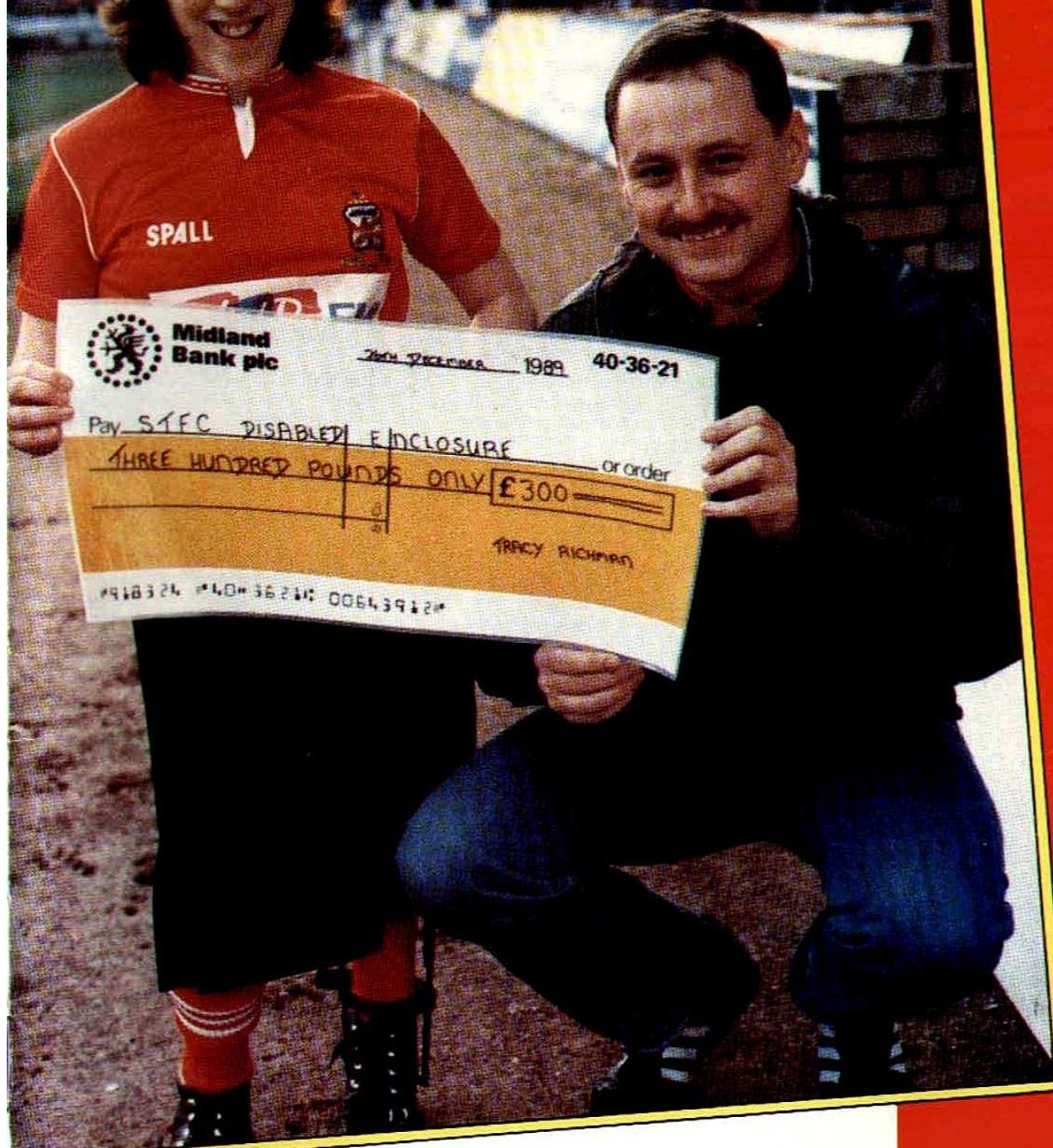


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80p

People and events in the news at the County Ground

COLIN BEATS THE PRESS TO THE NEWS
Town Captain, Colin Calderwood, was first with the news of former Town striker Jimmy Quinn's transfer to West Ham United to link up with former Town boss Lou Macari!



• Jimmy Quinn

Colin predicted this move in his programme notes on Tuesday October 17th 1989 versus Oxford United! Read below the extract from his Captains Comment.

