given the club sterling service since he arrived from Blackpool on a free transfer in August 1983. Was originally a winger and during Swindon's rise from the Fourth Division he proved to be one of the most consistent performers.

PAUL HUNT (striker): A product of the club's youth scheme. A consistent goalscorer at youth level who earned the



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plaudits of David Pleat, the Leicester City manager last term, following an outstanding display in a Midland Youth Cup tie at Filbert Street.

MARK JONES (midfield): The unfortunate former Oxford United player has been out of action during most of the last two seasons, with a serious knee injury. It is to his credit that he has fought his way back to fitness. Helped the Manor Ground club to the Second Division Championship in the 1984-85 season.

TOM JONES (midfield): After being discarded by Chelsea as a youngster, the skilful midfielder drifted into non-League circles with Farnborough Town and Weymouth. Surprisingly it was Scottish League club, Aberdeen, who eventually signed him in 1987 for a fee of £35,000 joining Swindon a year later.

ROSS MACLAREN (defender): Ross joined the Robins in July, 1988 from Derby County, after a Football League Tribunal had set the fee at £150,000. The Scottish-born defender settled into a sweeper role last season. Entered Football League with Shrewsbury Town in August 1980 after being released on a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (midfield): The former Manchester United apprentice moved to Swindon on a free transfer in August 1986. Originally a full back, Alan was converted to a midfield role and he relished the transition.

TIM PARKIN (defender): Joined Town in July 1986 after a Football Appeals Committee had set the compensation fee of £27,500 to be made payable to his former club, Bristol Rovers. Previously played for Blackburn and Malmo (Sweden).

DUNCAN SHEARER (striker): Brother of former Boro player Dave, he joined the County ground staff from Huddersfield in June 1988 for £250,000. The leading goalscorer in League matches last season, with 14. Started his career with Chelsea from Inverness Clachnacuddin.

FITZROY SIMPSON (midfield): Came up through the club's apprentice ranks and made his League debut last season. A predominantly left-sided player he was a regular goalscorer at youth and reserve team level, but still awaits his first goal for the seniors.

STEVE WHITE (striker): Has proved to be one of the best free transfer signings in the history of the club. His first club was Bristol Rovers, and after nearly three seasons with the Pirates, he moved to Luton Town in a £200,000 transfer in December 1979, then, three seasons later, to Charlton for £150,000. During his only season with the London club, he spent brief loan periods with Lincoln City and amazingly, Luton Town! Returned to Rovers and on to Swindon in 1986.



COLIN CALDERWOOD (defender): The club captain, who returned to top form last season, is widely regarded as one of the Second Division's strongest central defenders. Signed from Mansfield Town with a Football League Appeals Committee setting the transfer fee at £27,500 in June 1985.

OSSIE ARDILES (Manager)

OSSIE was appointed to the post on Thursday, July 20, 1989, in succession to Lou Macari who had taken over at West Ham following a highly successful five years in charge of the Robins.

In his prime, Ossie was an outstanding two-footed player who liked to come forward and support other players from his midfield role. A fighter who battled hard and was particularly adept at playing balls wide.

He joined Tottenham together with fellow countryman Ricky Villa, from Huracan, the Argentinian club in 1978, and, during ten years with the White Hart Lane club, he collected an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1987 against Manchester City, and a U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1984 when the North London club defeated Anderlecht in the final.

Ossie spent last season with Queens Park Rangers, and had the misfortune to break a leg in mid season. After a period of recuperation he spent the summer playing for Fort Lauderdale in America prior to joining Swindon.



SWINDON TOWN 89-90

Left to Right — Back row: Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin. Middle row: Chic Bates (assistant manager), John Trollope (youth team manager), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard, Andy Rowland (coach), Kevin Morris (physiotherapist). Front row: Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (captain), Ossie Ardiles (manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerville.



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Player/birthplace/ Birthdate	Previous League Clubs	League career App'nces Goals	1989-90 App'nces Goals
MARK BRENNAN Rossendale 4.10.65	Ipswich Town	206 23	11 1
MARK BURKE Solihull 12.2.69	Aston Villa	59 6	7 1
COLIN COOPER Sedgefield 28.2.67		142 4	5 —
SIMON COLEMAN Worksop 13.6.68	Mansfield	102 7	11 —
ALAN COMFORT Aldershot 8.12.64	QPR, Cambridge Utd, Leyton Orient	232 54	15 2
PETER DAVENPORT Birkenhead 24.3.64	Nottingham Forest, Manchester United	243 81	8 1
GARY GILL Middlesbrough 28.11.64		78 2	2 —
GARY HAMILTON Glasgow 27.12.65		229 25	— —
ALAN KERNAGHAN Oiley 25.4.67		87 8	12 1
PAUL KERR Portsmouth 9.6.64	Aston Villa	109 9	1 —
NICKY MOHAN Middlesbrough 6.10.70		17 —	11 —
TONY MOWBRAY Saltburn 22.11.63		278 22	15 1
GARY PARKINSON Middlesbrough 10.1.64		134 3	14 1
TREVOR PUTNEY Brentwood 11.2.61	Ipswich, Norwich	200 16	15 —
STEPHEN PEARS Brandon 22.1.62	Manchester United	169 —	— —
KEVIN POOLE Bromsgrove 21.7.65	Aston Villa, Northampton	59 —	15 —
MARK PROCTOR Middlesbrough 30.1.61	M'bro, Notts. Forest, Sunderland, Sheff W.	374 44	15 4
STUART RIPLEY Middlesbrough 20.11.67		152 17	14 —
BERNIE SLAVEN Falsley 13.11.60	Morton, Airdrie, Q. of South. Albion Rv.	198 68	15 7

Other appearances: Gary Pallister 3.

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REMEMBER WHEN ...

10 YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 1979 was to prove to be a good month for John Neal and First Division Boro. The month started off with a goalless draw against Spurs at Ayresome Park, lifting the team into tenth place. A rare victory was recorded at Everton the following week, as Craig Johnston scored a goal in each half to claim a 2-0 victory.

20 YEARS AGO

JOHN HICKTON scored within two minutes of the start of the home game against Charlton Athletic on November 8, 1969 and Derrick Downing ensured two points with Boro's second goal two minutes from time. Three days later, a rain-soaked Ayresome Park crowd of 7,650 watched a Middlesbrough XI lose 3-4 to an All-Star XI in club captain Gordon Jones' testimonial game. The All-Stars goals were scored by Bryan "Pop" Robson, Bobby Moncur, Arthur Horsfield and John O'Rourke. Middlesbrough's three goals were scored by David Mills, Hughie McIlmoyle and John Hickton.

30 YEARS AGO

A GOAL from winger Eddie Holliday proved to be the winner for Middlesbrough at Leeds Road against Huddersfield Town on Saturday, November 7, 1959. At Portman Road a week later Ipswich Town centre-forward Ray Crawford scored a 59th minute winner for the Suffolk side against an unchanged Middlesbrough line-up. Sandwiched in between the two games was an Ayresome Park friendly against Hull City which saw Boro run out easy 4-0 winners with goals from Ray Yeoman, Brian Clough, Billy Day and a Bill Harris penalty.

40 YEARS AGO

ALEX McCRAE returned to the Boro side after an absence of six games, replacing Johnny Spuhler, for the visit of unbeaten West Bromwich Albion on Saturday, November 12, 1949. A drenched crowd of 28,408 saw Boro make it three wins out of the last four games, winning 3-0 with Middlesbrough's "M formation" (Mannion, McCrae and McKennan) dominating the game, despite West Brom's attempts to make a fight of it. The goals came from Peter McKennan, Wilf Mannion (at his brilliant best) and Tom Woodward, despite an early injury when he strained his knee tendons, scored his third goal in four games.



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SWINDON ROLL CALL

Player/birthplace/ Birthdate	Previous League Clubs	League career App'nces Goals	1989-90 App'nces Goals
PAUL BODIN Cardiff 13-9-66	Newport County, Cardiff	110 8	9 1
COLIN CALDERWOOD Glasgow 20-1-65	Mansfield	283 13	15 1
JOHN CORNWELL Bethnal Green 13-10-64	Leyton Orient, Newcastle	247 36	6 —
FRASER DIGBY Sheffield 23-4-67	Manchester Utd.	131 —	15 —
TONY GALVIN Huddersfield 12-7-56	Tottenham, Sheffield Wed.	246 21	9 —
JON GITTENS Moseley 22-1-64	Southampton	85 2	9 1
DAVE HOCKADAY Billingham 9-11-57	Blackpool	379 30	10 —
PAUL HUNT Swindon 8-10-71		4 —	4 —
TOM JONES Aldershot 7-10-64		53 8	13 2
ROSS MACLAREN Edinburgh 14-4-62	Shrewsbury, Derby County	335 26	15 —
ALAN McLOUGHLIN Manchester 20-4-67	Manchester Utd. Torquay (loan)	82 42	15 6
DUNCAN SHEARER Fort William 28-8-62	Chelsea, Huddersfield	132 58	11 5
HITZROY SIMPSON Trowbridge 26-2-70		17 1	10 1
STEVE WHITE Chipping Sodbury 2-1-59	Bristol Rov, Luton, Charlton, Lincoln (In)	374 125	12 5

LANDMARKS

OUR League record against Swindon Town stretches over 20 matches and at the moment we have won half of them:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	6	2	2	19	8
Away	10	4	1	5	8	12
Total	20	10	3	7	27	20

Biggest victory: Home, 4-0 (15 Oct, 1966). Away, 3-0 (14 Apr, 1970). Heaviest defeat: Home, 0-2 (25 Nov, 1972). Away, 1-4 (4 Mar, 1967). Last win: Home, 1-0 (30 Sept, 1986). Away, 1-0 (6 Oct, 1973). Last defeat: Home, 2-3 (5 Sept, 1987). Away, 0-1 (28 Feb, 1987). Last draw: Home, 0-0 (16 Sept, 1969). Away, 1-1 (6 Feb, 1988). First meeting: Home, 1-1 (9 Nov, 1963). Away, 0-2 (21 Mar, 1964).

Boro's leading scorers against Swindon Town are: John O'Rourke 4, Derrick Downing 2, John Hickton 2, Hughie McIlmoyle 2, David Mills 2.