NOT SO SIMPLE FOR LOU MACARI

Our old gaffer Lou Macari will find West Ham United will not stroll away with this Division. A consistent goalscorer must be his immediate aim. The grapevine talk is that he is looking hard and he may well have acted. Don't be surprised if he moves for a former Town striker.

It just shows how informative and up to date the Town programme is! We will endeavour to keep you informed.

SEASON 1990/91

The above season will commence on Saturday August 25th 1990, the fixture programme, however, is unlikely to be finalised until details of England's qualifying matches for the European Championships are known in February.

MARTY SMITH'S MATCHFACTS



• Martyn Smith

v BLACKBURN ROVERS
on TUESDAY DECEMBER 26th 1989
at THE COUNTY GROUND
BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Dry, foggy all
Second half

Blackburn Rovers Team:

1. Collier
2. Oliver
3. Sulley
4. Reid
5. Hill
6. Mail
7. Kennedy
8. Millar
9. Stapleton
10. Garner
11. Sellars

SWINDON TOWN SUBSTITUTES:

12. Cornwell/Kerslake (84 min)
14. Hockaday/White (79 min)

BLACKBURN ROVERS SUBSTITUTES:

12. Gayle/Millar (63 min)
14. Irvine/Kennedy (86 min)

SWINDON TOWN BOOKINGS:

Maclaren (18 min)

BLACKBURN ROVERS BOOKINGS:

None

FIRST HALF DURATION:

45 minutes 36 seconds

SECOND HALF DURATION:

45 minutes 00 seconds

GOALS:

Swindon Town

Shearer (32 min, 3 sec)

Shearer (41 min, 31 sec)

Bodin (43 min, 25 sec)

Foley (76 min, 43 sec)

Blackburn Rovers

Garner (9 min, 44 sec)

Kennedy (pen 19 min, 13 sec)

Gayle (71 min, 48 sec)

GOAL ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:

Swindon Town:

Shearer (11 min)

White (56 min)

Blackburn Rovers:

Millar (35 min)

Garner (36 min)

Garner (47 min)

Kennedy (49 min)

Garner (53 min)

Oliver (53 min)

CORNERS:

First Half:

Swindon Town

8

Second Half:

0

Blackburn Rovers

1

5

REFEREE: D. Hutchinson

LINESMEN: R. Harris and D. Pike

PLEASE NOTE

Our Barclays League Division Two match with West Ham United will be played on Sunday 18th February 1990 with a 3.00 p.m. kick-off



• Lou Macari - when the West Ham United Manager was at the County Ground he was always a keen advocate of Sunday soccer

This measure was taken following consultation with the Police Authorities. This will be a keenly contested match with the London Clubs two new signings Ian Bishop and Trevor Morley both likely to be included in the 'Hammers' line-up. Both players moved to Upton Park from Manchester City in a £1.25 million deal concerning the unsettled West Ham player, Mark Ward.

READING

FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR

A Football Programme Fair will be held at the 'Royals Rendezvous' (Social Club), Reading Football Club on Sunday 14th January 1990, from 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Leading national dealers will be in attendance, offering programmes from pre-war to date, for a variety of Clubs, priced from 5p upwards.

GOAL POWER

Oldham Athletic are particularly potent in the quarter of an hour period preceding and following the half time whistle

Goals scored (minutes):

1-15	16-30	30-45
7	8	10
45-60	61-75	76-90
11	8	5

Goals conceded (minutes):

1-15	16-30	30-45
8	2	3
45-60	61-75	76-90
6	9	6

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF OLDHAM ATHLETIC

FAREWELL TO THE TOWN

Dear Mr. King,

The Newcastle match was my last football match at Match Commander after four years. Not that my presence has anything to do with it, but during my time has seen progression from the 4th Division to your present standing in the 2nd Division. I am here today to hand over to my replacement, Supt. Glen Symes.

I have enjoyed my association with the Club, the supporters and all the attachments to football. I would hope that my policies have reduced trouble and my aim has always been to make the County Ground safe for anyone to come and watch football.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all, particularly supporters, for your support in our policies. I shall miss the County Ground and I wish the Club every success in the future.

Yours sincerely
Mike Rogers
Superintendent

JOINT LEADERS

Following the New Years Day fixtures and our 2-0 victory at Watford, we stood proudly as the joint leading goalscorers in the 'Barclays' League.

The leading ten Clubs were:-

1. Swindon Town and Blackburn Rovers	45
2. Liverpool	44
Rotherham United	44
Sunderland	44
3. Leeds United	42
Southampton	42
4. Newcastle United	41
Sheffield United	41
West Bromwich Albion	41

WIDE OF THE MARK!

In an edition of the **Western Daily Press** printed on Thursday December 21st the following letter was printed under a photograph of Swindon Town midfielder player **Alan McLoughlin**.

■ The picture of footballer Alan McLoughlin as published in the Western Daily Press on December 5th prompts the question: Is the kind of behaviour at the root of the football scene troubles? Other sportsmen do not show the first waving aggression, but show a more civilised approach and their sport is better for it.
H.M. Fildes
Moorland Road
Weston-Super-Mare

● **EDITOR:** Obviously H.M. Fildes has no knowledge of Alan, the most unlikely portrayal of what he or she is depicting was not well chosen. A more mild mannered and respectable player you would find difficult to trace. I suggest that H.M. Fildes should travel from Weston-Super-Mare and meet Alan to prove the point!

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Dear Editor,

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Yours
D. Lowe

EDITOR: All replies to the above address please.

WERE YOU AN OLD BOY?

Liverpool University Football Club celebrate their Centenary year this season. They are holding a Sportsman's Dinner on 19th May 1990 for all Old Boys. They are anxious as many Old Boys as possible are present.

If you attended or know anyone who did would you contact:

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P.O. Box No. 187
2 Bedford Street North
Liverpool
Merseyside
L69 7BR
Tel: 051-794 4126/27 or 051-708 5033

THANK YOU

The Club received this letter from Mr. Dennis Hedges who officiated at our **Zenith Data Systems Cup** match with **Millwall** last month.

Headington
Oxford

Dear Sir,

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the wonderful hospitality bestowed on myself and my three other colleagues. Due to my locality, that of Oxford, I do not visit Swindon in competitive matches very often and felt that I had to record to you my feelings on my visit to you versus Millwall.

In a time when football is taking some unreasonable knocks it is always nice to see and be part of the good side which unfortunately appears to go unnoticed by many people. Again may I record my thanks to you from the Chairman, Secretary to the tea man for their kindness. The evening was made even more emotional for me when I was able to meet your mascot, the little spastic girl, surely a deed like this can only be an inspiration to her and those that witnessed her day. This must all help the future of the game that we all love.

May I conclude by wishing you all a happy Christmas and happy and successful New Year.

Yours in sport
Dennis A. Hedges

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NINETY MINUTES EACH TIME!
We were dismissed from the F.A. Cup last week because we started to compete and play at too late a stage in the game at Bristol City. We were second best in the first half and deservedly trailed 2-1 at the interval.

The second half was our better period and we enjoyed possession without penetration. The equaliser was denied when Paul Bodin hit the crossbar in the dying minutes.

We have played well this season and this particular match and reverse will serve as a useful reminder that the match is of ninety minutes duration. We need to compete all of the time, we had previously and results were favourable. We will do so again. Tommy Docherty stated on Grandstand last Saturday that Oldham Athletic

done without. A two goal deficit and our insistence on conceding penalties are factors we shall have to think about.

Still, it is a fact that as long as you score more goals than your opponents then you have three points. Goals conceded may well come into the reckoning in the final analysis in May.

It was a highly entertaining match and everyone had full value for money, or did you? The second half mist obliterated phases of the game for some. That was unfortunate, the game had been a perfect spectacle for the fans. Well done lads for overcoming the two goal deficit.

**IT COULD HAVE BEEN
 A COMPLETE INJUSTICE**
Our 1-1 draw with Newcastle United was a match we really

Duncan Shearer's seventeenth goal of the season ensured we did not leave the pitch empty handed. It would have left everyone in low spirits if we had.

PURE SPECULATION!
There has been a certain amount of speculation in the press recently about the so-say impending departure of some of our players.

This is complete conjecture by those who perpetrate these stories. Since I have come here I have adapted a clear-cut policy to try and retain the nucleus of the players here at Swindon Town. We do not intend to sell anyone we need to retain and build upon the foundation we have here. I would like to think that the football you are now witnessing is attractive, exciting and hopefully some of the best you have seen at the County Ground.