THE LAST TIME WE MET

Saturday, September 5, 1987 (Division 2):
MIDDLESBROUGH 2, SWINDON TOWN 3 (H.T. 1-2).
Attendance: 9,342. Referee: L. Roger Dilkes (Barnsley).

Boro (20th): Stephen Pears, Gary Gill (Alan Kernaghan 45), Colin Cooper, Tony Mowbray (capt), Gary Parkinson, Gary Pallister, Bernie Slaven, Archie Stephens, Gary Hamilton, Paul Kerr, Stuart Ripley (Paul Proudlock 72).
Scorers: Stephens (4 min), Slaven (83 min).

Swindon (5th): Fraser Digby, Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Chris Kamara, Tim Parkin, Colin Calderwood (capt), Dave Bamber, Kieran O'Regan, Jimmy Quinn, Steve Foley, Leigh Barnard. Subs (not used): Charlie Henry, Steve White.
Scorers: Bamber 26, Quinn 37, Barnard 61.

MILESTONES

Swindon's nickname: The Robins.

Record attendance: 32,000 v. Arsenal, FA Cup 3rd rd, 15 Jan 1972.

Record receipts: £56,024 v. Tottenham H. FA Cup 4th rd, 26 Jan 1980.

Record victor:

League: 9-1 v. Luton Town, Division 3 (S), 28 August 1920.

FA Cup: 10-1 v. Farnham U Breweries (away), FA Cup 1st rd (replay) 28 Nov 1925.

Record defeat: 1-10 v. Manchester City, FA Cup 4th rd replay, 25 January 1930.

Most League points: (2 for a win): 64, Division 3, 1968-69.

Most League points: (3 for a win): 102, Division 4, 1985-86 (League record).

Most League goals: 100, Division 3 (S), 1926-27.

Highest League scorer in season: Harry Morris, 47, Division 3 (S), 1926-27.

Most League goals in total aggregate: Harry Morris, 216, 1926-33.

Most capped player: Rod Thomas, 30 (50), Wales.

Most League appearances: John Trollope, 770, 1960-80.

Record transfer fee received: £250,000 from Aston Villa for Paul Rideout, May 1983.

Record transfer fee paid: £230,000 to Huddersfield for Duncan Shearer, June 1988.

Football League record: 1920 Original Member of Division 3: 1921-58 Division 3 (S);

1958-63 Division 3; 1963-65 Division 2; 1965-69 Division 3; 1969-74 Division 2;

1974-82 Division 3; 1982-86 Division 4; 1986-87 Division 3; 1987- Division 2.

Honours: Football League: Division 2 best season, 5th, 1969-70; Division 3: Runners-

up 1962-63, 1968-69; Division 4: Champions 1985-86 (with record 102 points). FA

Cup: Semi-finals 1910, 1912. Football League Cup: Winners 1968-69, Anglo-Italian

Cup: Winners 1970.

SWINDON 10-YEAR RECORD

Season	Div.	League Position	Average Attendance
79-80	3	10th	8,902
80-81	3	17th	6,933
81-82	4	22nd	5,824
82-83	4	8th	3,994
83-84	4	17th	3,153
84-85	4	8th	2,020
85-86	4	1st	6,500
86-87	3	3rd	7,454
87-88	2	12th	7,731
88-89	2	6th	8,670

SWINDON'S RESULTS SO FAR

Saturday, Aug. 19	SUNDERLAND (home)	0-2
Saturday, Aug. 26	OLDHAM ATHLETIC (away)	2-2
Sunday, Sept. 3	WOLVES (home)	3-1
Saturday, Sept. 9	WEST HAM (away)	1-1
Tuesday, Sept. 12	SHEFFIELD UTD (away)	0-2
Saturday, Sept. 16	BARNSELY (home)	0-0
Tuesday, Sept. 19	*SHREWSBURY (away)	3-0
Saturday, Sept. 23	LEEDS UTD (away)	0-4
Tuesday, Sept. 26	PLYMOUTH (home)	3-0
Saturday, Sept. 30	BRADFORD CITY (away)	1-1
Tuesday, Oct. 3	*SHREWSBURY (home)	3-1
Saturday, Oct. 7	HULL CITY (away)	3-0
Saturday, Oct. 14	IPSWICH (home)	3-0
Tuesday, Oct. 17	OXFORD (home)	3-0
Saturday, Oct. 21	LEICESTER (away)	1-2
Tuesday, Oct. 24	*BOLTON (home)	3-3
Wednesday, Nov. 1	BRIGHTON (away)	2-1
Saturday, Nov. 4	STOKE (home)	6-0

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A FEW weeks ago, when we featured a letter about a 14-week-old baby girl whose proud father had just registered her in our membership scheme, we asked who might be the oldest regular supporter.

Well, we think we've found him in Mr Ron Bingham (left), a retired steel industry sales manager, who was 82 last month. He travels to many away fixtures as well as being a season ticket holder and has been watching since he was a five-year old in 1912.

In fact, his family have been Boro supporters for five generations. His

grandfather Frank was one of the original shareholders in 1899; his son David and grandsons Andrew and Roger are continuing the family tradition and provide the transport for away trips.

All four were at Chelsea for the play-off final which clinched promotion 17 months ago. "It was a frightening experience," he says as he recalls the attacks on Boro fans by the home supporters.

However, it has not deterred him from going to matches or dimmed his enthusiasm for the game. "I still enjoy it," he asserts. "It must be in my blood."

A to Z OF BORO PLAYERS

CONTINUING our alphabetical list of players who have appeared in a Boro shirt since the war.

DAVE CUMMING: David Scott Cumming, Boro's pre-war Scottish international goalkeeper was born in Aberdeen on May 6, 1910. He played for local club Hall Russell, eventually signing for Aberdeen in 1929. Four seasons later Dave was transferred to Arbroath, and his first taste of English football came with a move to Middlesbrough in October 1936 for a £3,000 fee. The pinnacle of his career was a full Scotland cap (clubmate Jacky Milne also played for the Scots), against England (Micky Fenton also played) at Wembley in April 1938. His Ayresome Park career spanned the Second World War, but a serious knee injury forced his retirement from the game at the end of 1947/48 season.

STAN CUMMINS: Diminutive Stan Cummins was born in Sedgefield on December 6, 1958 and signed professional forms for Middlesbrough in December 1976. Manager Jack Charlton rated him as "probably the country's first million pound footballer" (He wasn't!). Despite this onerous label he forced his way into the first team scoring nine goals in 39 League appearances. John Neal, Jack Charlton's successor as manager, transferred Stan to Sunderland in November 1979 in a £300,000 deal. He later moved to Crystal Palace before trying his luck across the Atlantic in the North American League.

DAVID CURRIE: David Norman Currie was born in Stockton on November 27, 1962, played for Mandale Juniors, then trials with Southampton followed, but it was Boro who signed him as a professional on February 1982. Made his debut at the end of that season as substitute, and scored over 30 goals in his four



LINDY DELAPENHA

years at the club. Bruce Rioch deemed that he was surplus to requirements, and Darlington quickly stepped in, taking him to Feethams on June 17, 1986. He scored a further 33 League goals in two seasons at Darlington and in February 1988 he cost Barnsley a club record £150,000. He was Oakwell's top scorer last season.

PETER DAVENPORT: Born in Birkenhead on March 24, 1961, he is Boro's current club record signing at £750,000. Signed for Everton as amateur, but did not make the first team. He then played in non-League football with Cammell Laird, before being snapped up by Nottingham Forest. Won his only England cap to date as substitute against Eire in 1985. Moved to Manchester United where he scored 22 goals in 92 League games before joining Boro a year ago.

IAN DAVIDSON: Talented wing half born in East Lothian, Scotland, on September 8, 1937 and joined Preston North End from Kilmarnock in

December 1962. Boro manager Raich Carter paid £16,000 for Ian's services on February 17, 1965, and he made his debut at Gigg Lane six days later. Transferred to Darlington on September 5, 1967, and became club captain for a while. Now lives in South Africa.

BILLY DAY: A mercurial winger, born in South Bank on December 27, 1936. Initially registered as an amateur with Sheffield Wednesday, but signed for Middlesbrough from South Bank Juniors in May, 1955, making his League debut five months later against Leicester City. Transferred to Newcastle United in March 1962, making a scoring debut at home to Scunthorpe United. Joined League newcomers Peterborough United in April, 1963, but, after only 17 League games went to non-League Cambridge United. A bad attack of pneumonia ended his career and he returned to Teesside where he is now a successful bookmaker.

LINDY DELAPENHA: Lloyd "Lindy" Lindberg Delapenha, one of the first black players to successfully play in the First Division, was born in Kingston, Jamaica on May 20, 1927. On his demobilisation from the RAF he joined Portsmouth. David Jack, Boro's manager signed Lindy at the end of the 1948/49 season. On his transfer to Mansfield Town in late June 1958, the likeable Jamaican had clocked up 270 League games. He dropped out of the League to join Burton Albion, the Heanor Town. He now holds a senior position with the Jamaican Broadcasting Corporation.

To be continued in the next edition.

Compiled by HARRY GLASPER (official Middlesbrough FC statistician/historian and author of 'Middlesbrough — a complete record 1876-1989')

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Andrew Armitage.

A TALL TALE!

REMEMBER the picture of our three away-day anglers which we published in the Halifax match magazine? Well, our chief executive, Keith Lamb, has received captions from all over the country in response to his offer to award two match tickets to the best entry.

Several were unprintable, but those he liked included a suggestion from Mrs Rita Tucker, of Hastings Close, Thornaby, that the trio could be Grimsby supporters, a fervent wish from Colin Pountney, of Broughton, near Kettering in Northamptonshire, that such a splendid catch be matched by a First Division side, and quote from Ken Stephenson, of Alfred Street, Redcar: 'Sorry Bruce, you wanted Martin Pike, not Geoff Salmon!'