Make no mistake, this is down to the players, they are the only people on the pitch. Managers, coaches and everyone else can only encourage them. This is my job, and yours also in a part-time capacity. Hats off to the players, they have performed admirably and we wish to retain them, not sell them. The newspapers can do that if they wish to, but Swindon Town will not help them with their rumours and wild speculation.

WELL PREPARED
We made it seven points out of a possible nine for the Christmas and New Year holiday period when we won 2-0 at Watford on New Years Day.

We had stayed the previous night at an hotel near Heathrow before travelling to Vicarage Road the next day. Too late goals from Alan McLoughlin made the preparation right.

Watford had been playing well of late, so our win was a timely boost as we prepare for a storming 1990. This win enabled us to move into fifth position in the League table.

Our football in this match was of a very high standard and probably reached a pinnacle for the season. I am sure the players will repeat that standard and I am really looking forward to a highly entertaining 1990. Thank you for your support at Watford, you were magnificent with your vocal support.



Ossie Ardiles

were the best footballing team in the Second Division. This is our opportunity to prove that we are and take three vital points in the promotion race.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER
I defy anyone who witnessed our Boxing Day match with Blackburn Rovers to tell me they had not thoroughly enjoyed our cracking League encounter.

Mind, from a connoisseur's point of view, or from mine, there were some moments which I could have

dominated. It would have been a complete injustice if we had not equalised.

I thought some of our first half football in this match was some of the best we had played this season. We also defended with more authority than in the Blackburn Rovers match and overall we hardly gave Newcastle United a chance. I know some of the boys believed that Mick Quinn's first half header was scored from an offside position, but to be frank I was in no position to tell.

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Paul Plowman

OUR HISTORIAN LOOKS BACK TO SOME PREVIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN SWINDON TOWN AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Today is the 15th meeting between Swindon Town and Oldham Athletic. It was not until the 1965/66 season that the paths of the two Clubs first crossed on League business, although the Lancashire Club had made one visit to Swindon on F.A. Cup duty in 1924.

EAST LEFT OUT AT EASTER

The Latics came to the County Ground on Easter Monday 1966. Jimmy Lawton was making a return to the Town's attack – his first senior appearance for five months – in place of 20-goal Keith East. But even East's introduction at half time, for an injured Roger Smart, failed to add enough punch to trouble a stout Oldham rearguard. The visitors took both points when winger Ian Towers netted in the 75th minute.

This prompted Swindon to make seven changes for the following

day's trip to Boundary Park, including switching left-back John Trollope to inside-left. East resumed leading the attack and put the Town ahead in the 73rd minute. The goal looked like avenging the defeat 24 hours earlier but, with seven minutes to go, Tony Bartley equalised.

Oldham's arrival at the County Ground on December 3 1966 came after Swindon had slammed in 12 goals in their previous three home games. And the 10,347 who turned up that day were not to be disappointed! Swindon were a goal down in ten minutes, when ex-Town striker Frank Large headed in. But they had scored five before Athletic found the net again.

HAT-TRICK FOR DON

Dennis Brown cancelled out Large's goal in the 18th minute and Don Rogers edged Swindon in front seven minutes later. Rogers helped himself to another five minutes after the break and then two goals in three minutes, from Brown and Bruce Walker, put the Town in a commanding position with twenty minutes left. A quick flourish from Oldham saw John Collins and Towers take the scoreline to 5-3, but Rogers completed his hat-trick three minutes before time.

Swindon's second visit to Boundary Park in April 1967 followed seven consecutive wins – which had seen them rise from 21st place in Division Three to eighth. The Latics brought that to an end when Jim Bowie scored with little more than a minute to go.

The Town's trip to Lancashire in the following December ended a less impressive run – one of ten away games without a win. The visitors were two goals up by half time, through Rogers and Pat Terry, and held onto that lead. The return fixture, a goalless encounter, was

the final home game of 1967/68. The crowd, although 9,717, represented Swindon's lowest of the season! Nearly twice that number had been present for the visit of Torquay at the turn of the year.

The clash at Boundary Park in October 1968 produced five goals. The Town were looking for a sixth consecutive League victory – and succeeded. Oldham went ahead through Bowie in the 28th minutes but that lead lasted just three minutes, Don Heath beating 'keeper Molyneux with a low drive. Rogers made it 2-1 in the 68th minute, but Keith Bebbington pulled the Latics level ten minutes from the end. Swindon were not to be denied, however, Roger Smart heading the winner with five minutes left.

TWO DOWN IN FOUR MINUTES

Oldham journeyed to Wiltshire again on January 28 1969 – and probably wished that they had not bothered! With over 21,000 roaring the home side on, bottom of the table Athletic were two goals down after four minutes!

A Heath corner was powered into the net from the head of centre-half Frank Burrows in the second minute and then Chris Jones glanced in a Rogers centre. A similar move put the Town 3-0 up just before half time. Alan Spence replied in the 64th minute but Smart crashed in a fourth with twelve minutes remaining and Jones completed a hat-trick five minutes from time. It was the Mancunian's fifth goal in four days and Swindon's tenth.

At the end of the season, the two Clubs headed in opposite directions – Swindon to the Second Division and Oldham to the Fourth. They were not to meet again for almost nineteen years, by which time the surface at Boundary Park had brought a new meaning to the 'luck of the bounce'.

RECORD BOOK



RESULT OF CHRISTMAS DRAW

HELD 18th DECEMBER 1989 at 8.30 p.m.

DETAILS OF 32 WINNERS

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THE DRAW WAS CONDUCTED BY COLIN CALDERWOOD
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UNHAPPY EXIT

Our F.A. Cup defeat against Bristol City was a bitter disappointment for everyone. The expression of delight among the City players and supporters at the final whistle emphasised the meaning of winning this West Country derby.

We were in trouble once we had conceded two first half goals. It was something we could not afford to do.

Duncan Shearer's late first half goal threw us a lifeline but we were unable to break City down in the second half and they ran out 2-1 winners. It is always disappointing to make an early exit from the F.A. Cup.

We must put this behind us and return to League action with the resolve that we have shown throughout this season.

IT YOU KNEW BEFOREHAND YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IN RAPTURES

It is an old saying, but what a funny game this is. Personally I thought we played better against Newcastle United than Blackburn Rovers but only had one point to show for it in the holiday fixture at the County Ground.

First, let me talk about the Boxing Day match. Anyone who knows beforehand that they are going to watch a 4-3 score would be in raptures. It was a funny match for us in defence. Both Jon Gittens and myself were in difficulties in this match and both of us were relieved to have won at the final whistle.

THE THREATENING FOG

It was great entertainment and, in my opinion, we had a lot to thank Fraser Digby for in this vital win. Fraser made some stupendous saves and his reflexes kept Blackburn Rovers at bay throughout the match.

The descending fog was always a threatening problem.

For the first fifteen minutes of the second half it settled and then became progressively worse. We were lucky to see the match through and we were always conscious of it depriving us of a win.

MICK QUINN WAS OFF-SIDE

The main talking point about the Newcastle United match was Mick Quinn's late first half goal that put the North East Club into a vital first half lead.

We were convinced he was in an off-side position. That takes no credit from Mick, who scored with a superb glancing header.

Paul Bodin, who was our last

player in line, had no doubt about the invalidity of the goal. I knew the Newcastle striker was stood behind me as I was marking Mark McGhee. Paul said he never bothered to move because he was clearly stood off-side. In fact, Paul was so convinced that he said he never even bothered to move toward him. Ah well, I suppose we should all clearly play to the whistle.

A SUPERB DISPLAY

What a good performance we made at Watford on New Years Day. This could be described as arguably one of our best performances of the season.

A match where we held control for the majority of the game. We had countless corners and were constantly on the attack.

I suppose a certain degree of nervousness crept in with our inability to capitalise on our dominance. Eventually Alan McLoughlin's two goals saw that justice was seen to be done.

Colin Calderwood



GREAT, BUT ...

ONLY 'X' SEPARATES

'Chalky' White was on the mark when he remarked after the game that we are four wins better off at this stage of the season than we were at a comparable time last season.

This is a tight Division and before we face Oldham Athletic, I think to keep matters in perspective I should point out that we are just fifteen points better off than Portsmouth who are in bottom but one position in the Second Division League table.

We are playing better this season than any since I have been at Swindon Town. The team spirit is great and the lads really appreciate 'Ossie' Ardiles and 'Chic' Bates. Both know how to treat the players and we have responded.