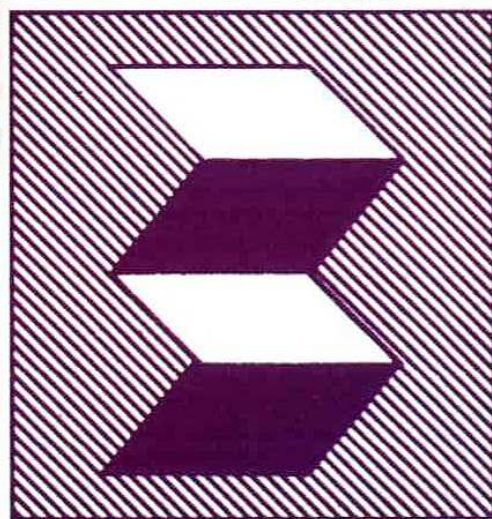
But Keith's choice as winner of the tickets is Mr M. Larkin, of New Lane, Selby, whose topical entry read: Colin Henderson - 'That's a very unusual fish that Steve has caught.' Graham Fordy - 'Yes, chairman, it's known as a Henry Moscowfish.'

Congratulations, Mr Larkin, we will be contacting you.

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OUR PLAYERS are always happy to try and oblige organisations, particularly charities, with their fund-raising activities, even though it is not always possible to meet every request.

It is doubly pleasing when their efforts are rewarded with such a novel acknowledgement as the one on the left. Best of luck on the outings, children!



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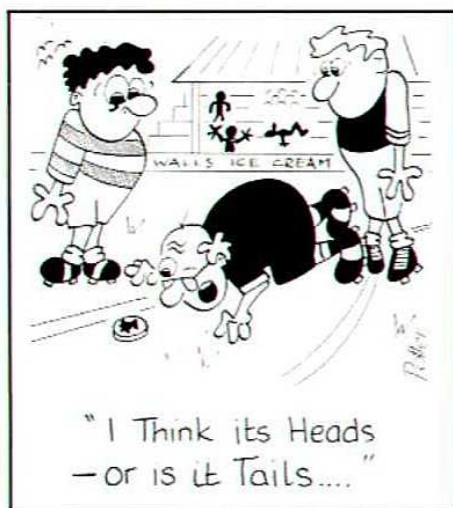
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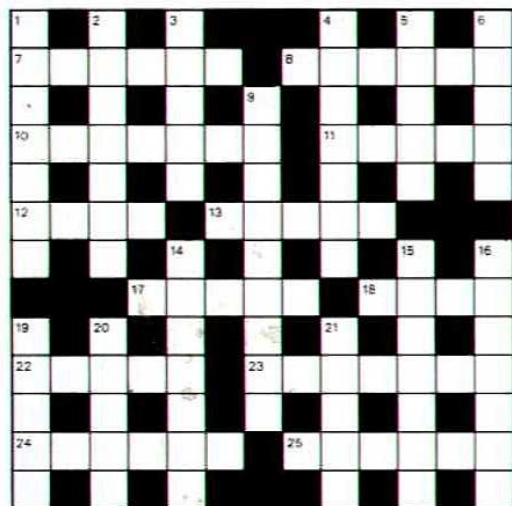
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PUZZLES & PRIZES

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



SPORTSWORD



ANSWERS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1 Dark haired players ear missing. 2 Dark haired players foot turned opposite way. 3 Head on coin missing. 4 Arm on refs glasses missing. 5 Corner of stand roof missing. 6 Fan lying down, opposite way around. 7 Blonde players shoulder lower. 8 Colour on hoop bottom dark haired players shirt missing. 9 Letter 'A' changed to 'E' word cream. 10 Line missing behind blond players shoulder.

SPORTSWORD

Across: 7 Harvey, 8 Hooker, 10 Sidecar, 11 Kendo, 12 Loan, 13 Garth, 17 Withe, 18 Shaw, 22 House, 23 O'Hanlon, 24 Marcus, 25 Bolero.

Down: 1 Thistle, 2 Bradman, 3 Peach, 4 Tom Kite, 5 Skins, 6 Groom, 9 Triathlon, 14 Rideout, 15 Chelsea, 16 Swindon, 19 Champ, 20 Curry, 21 Mason.

QUICK QUIZ

TWO winners to announce this time, and how's this for a slice of luck. The first is Frank Tidy, of Balfour Terrace Linthorpe, who follows up an earlier success by another member of the family, Diane. His three answers to the Brighton match magazine quiz — Ronnie Burbeck, Brian Clough and 9.30 am to 5 pm — were the first correct entry to be opened.

The second winner is M. O'Brien, of Syon Gardens, Norton, who correctly named Alan Cork, 0898 121181, and Roxby as the answers to the Wimbledon magazine questions. They both receive two free match tickets. Now for this week's teasers.

1 — a goalkeeper has recently been banned for life from international football. Which country did he play for?

2 — Who played in goal for Scotland against England at Wembley in 1938?

3 — Who was Swindon's only ever-present in the League last season?

Two more South Stand tickets to the first correct entry opened next Saturday. Postcards only please, to Quick Quiz, Middlesbrough FC, Ayresome Park, Warwick Street, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 4PB by Saturday, November 18.

DISC DIARY

ACROSS

- Scotland's goalkeeper in the 1974 World Cup Finals (6)
- Front row rugby player (6)
- Scared, I am upset by this motor-cycling event! (7)
- Japanese fencing with bamboo swords (5)
- Players are borrowed for this period (4)
- Crooks, now a spokesman for the players (5)
- We hit this old Villa striker! (5)
- Ron Atkinson tried to resurrect this former Villa striker's career (4)
- Mill _____ the 1967 National Hunt Horse Of The Year (5)
- Goalkeeping ever-present for Rotherham last year (7)
- O'Sullivan, the Irish middle-distance runner (6)
- Torvill and Dean's skating music (6)

DOWN

- Second name of two Scottish teams (7)
- He made 29 centuries in his 52 Test Matches (7)
- Left-back in Southampton's Cup-winning team (5)
- He played foursomes with Strange in the recent Ryder Cup (3,4)
- Golf game where each hole is worth money (5)
- He looks after the horse (5)
- This sport has three disciplines (9)
- He went from Bari to Southampton (7)
- Seb Coe supports this team (7)
- Ardiles is their boss now (7)
- The winning boxer (5)
- Britain's 1976 Winter Olympics Champion (5)
- Paul is now an influential midfielder for Aberdeen (5)

HELLO how are you doing? Music is a tough one when it comes to parties. Do you play "party" music or current chart and disco stuff?

Obviously it depends on who's coming to your party! If it's one at your house then a tape put together before the event is far preferable to playing DJ on your own music centre, and at least the records won't bounce when you get some slaphead jumping up and down on your living room floor. And besides who invited them anyway!

As a good warmer up for a party with people I know, a couple of hours of INXS, Bon Jovi and Bryan Adams is all right for background music.

Then, for the real dancing with regular "nightclubbers", it's into Pump Up The Jam, Sydney Youngblood, Blackbox and the Beatmasters among others.

And, if the crowd's out for a

good time and not too trendy, then you can get stuck into the Stock, Aitken and Waterman stuff like Rick Astley, Sinitta, Kylie and Jason and all that nonsense.

If they're really wild livers then you can always do the Hokey Cokey and stick your left leg in.

But, to take away the hassle of compiling your tapes, you can always get a local club DJ to do them for you. At quite a few clubs you can buy these tapes from the DJ.

So have a good party and don't forget to invite me, even though I haven't asked you to mine tonight! Bye bye Now!

Competition: Win a copy of the new Ziggy Marley album "One Bright Day" by telling me what was the name of Ziggy Marley's father's backing group. Answers to Me Mark Page, Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough.

ME MARK PAGE

REFEREE ON THE SPOT

YOU may remember in the magazine for the Hull City game I wrote about the incident in the World Cup tie between Brazil and Chile. The game was abandoned when the Chilean team walked off because they alleged their goalkeeper had been hit with a fire cracker.

I told you that FIFA had held an enquiry and the outcome was to award the game to Brazil because it had been proved that the Chileans had been cheating.

A follow-up to this is that the Chilean keeper, who, incidentally, was the team captain, has been banned for life from playing in international football and that he has also been suspended from all football activity for three months.

That's not all, the Chilean team have been fined £20,000.

I am pleased FIFA have taken such strong action and hope it proves to be an object lesson to all. It will certainly help to clean up the game.

I did not like what I saw in the Littlewoods Cup game at Ayresome Park and I mean by that the negative

tactics adopted by Wimbledon. Fans pay good money to see players attempting to play football and entertain. What can be done to stop such negative football?

It was pleasing from my point of view (and I know some of you will not agree with me) to see the referee allow an extra five minutes in the second half for what I considered to be blatant time wasting. Now for the poser.

During an attack on the visitors' goal one of their players, who has already been cautioned by the referee for ungentlemanly conduct, gives an unseemly gesture to the crowd. This is not seen by the match officials but is seen by a policeman who immediately arrests the player and takes him off the field.

The referee sees the player being escorted to the dressing room and stops play. He is then informed by the policeman what is going on. Can the referee allow a substitute to take the place of the arrested player? Answer on page 29.

PAT PARTRIDGE

JUNIOR REDS

MANY THANKS to all who came along and to those who helped out when our Redcar Branch held their November meeting a couple of days ago. As usual Kevin Steel had things well organised and membership continues to grow. Nice to see co-organiser Dougie Worton again.

Our Hinderwell members can look forward to some new facilities at their Women's Institute meeting in the not-too-distant future. They already have an all-weather playing pitch to the rear of the building, but now floodlights are being installed so football can be played throughout the winter months.

The indoor luxuries enjoyed by our other branches are not for the hardy souls of Hinderwell who don't seem to feel the cold!

Richard Lyth is the man responsible for this branch so pop along to see him in Hinderwell anytime, or, if it is easier, give either Alastair or myself a phone call and we will tell you how to join an already large branch which always has room for more.

I can now confirm the date for our next Middlesbrough Branch meeting as being Tuesday, November 21 (6.30pm)

at Ayresome.

In response to requests I will be printing the answers to our prize quiz in future. Those for the posers set in the Wimbledon and West Brom magazines can be found on page 26.