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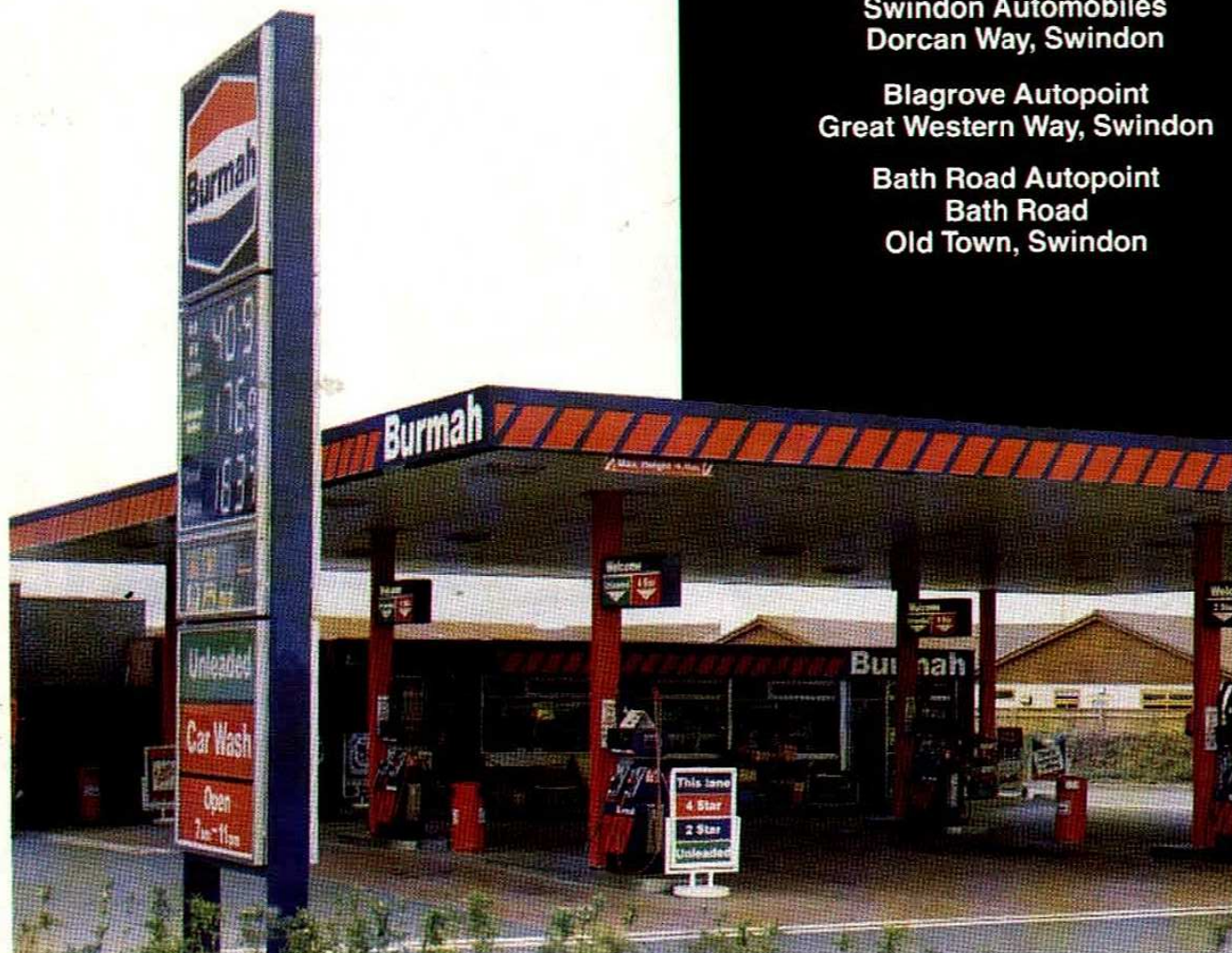
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POOR ATTENDANCE

Our three encounters with promotion rivals over Christmas brought a satisfactory, if nerve-wracking, seven points. The self destruct button was soon pressed against Blackburn Rovers in front of a typically poor Swindon Boxing Day crowd but paved the way for a remarkable fightback which started with a bizarre goal. Duncan Shearer's early New Year's resolution to tackle back brought immediate reward as the ball sailed into the back of the Rovers net following an attempted clearance. The fog-bound second half spoilt the game as a spectacle, but as long as three points come in the end, any sacrifice seemed worth it.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK, BUDGIE AND JOAN COLLINS