The answers to this week's quiz will appear in the match programme when we entertain Oxford United in two weeks time and the prize for which will be a pair of seat tickets for a Boro match. Here goes:-

1. Which club plays its home matches at Burnden Park? 2. Who is manager of Crystal Palace? 3. Who is currently top scorer in the Football League? 4. For which international team does Careca play? 5. Which team are currently top of the Dutch First Division?

Should you require answers to any other quiz set this season then please send a stamped addressed envelope to:

Alastair Brownlee/Gordon Cox, c/o BBC Radio Cleveland, PO Box 1548, Broadcasting House, Newport Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 5DG.

See you soon. Up the Boro

GORDON

MEET OUR MASCOT



MATTHEW HOMAN

MATTHEW is ten years old and goes to St Edward's School in Middlesbrough. He lives in Thornfield Grove, Linthorpe and plays left back for Cleveland Juniors Under-11 team and was a member of the recent finalists in the Reebok national five-a-side competition. His favourite player is Stuart Ripley.

Matthew's other interests are Dungeons and Dragons, skateboarding and playing with his radio-controlled car.

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BALL BOYS

TODAY'S ball boys are members of Lingdale Juniors' soccer squad. They are: Jody Evans, Darren Ward, Michael Curnow, Michael Laver, Craig Marshall, Michael Caine, Gary Evans, Mark Welford, Allan Stiff, Phillip Curnow, Tony Golightly, Wayne Griffiths, Daniel Hill, Paul Cattermole, Paul Wood, Justin Shirren.

WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE

IT IS DIFFICULT to realise that Gary Parkinson, veteran of two promotion campaigns and last season's unhappy relegation fight, is still only 21.

He made his debut for Boro on that historic occasion in August 1986 when the club narrowly escaped oblivion and had to play their opening home match against Port Vale at Hartlepool, courtesy of their Fourth Division neighbours.

Since then he has made the right back berth his own, having played well over 150 games there and he cherishes the hope that such consistency can still win him an Under-21 cap for England.

That's a personal ambition, but on a broader front his main aim is to get Boro back in the First Division, "where we belong", he asserts. Any suggestion that such hopes may have to wait awhile before they are fulfilled is immediately knocked on the head.

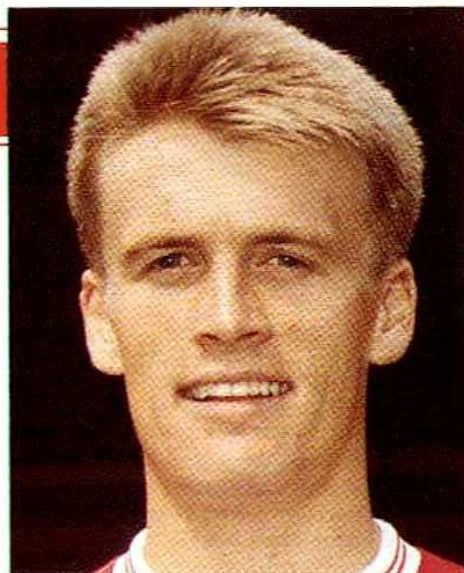
"The players here have done it before. It's not as if we're breaking new ground. There's obviously a chance. If we get a few results together the confidence flows and as soon as that comes back it generates goals: Everyone else starts cashing in."

"The season we got promotion Mogga, Pally and Ripper got goals. In fact there were goals all round the team."

"Even though we are not doing so well at the moment the dressing room atmosphere is good. The lads are happy. We get on great together and it's never been as bad as you read in the papers."

"There's some new faces, but they've been great buys and once Simon Coleman settles in he'll do well too. He's a good player, very composed on the ball in the same mould as Pally."

"People forget you can get in the play-offs even if you finish sixth. There's a possibility if we get a run



going we could finish top. But if we reach the play-offs we've got a great chance. We've done it before."

Talking to Gary it is obvious football (and the Boro) is his whole life and he admits he never thought of doing anything else. "I've always been a Boro fan — Mark Proctor was my schoolboy hero! — and I always had my heart set on being a player."

An Everton scout did lure him away at 16, but, after three months at Goodison he was homesick and returned to his native Teesside, joining his beloved Ayresome Park on the YTS scheme.

Greatly encouraged by his father, he had been captain of Cleveland County's under 15 team and played sweeper for the under 19 team at the same time.

He enjoys all aspects of life as a professional footballer — the training (particularly after a good result), travelling to away games, and there is little in the game which upsets him, although Wimbledon's tactics tried his patience recently.

A total enthusiast, he is now the team's penalty taker. "When Dean Glover, who had the job, left I thought it would be a good chance to get on the scoresheet occasionally and I've scored three times now."

His best pal is former Boro forward Lee Turnbull, now with Doncaster, and Gary will be best man at his wedding next June.

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GARY PARKINSON

CAREER RECORD

GARY PARKINSON. Gary although local started his career as an associated schoolboy with Everton. On returning to Middlesbrough he played as a non contract player until signing professional in May 1986. Born on the 10 January 1968, Gary is young enough to add many more league appearances to the 131 already under his belt.

AYER PROFILE

his interest. At St Patrick's School, Thornaby, he earned himself quite a reputation as an all-rounder, cricket and 200 metre sprinting being two of his specialities. Now his favourite relaxation is golf and he'll play any course when he can get a game. It's a golfer too, Seve Ballesteros, who is one of the two people he admires most outside football — Daley Thompson is the other.

Glenn Hoddle is his No. 1 footballer, while his toughest opponent was Mark Walters when he played for Aston Villa.

An easy-going person, Gary likes to take his family and his fiancée, Deborah Bennett, out for dinner at a restaurant where Steak Diane features prominently on the menu. When eating at home he enjoys cooking himself.

His musical tastes are Luther Vandross and George Benson (solo artistes) and Cool and the Gang (group), while he likes watching war films such as Lethal Weapon and Rocky on video. Eddie Murphy and David Jason are also two of his favourite screen stars.

Not surprisingly, No. 2 is his lucky number and red his favourite colour, but he claims he is not superstitious.

If dedication to the cause is a key ingredient for success, Boro should soon be climbing that Second Division table!

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 3.00 pm

OXFORD were a number of people's candidates for relegation at the beginning of the season, and, judging by their current form, the Third Division could well be their next stop.

Relegated from Division 1 at the end of the 1987/88 season, they finished near the bottom of the Second last term and, after seven away games, they have collected only two points from draws at Blackburn and Leicester.

West Brom, Swindon and West Ham have all managed to score three goals each against the men from the Manor Ground.

Due to their lowly position last May, Oxford have to enter the Littlewoods Cup at the first round stage this season, where they met Third Division Fulham.

A Martin Foyle goal gave the second division outfit a 1-0 victory in the first leg at Craven Cottage, but disaster struck in the second game. Fulham scored twice in the final five minutes of the tie, to give them a 5-4 aggregate victory.

Victories in the League have been limited to three 2-1 home wins, over



Newcastle, Bradford and Portsmouth.

The Boro defence must be aware of former Luton forward Mark Stein who has started to hit the target regularly in recent weeks.

Also signed from Luton, on a free transfer during the summer, was former England defender Steve Foster. Sadly he was carried off with an ankle injury in the second game against Fulham and is struggling to regain fitness.

The other close season newcomer was Dave Penney, from Derby County, while another international in the ranks is New Zealand star Ceri Evans. Also in the squad is former Manchester City and England Under-21 winger Paul Simpson.

Former QPR goalkeeper Peter Hucker looks like being the man that Bernie Slaven and Co. must beat, although long-serving star Alan Judge has also held the No. 1 spot this season.

Manager Brian Horton took over the hot seat when Mark Lawrenson departed early last season after a public dispute with chairman Kevin Maxwell, son of millionaire and former chairman Robert Maxwell.

Horton clearly has problems with his side at the moment, and he is not being helped by the club's long injury list which includes Foyle, and former Watford stars Les Phillips and Richard Hill along with Steve Foster.

Boro must be looking for three points from this game, but with all the experience in their squad, Oxford will be no pushover.

ADRIAN BEVINGTON



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FLYING HIGH! Nicky Mohan won the Young Eagle regional award for the North East in September and is seen here receiving an inscribed salver from Mr. Chris West, the manager of Barclays Middlesbrough Branch.

ARTHUR TAKES CHARGE

THE Football League have appointed Arthur Sandford as Chief Executive. This is a newly created role within a revised management structure at the League which will see Mr. Sandford working alongside the president, William Fox.

The Chief Executive will oversee both the League administration based at Lytham St. Annes, under the secretary, David Dent, and the Commercial and Marketing Department located at Wembley Conference Centre, under the commercial director, Trevor Phillips.

He has worked for Nottinghamshire County Council for the past 20 years.

He said: "I will be striving to enhance the widespread popularity of the game which we have seen grow again in recent years."

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THROUGH thick or thin, rain or shine — Blackburn Rovers fans stick by their team.

When it became obvious that Watford were experiencing some difficulty in getting to Ewood Park recently and a 4.00 pm kick-off was fast becoming reality, club officials offered fans, who wanted to leave the ground, a voucher, entitling the holder to free admission to the next home game.

But Rovers fans were having none of that and only 25, out of a crowd of nearly 8,000, took up the club's offer!

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AGGREGATE attendances in the Barclays League this season have passed the five million mark, with the Second Division over 23 per cent up.

FANS FORUM

I WOULD like to thank the Middlesbrough football fans from the Park Hotel, in particular Dave, Ivo, Jeff, Bowie, Bam Bam, Mr Whicker (Phil) and Dave Green.

All of them are a credit to football and their club. My husband, myself and our customers really enjoyed their company and what a great bunch of lads they were. My doors will always be open to such fans.

Newspapers are forever pulling the football fans down, but there are always the ones who come for the game and cause no trouble, who are never mentioned.

Please put this letter in your next programme so that they can see they are appreciated and we look forward to Boro's next game at Vale Park.

Terri Kerrigan
The Vine, Hamil Road, Burslem
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs

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FIRST of all allow me to send you best greetings from Czechoslovakia. I like very much English football and therefore I look for a pen-friend of your supporters club with whom I could exchange English football souvenirs for Czechoslovakian souvenirs, badges, pennants, magazines, stamps.

I am a great football fan, my favourite team is Sparta Prague and I collect all

sorts of sporting souvenirs, especially metal football badges.

I hope that somebody of your supporters will agree my proposal and that we will be in future good friends.

I wish to Middlesbrough FC very much success in the season 1989/90 and I hope I will see English clubs on the European scene soon.

Peter Pisa
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★ ★ ★

I AM a 16-year-old female presently searching for pen pals — male or female. One of my main interests is watching Oldham Athletic. I would appreciate it very much if you would print this in one of your match day programmes.

Rachael Winterbottom
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TWINS FOR GARY

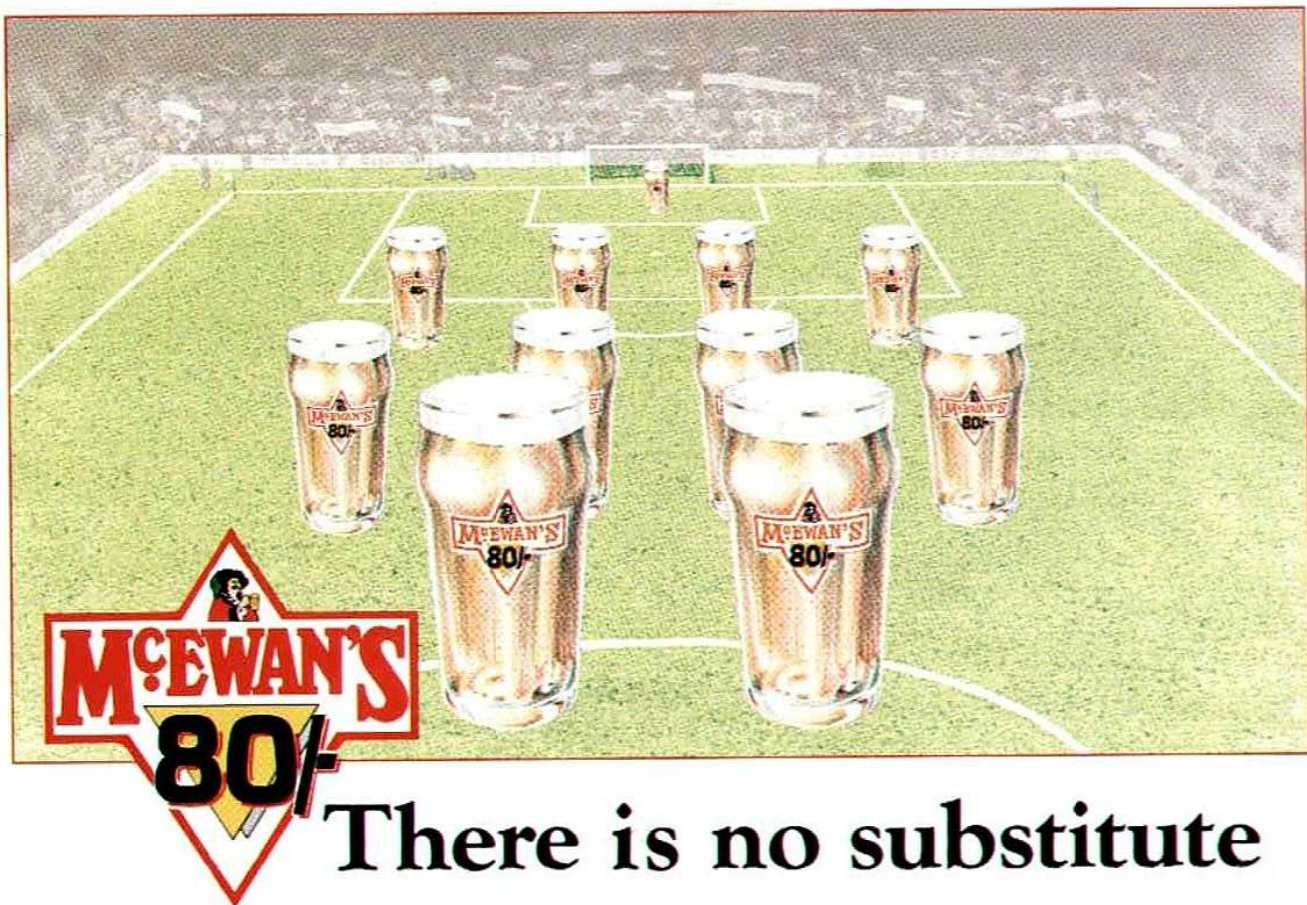
CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Hamilton, who became a proud father recently. His girl friend, Paula Randall, gave birth to twins, a boy, Gary James, and a girl, Lauren Ellen, on Thursday, October 26. All three are fit and well.



SOFT LANDING (above) for West Brom defender Chris Whyte but a hard time for Stuart Ripley.

Below, Trevor Putney faces a double challenge as he tries to thread his way through the Albion defence.





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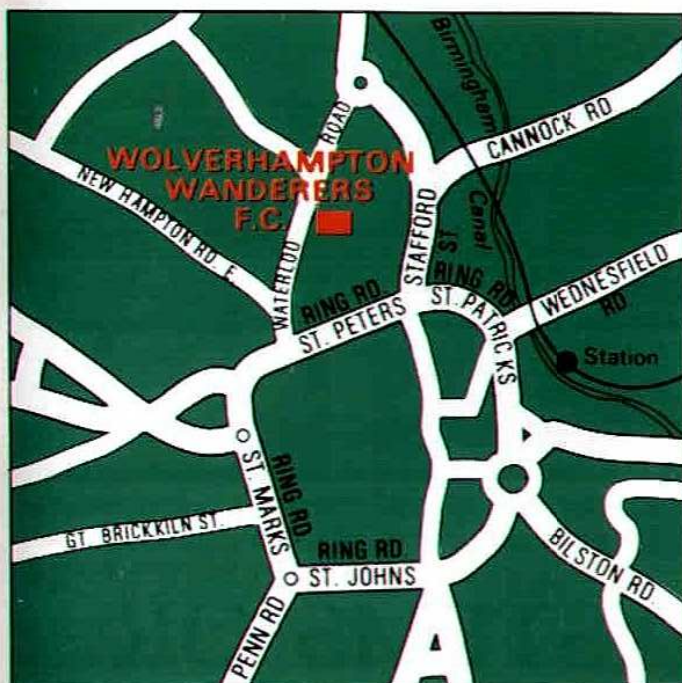
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AWAY WITH THE LADS



FOLLOWING next Saturday's visit to West Ham, Boro's next away trip is to the Midlands, where we will be facing Wolverhampton Wanderers and hoping to gain our first double of the season on Saturday, December 2 (3 pm).

As usual the Travel Club's coaches start at the White Swan, Billingham, at 8.30 am and leave Ayresome Park at 8.45 am. The cost of this journey will be £7.50.

Leaving Teesside by the usual route south, turn west off the A1 on to the M62, then the M6. Leave the M6 at Junction 12 on to A5.

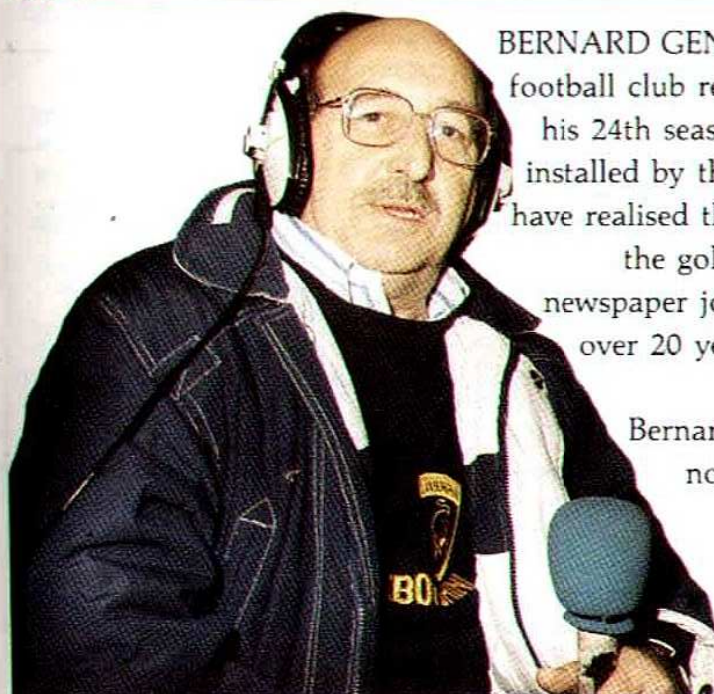
Take the A449 towards Wolverhampton, take the second exit from the roundabout into Waterloo Road and finally left into Molineux Street for the ground.

There is no major car park near the ground, but street parking is available. The nearest railway station is to the East of Molineux near the Birmingham Canal.

Unfortunately, there are no seat tickets available at Wolves, so it will be standing room only, at a cost of £5.00 (£3 for children and OAPs). It will be possible to pay at the turnstile on the day of the match.

Programmes are 80p and refreshments are available at hamburger stands.

BORO DJ A RECORD BREAKER?



BERNARD GENT, Ayresome Park announcer is going for a British football club record ... the longest serving in the country. This is his 24th season although until the new £30,000 PA system was installed by the present ambitious management many might not have realised that the Voice of Ayresome Park was the man with the golden tones from Radio TFM. Bernard is a full-time newspaper journalist. He has been with the Northern Echo for over 20 years and they loan him out to TFM 96.6 whenever there's a Boro match, home or away.

Bernard started the Power Game signature tune which is now known countrywide. He once tried to change it but the fans demanded it back!

Not surprisingly one of his teenage sons has just asked for a home-based Junior DJ studio units for Christmas. Could Radio Ayresome be set to stay in the family?

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MEL NURSE
— always lots of talent



IAN GIBSON
— a Scottish under-23 cap



DON MASSON
— two spectacular goals



NEV CHAPMAN
— first game of the season

BORO had no trouble beating today's visitors, Swindon, at Ayresome Park almost exactly 25 years ago with an international line-up.

The side contained five Scots, four Englishmen and two Welshmen and they collected 31 caps between them in the days when four representative honours a season was good going.

Boro's skipper was Welshman Mel Nurse, a cultured centre-half signed from Swansea for £25,000 by manager Bob Dennison in 1961.

Mel went on to win 12 caps, three of them while with Middlesbrough, and he was up against the legendary John Charles for the Welsh No 5 shirt.

The Boro defender scored in the 4-1 victory over Swindon on November 21, 1964, with Don Masson knocking in two and Ian Gibson adding the other.

Raich Carter was manager at the time and he named Nev Chapman at right back, his first game of the season.

Town had two debutants in their lineup — Dennis Brown a £17,000 signing from Chelsea the day before, and ex-Portsmouth player Keith East at centre-forward.

On 22 minutes a Swindon defender handled the ball just outside of the penalty area and Nurse lined up to take the free kick. His powerful shot at goal was deflected by a defender out of the reach of Norman Oakley to put Boro one goal up.

Swindon were a little unfortunate to be a goal behind at this stage of the game, for they had been as

'NO SYSTEMS OR GAME PLANS'

by
CLIVE ARMITAGE
and
HARRY GLASPER

much in the game as Middlesbrough.

Town's deserved equaliser came ten minutes from the half-time whistle when Don Rogers sent over a high ball into Boro's defence. Debutant East found the extra height to rise above the Boro rearguard to head the ball past Bob Appleby.

The second half was only six minutes old when Boro regained the lead. Arthur Kaye cut in from the wing and his shot was blocked by Oakley. Gibson, finding the ball at his feet, quickly swivelled and smashed it into the net.

Five minutes later, Masson scored a spectacular goal from all of 35 yards, his right foot shot beating Stockton born Oakley (ex-Hartlepool United) all the way.

Boro's fourth and final goal came on 75 minutes and Jim Townsend, Kaye and Gibson were all involved in the build-up on the right. Masson finishing off the move, first-timing the ball past Oakley from approximately 20 yards out.

The two points won further

contributed to Boro's climb up the table, making it nine points out of a possible ten. Swindon ended the season in 21st place and were relegated to Division 3 with Swansea Town.

Boro (8th): Eddie Connachan, Nev Chapman, Gordon Jones, Bryan Orritt, Mel Nurse (capt), Jim Townsend, Arthur Kaye, Ian Gibson, Jim Irvine, Don Masson, Don Ratcliffe.

Swindon (19th): Norman Oakley, Owen Dawson, John Trollope, Keith Morgan, Tom Hallett, Roger Smart, Mike Summerbee, Dennis Brown, Keith East, Bill Atkins, Don Rogers.

Middlesbrough's Reserves also played that day (evening games did not come until the club joined the North Midlands League in 1967) in a North Regional League away fixture at Halifax Town.

Town could not muster up a full team and youth coach and part-time trainer Clive Baker had to play for them.

Slick Middlesbrough stormed to a 12-1 win (the Reserves' best victory of the season) with Stan Marshall and Terry Garbett both scoring four goals each. Bill Harris, Frank Spraggon, Arthur Horsfield (2) completed the scoring.

We did not have it all our own way that day for the Juniors crashed 6-1 at Hutton Road against Sunderland Juniors in a Northern Intermediate League game. An interesting note was that Colin Todd, now Boro's coach, scored one of Sunderland's six goals that day 25 years ago.

Masson went on to win 17 Scottish caps after leaving Boro, while goalkeeper Eddie Conachan also gained Scottish selection twice.

Boro also had Under-23 internationals in the side, including Gordon Jones for England and Gibson for Scotland.

Says Mel: "Boro weren't afraid to buy players from the four corners of Great Britain. There was always lots of talent in the teams in my happy years at Ayresome Park and plenty of competition for places.

"Unfortunately, we never quite made it out of the Second Division, but we played some good entertaining football."

Raich Carter was manager when Boro beat Swindon after they had also defeated Swansea 4-0 at Ayresome Park and drawn 3-3 at Derby in November. Unfortunately, Boro finished a disappointing 17th in the table.

Mel reflects: "Raich was such a gifted player that he thought soccer was easy. Not all of us matched up to his expectations and we had no systems or game plans. But the club was fantastic and the fans were something special."

Now 52 and living back in home town Swansea, Mel maintained his interest in soccer until a short time ago as director of the Vetch Field club he joined at the age of 17.

TICKET TIDINGS

BORO v LEEDS UNITED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

KICK OFF 3.00 PM

ALL TICKET MATCH

In accordance with a directive received from the Executive Committee of the Football Association this match will be all ticket. No tickets will be sold on the day of the match and there will be no cash admission.

Season ticket holders should follow the usual procedure using the appropriate match ticket in their season ticket books.

All other supporters must purchase a ticket not later than Friday, 8th December. This applies to all areas, members and non-members, seating and standing.

TICKET SALES

Tickets will be available from the Warwick Street Ticket Office during normal opening hours (see below) starting Monday, November 20, in respect of membership areas (South Stand, South Terrace and East Stand) and starting Monday November 27, for non-members (West Stand — Holgate).

In addition, tickets, subject to availability will be on sale on Sunday, December 3, between 9.30 am and 12.00 noon from the Ayresome Park Road Ticket Office.

RESERVES MATCHES

Tuesday 14th November — Boro Reserves v Burnley Reserves 7.00 pm.

Monday 20th November — Boro Reserves v Sheffield Wednesday Reserves 7.00 pm

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Q. WHEN IS MONEY DANGEROUS?

A. WHEN IT IS TURNED INTO A MISSILE

We know that a recent incident of coin throwing will be regarded with horror and disgust by all except the persons concerned. The club shares this feeling and is working with the Police to prosecute and issue an exclusion order against anyone who is identified in this criminal and stupid activity.

Quite rightly the Football authorities take a serious view of such behaviour and all genuine supporters can help by distancing themselves from and isolating those involved. It must stop now before anyone else is hurt — a player, one of our players, an official or even a spectator at the front of the terracing.

WITH THE RESERVES

FOR regular readers of this page, it may come as no surprise to find that we have played yet another drawn game, 2-2 at West Bromwich, which now makes seven draws out of nine matches.

However considering six games have been away from home, I think you can say the lads have been travelling quite well.

As the game was played on a Thursday it meant both teams were able to field a strong team and the contest was fast and highly competitive. In fact, the referee put half a dozen names in his book, but if

either trainer was called upon more than once that was it.

With each side evenly matched there were few chances early on, but we took the lead when Garry Agnew scored with a left foot drive from the edge of the box, his second goal in successive games. West Brom equalised from a free kick after Michael Trotter attempted a headed clearance which unfortunately finished up in our own net.

That was the half-time score and for 20 minutes of the second half we played our best football and, when Mark Burke scored our second goal,

we seemed to be gaining control and looked like adding to the score but it was not meant to be.

West Brom forced their way back into the game hitting long high balls into the danger area and it was from a free kick in the last five minutes that an opposing forward found himself in yards of space to fire home past Matthew Coddington.

Perhaps overall it was a fair result but it was disappointing for that one lapse of concentration at the end had cost us the victory.

DAVID NISH

YOUTH SCENE

OF ALL the mail I receive here at Ayresome Park, the most popular in terms of its content are requests from young players for either a place or a trial for a place on the Youth Training Scheme for professional football.

I thought therefore that I would take the opportunity to acquaint supporters and parents with some of the principles and aims that lie behind a two year apprenticeship.

The successful candidate will start his employment in July and during the period of his apprenticeship he will be monitored both on and off the pitch by an organisation called "The Footballers Further Education and Vocational Training Society Limited".

This organisation is jointly run by the Professional Footballers Association and the Football League whose aims include not only to provide the young players of exceptional talent the opportunity to become full-time professional footballers, but also to provide a level of education best suited to the individual's own academic ability.

Alongside their regular coaching and games as they pursue their main aim, comes the opportunity to learn and gain qualifications in all sorts of areas, allowing the young player to leave the scheme, if he is unfortunate enough not to secure a contract, with insurance and the possibility to be qualified to enter another career.

The offer of a place as a youth trainee footballer can often result from an association developed over a number of years between the youngster and the club.

We have many ways of discovering and nurturing young talent either through schools, local soccer, our own school of excellence and from training weeks held by the club to invited players.

We, like many of today's top clubs, have a national network of scouts covering England, Northern and Southern Ireland and Scotland whose jobs are to feed the club with future YTS trainees.

JIM HARGREAVES

JUNIOR PROFILE



LEE ROXBY

BORN in Stockton on October 18, 1971. Signed schoolboy forms for Middlesbrough at 14, and played for Cleveland County and Stockton Town.

He has many favourite players but Lee is a big fan of John Barnes and Peter Beardsley as "they always bring excitement when on the ball."

His favourite foods are Chinese and Indian and he likes watching A.L.F. and Casualty, as well as other sports, especially rugby, on television. Musically his choice is George Benson and Pasadenas.

QUIZ ANSWERS

HERE are the answers to the last two Junior Reds' quizzes:-

Wimbledon magazine: 1. 1-0 to Boro. 2. Brian Talbot. 3. Bristol Rovers. 4. Two. 5. Lost 4-1 to Liverpool at Anfield.

West Bromwich Albion: 1. Millwall. 2. John Rudge. 3. Norway at Hampden Park. 4. Tony Mowbray (22nd), Gary Gill (28th), Stuart Ripley (20th) and Bernie Slaven (13th). 5. Southend United.

Northern Intermediate League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	11	8	2	1	34	16	26
Sheffield Wed.	11	8	0	3	36	23	24
Hull City	11	7	2	2	31	11	23
Sunderland	11	7	2	2	25	12	23
Bradford	11	6	2	3	30	15	20
Rotherham	9	6	2	1	28	18	20
Newcastle	11	6	1	4	28	18	19
Hartlepool	11	5	1	5	22	19	16
York City	12	4	3	5	21	20	15
Sheffield Utd.	11	4	2	5	17	24	14
Doncaster	11	4	1	6	21	28	13
Leeds	10	3	3	4	20	24	12
MIDDLESBROUGH	11	3	2	6	15	36	11
Scunthorpe	8	2	4	2	11	10	10
Scarborough	10	3	1	6	15	23	10
Barnsley	12	1	4	7	19	30	7
Grimsby Town	10	2	1	7	15	39	7
Halifax Town	11	0	1	10	4	26	1

PENALTY HOPEFULS



TODAY'S Evening Gazette/Cleveland County penalty kick competition match features Huntcliffe, from Saltburn, winners of the opening tie in the competition, against Henry Smith School, Hartlepool, who received a bye into the second round. The squads are:

Huntcliffe (top right), who choose from, back row: Chris Smith, Mark Connor, Graham Shaw, Neil Lund, Mick Morris. Front: Steven Donaldson, Nick Leet, Mark Smith and Phillip Mowden.

Henry Smith (above): Back row, Michael Hamilton, Jonathan Fleetham, Neil Connor; front row: Lee Hull, Jason Taylor, Kristian Burnett and Alan Harrison.

Winners of the last match, during half-time in the game against West Bromwich Albion, were West Redcar.

THE JUNIORS

HUDDERSFIELD 4, M'BRO 0

THE Juniors lost 4-0 to a Huddersfield team consisting of several full-time professionals, who adopt a long ball style of play.

Boro struggled and were three goals down after half an hour on a tiny pitch and were vastly inferior in terms of physical presence.

It is good experience to play against teams who play this style of football, but it is frustrating when clubs play on schoolboy pitches to suit their own physical

dominance.

If there is no space or a quality surface, then young players struggle to improve their techniques through push-and-run football.

Unfortunately, winning at all costs at the expense of producing technically good young players seems to be paramount at this level.

I also feel this can have detrimental, far reaching effects on our wonderful national game.

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A good place to win again

I LOST count of the number of times I overheard Newcastle United fans singing the praises of Boro following last weekend's derby day draw at St James's Park.

The Magpies fans were clearly impressed, not just by Boro's battling performance, but also by their footballing ability. In fact, if Boro had held on for the three points then I don't think anybody at the ground would have been unduly surprised.

Victory wasn't to be, but Boro have given every indication in their last two League trips that they are about to turn the corner away from home.

The first half performance at Port Vale set them on the right road and Boro will go to West Ham United next weekend seeking their third unbeaten away Second Division match in a row.

They are also looking for their first win of the season on opposition grounds and it would be an occasion for a double celebration if it was to come at Upton Park. For Boro haven't won a League game away from home since two late goals from Bernie Slaven brought a 2-1 success at West Ham in the First Division last April!

Certainly Boro will have good reason to run out with plenty of confidence at Upton Park. They know they are capable of winning at West Ham, and they will want to extend their current sequence.

The recent improvement is the result of an overall team performance, but the difference is most noticeable in midfield.

In fact, Port Vale midfielder man Ray Walker admitted that his side had been

absolutely over-run in that department in the first half. It was the same for a long period at Newcastle, where Kevin Dillon and Kevin Brock were not given the opportunity to stamp any authority on the proceedings.

Newcastle did manage to come back in the final 20 minutes because Boro started to pull more men back and allowed the Magpies to attack them. No doubt there's a lesson to be learned there.

Probably the main difference to the Boro midfield is the return to form by Mark Brennan. He's had a difficult time battling to recover from his shoulder operation, but the patience and hard work is finally starting to pay dividends.

Now that he is again resembling the Mark Brennan of old, the ball is beginning to flow and there's hardly a better sight to behold at a Boro match than the former Ipswich player spraying the passes around the field.

Nobody would be more delighted than him to see the ball go into the back of the net for his first goal of the season at St James' Park, and that's the result of his persistence in getting into goalscoring positions more often.

Not that Brennan is just an attacking midfielder man. His defensive qualities were also pretty obvious at Newcastle when he booted the ball off the line to prevent Mick Quinn grabbing his 16th goal of the season just before the interval.

Manager Bruce Rioch reckons that strikers go in pairs. And perhaps that also applies to midfield men. Mark Proctor needed the final ten games of last

season to find his feet in the team following his £300,000 transfer from Sheffield Wednesday.

But this season he has been Boro's most consistent player. He's tenacious, determined and hard working, and the fact that he is always looking for opportunities to have a pot at goal is fully justified by his equaliser at Newcastle, which was his fourth Second Division goal of the season. That's just three fewer than Bernie has managed in the League!

Of course Proc has always maintained a good goalscoring record and his overall work and experience is invaluable to the team.

With Colin Cooper settling in nicely at full-back the Boro defence is starting to do the business again and it's only really up front that the sparks need to start flying.

Bernie will always get goals, but the chance is there for Boro's other front runners to make their mark in the scoring charts. With two 20 goals a season men, Boro really would be ready to start that long awaited rapid rise up the table.

The seeds of success may already have been sown, let's not miss this chance to extend the unbeaten run.

ERIC PAYLOR

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SECOND DIVISION AS AT 6-11-89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Utd	16	10	5	1	30	17	35
Leeds	16	10	5	1	27	14	35
Newcastle	16	9	4	3	33	19	31
Sunderland	16	8	4	4	27	23	28
West Ham	16	7	5	4	25	18	26
Oldham	16	7	5	4	22	18	26
Swindon	15	7	4	4	28	18	25
Ipswich	16	7	4	5	26	23	25
Blackburn	15	5	9	1	25	16	24
Plymouth	16	7	3	6	25	21	24
Wolves	16	6	5	5	24	20	23
Brighton	16	7	1	8	24	23	22
Oxford	16	5	4	7	24	27	19
Bournemouth	15	5	4	6	23	26	19
Port Vale	16	3	8	5	17	19	17
West Brom	16	4	5	7	22	29	17
Watford	16	4	5	7	14	21	17
Bradford	16	3	7	6	15	18	16
Barnsley	16	4	4	8	19	31	16
MIDDLESBROUGH	15	3	6	6	19	24	15
Portsmouth	16	3	5	8	16	26	14
Leicester	16	2	6	8	15	25	12
Stoke	16	1	8	7	13	29	11
Hull	16	0	10	6	14	22	10

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Referee's answer

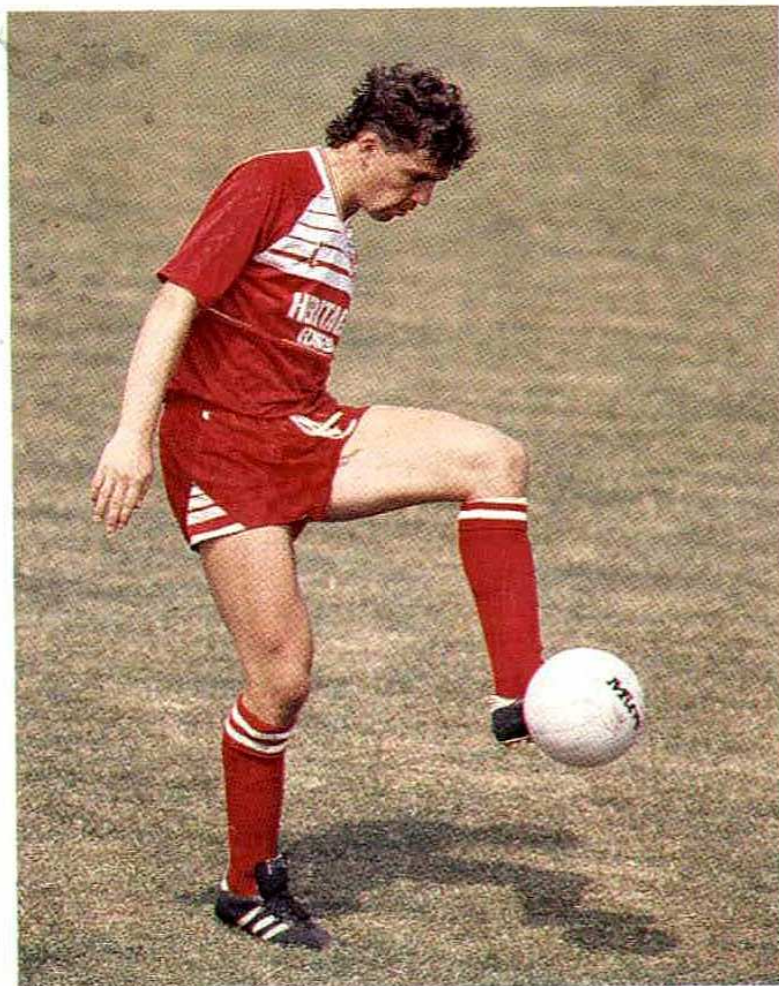
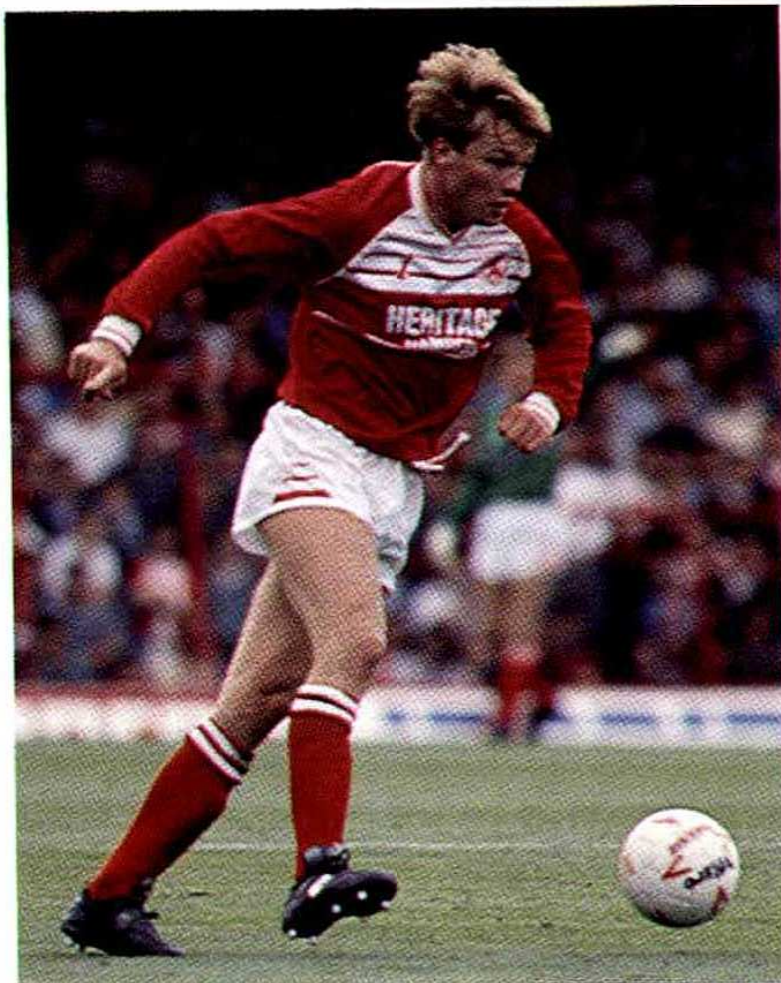
THE only person who can send a player "off" is the referee, so under the circumstances described, a substitute would be allowed. If one of the match officials had seen the player's gesture to the crowd, then the referee could have sent the player off because it states in the Law: "The offence of spitting at officials or other persons, or similar unseemly behaviour, shall be considered as violent conduct." A substitute for the sent-off player would not be allowed.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW

... about SWINDON TOWN?

- 1 — Who managed Swindon Town immediately before new Hammers boss Lou Macari?
- 2 — Which club did Swindon beat in the 1969 League Cup Final, at Wembley 3-1?
- 3 — Which competition did Swindon win in 1970?
- 4 — Which England Schoolboy international was top League goalscorer for Swindon Town in both 1981/2 and 1982/3?
- 5 — Which was the last Swindon Town player to win a full international cap?
- 6 — Swindon paid a club record £150,000 to Southampton, in 1980, for which England Under-23 international full-back?
- 7 — Which England international winger began his league career at the County Ground, Swindon in 1960?
- 8 — Name the player who scored a post-war record 151 League goals for Swindon Town between 1946 and 1962.
- 9 — With which clubs do you now associate former Swindon Town players a) Colin Gordon, b) Glenn Cockerill?
- 10 — From which S. American club did Tottenham sign new Swindon boss Ossie Ardiles in 1978?
- 11 — Name the only man, since the war, to have both played for Swindon and managed Middlesbrough?
- 12 — Which Welsh international centre-back was transferred from Middlesbrough to Swindon Town, in 1965, for a then club-record fee of £15,000?

ANSWERS: 1. Ken Beamsish, 2. Arsenal, 3. The Anglo-Italian Tournament (beating Napoli), 4. Paul Rideout, 5. Jimmy Quinn (N. Ireland), 6. David Peach, 7. Mike Summerbee, 8. Maurice Owen, 9a Birmingham, b. Southampton, 10. Huracan, 11. John Neal, 12. Mel Nurse.















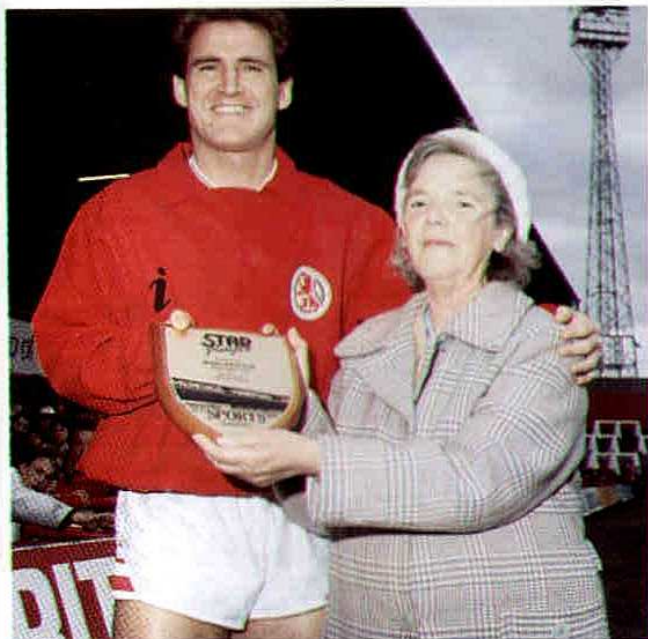
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AUGUST			
19 Wolverhampton	4-2	21,181	—
23 Leeds United	1-2	25,004	—
27 Sunderland	1-2	21,569	11th
SEPTEMBER			
2 Sheffield United	3-3	17,897	11th
9 Barnsley	1-1	10,535	13th
16 Bournemouth	2-1	16,077	10th
20 Halifax LC 2R 1L	4-0	10,613	—
23 Portsmouth	1-3	7,365	14th
27 Hull City	1-0	18,382	9th
30 Watford	0-1	10,102	15th
OCTOBER			
3 Halifax LC 2R 2L	0-1	1,641	—
7 Blackburn		Postponed	18th
14 Plymouth Argyle	0-2	15,003	20th
18 Brighton	2-2	13,551	19th
21 Oldham Athletic	0-2	6,081	20th
25 Wimbledon LC 3R	1-1	12,933	—
28 West Bromwich	0-0	14,076	19th
30 Port Vale	1-1	7,708	19th
NOVEMBER			
4 Newcastle United	2-2	23,349	20th
11 Swindon Town			
18 West Ham United			
25 Oxford United			
DECEMBER			
2 Wolverhampton			
9 Leeds United			
16 Leicester City			
26 Bradford City			
30 Ipswich Town			
JANUARY			
1 Stoke City			
6 FA Cup (3rd Round)			
13 Sunderland			
20 Sheffield United			
27 FA Cup (4th Round)			
FEBRUARY			
3 Portsmouth			
10 Bournemouth			
17 Barnsley			
24 Oxford United			
MARCH			
3 West Ham United			
7 Watford			
10 Hull City			
17 Blackburn Rovers			
20 Plymouth Argyle			
24 Brighton			
31 Oldham Athletic			
APRIL			
7 West Bromwich			
11 Port Vale			
14 Stoke City			
16 Bradford City			
21 Leicester City			
25 Ipswich Town			
28 Swindon Town			
MAY			
5 Newcastle United			
12 FA CUP FINAL			

Home matches in heavy type * Player substituted

ALAN KERNAGHAN (top left) and MARK BRENNAN, the Star Players in the Wimbledon and West Brom matches. The lucky Evening Gazette readers who each win two free tickets for a future match, a Heritage Hamper and a signed photograph are Angela Vallely, of Linwood Avenue, Stokesley, who nominated Alan Kernaghan in the Wimbledon cup tie, and David Wright who picked Mark Brennan in the game against West Bromwich Albion. Don't forget to vote for your favourite in today's match on the coupon provided for you in the Sports Gazette.

FACTS & FIGURES

												
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TWO Star Players receive their awards at the West Brom game. Simon Coleman (right) from Ian Davison of Marsh House Avenue, Billingham, for his performance in the Plymouth match, and Mark Proctor from Mrs. Jean Lyth of Barker Road, Linthorpe, as Boro's man of the match against Brighton.

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BORO**ROBINS**

	KEVIN POOLE: A courageous display against the aggression of 'Mighty' Mick Quinn.		FRASER DIGBY: Watched by big clubs, but Manchester Utd get 50 per cent of any transfer fee!
	GARY PARKINSON: Confident Boro will soon be in the promotion battle. See page 16.		DAVE HOCKADAY: Back 'home' on Teesside for his 32nd birthday this week.
	COLIN COOPER: Soon back into his stride after a long lay-off through injury.		PAUL BODIN: Recalled to first team duties following Phil King's £450,000 transfer to Sheffield Wednesday last week.
	TONY MOWBRAY: Once more 'King of the Castle' in the centre of defence.		ALAN McLOUGHLIN: Top scorer this season and sparked off last week's six-goal romp.
	ALAN KERNAGHAN: In form and keeping £400,000 new boy Simon Coleman on the bench.		COLIN CALDERWOOD: Mainstay of defence. Mansfield have a financial stake in him.
	TREVOR PUTNEY: A great competitor who can play anywhere and fit into any role.		JON GITTENS: Hard-tackling defender. Just back after suspension.
	BERNIE SLAVEN: He's 29 on Monday. Can he start celebrating early with a goal?		TOM JONES: Re-establishing himself in the team after missing early games due to cartilage operation.
	MARK PROCTOR: Playing better than ever and scoring some great goals, too.		DUNCAN SHEARER: Brother of Dave, the ex-Boro forward. Scored two against Stoke.
	PETER DAVENPORT: A proven striker and eager to get back on target.		STEVE WHITE: Free transfer bargain who has played key role in Swindon's rise from Division III.
	MARK BRENNAN: Super goal at Newcastle and enjoying his best spell since his arrival.		ROSS MACLAREN: Ex-Derby defender, now a firm favourite in the West Country.
	MARK BURKE: His classy touches can open up the most stubborn defence.		FITZROY SIMPSON: Very talented, but striving to overcome bad disciplinary record.
	SIMON COLEMAN: He's got great potential and eagerly awaiting his chance.		JOHN CORNWELL: Moved South after finding he did not fit in with Jim Smith's plans at Newcastle.
	GARY GILL: Always gives 100 per cent. In scoring form for the reserves.		PAUL HUNT: Just 18 a month ago with only one full game in the League team.

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD & MATCH OFFICIALS

Coventry City v Southampton
 Derby County v Man. City
 Everton v Chelsea
 Manchester Utd v Notts Forest
 Millwall v Arsenal
 QPR v Liverpool
 Tottenham v Wimbledon
 Bournemouth v Sheffield Utd
 Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich

Bradford City v Hull City
 Leicester City v Leeds Utd
 Oxford Utd v Oldham Athletic
 Portsmouth v Port Vale
 Stoke City v Brighton
 Sunderland v Wolves
 Watford v Plymouth Argyle
 West Brom v Barnsley
 West Ham v Newcastle

Referee: David Phillips, of Barnsley.
 Married with an 11-year-old son, he is an administrative supervisor who started refereeing 19 years ago and was promoted to the full Football League list in 1985. Has been on the line in a UEFA Cup tie and in charge of an FA Youth Cup Final. Likes gardening, golf and cricket and is secretary of the Yorkshire section of the Association Football League Referees and Linesmen.
Linesmen: R. Jenkinson (red/yellow) and R. Shepherd (yellow). Fourth official: M.S.M. Birch