The Duchess of York wrote a book last year about a helicopter called 'Budgie' which was obviously modelled on nickname-sake and childish chopper John 'Budgie' Burridge who successfully rode his luck in the Newcastle goal as we ended the decade at the County Ground. Burridge's display of intelligence was more in keeping with his shoe size than his considerable age as he was first booked for an unnecessary twenty eight yard dash and lunge, then reprimanded for an incredible display of writhing of the short which would have made Joan Collins smile but brought Chile disciplinary action from F.I.F.A. recently. The 'Magpies' keeper certainly proved himself as likeable as his regal royal biographer. Referee Terry Holbrook was hardly blameless though, with seemingly only a severed lower limb causing him to stop the game. Aside from Burridge's bizarre antics, the game was a credit to both sides, with the 'Town' dominating, but again facing an uphill struggle after Mick Quinn found himself in solitary confinement in the box to put the 'Geordies' ahead. The late, late intervention of current saviour Duncan Shearer in play-acting time secured a vital and deserved point.

'TOWNS' BEST RESULT

More domination at Watford on New Years Day brought the 'Towns' best result of the festive season, with Alan McLoughlin's two late goals getting us into the play-off frame at last to start the decade in the best possible way.

WELL DONE BRYAN ROBSON

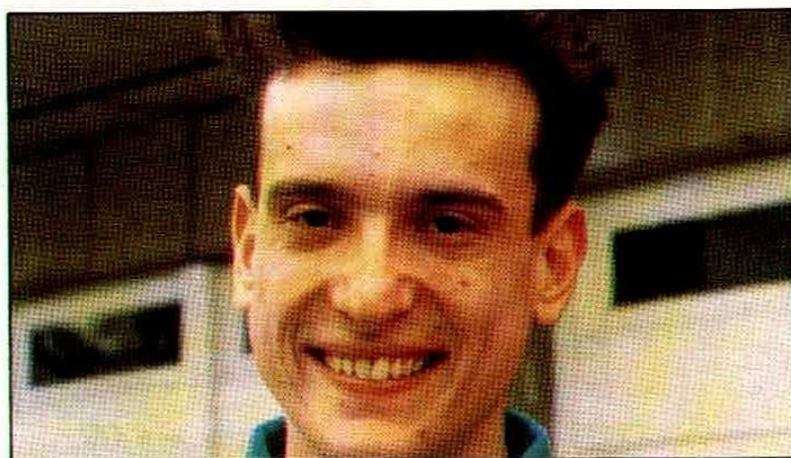
New Year congratulations are due to England Captain Bryan Robson with the award of an OBE for his services to the Government's drink-driving campaign, unfortunately his on-field leadership by example is not echoed off it. Whilst the whole

rather than Liverpool's open cheque book policy, from Moore whose courtship with Dalglish's men is traditionally consummated at Wembley each May. Moore even managed to describe one of Steve McMahon's many mad axeman challenges as a 'strong tackle' as Liverpool continued to lace their classy performance with some of their traditionally ignored physical play.

HYPOCRITICAL, LITTLE TO DO WITH

LOU MACARI'S HARSH WORDS, 'OSSIE' IS RIGHT

Jimmy Quinn's seemingly acrimon-



by **Michael Scott**

awards system is an old fashioned and unfair way of rewarding someones worth to society it does seem hypocritical to heap praise on the rich and famous regardless of their behaviour. After all, George Best was quite a good player wasn't he? Can anyone really imagine him staggering into Buckingham Palace at the height of his fame?

BRIAN MOORE'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH FOREST

ITV's tea-time hijacking of the Forest-Liverpool match provided more evidence of Brian Moore's love affair with the Anfield Club. Forest's side drew grudging praise, being built on player development

ious departure from the County Ground obviously had little to do with Manager Lou Macari's harsh words at the time with his recent big money move to rejoin his former boss in East London. Can we expect John Kelly to be propping up the bars around Upton Park before long? The Scotsman's wholesale changes to the 'Hammers' squad have, as yet, been relatively unsuccessful as he attempts to change the East London ethic to rely on fitness rather than finesse. We only have to wait until February to prove that League standings tell the true story as Ossie Ardiles adopts the opposite policy.

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Last Saturday saw our exit from this season's F.A. Cup. Although we almost equalised late in the game through Paul Bodin, it was not our day and it is 'City' who will entertain Chelsea at Ashton Gate in Round 4.

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One of the giant killing acts of Round 3 was Northampton Town's defeat of Coventry City. There was a strong Swindon connection here, with Bobby Barnes first hitting the Coventry post and then providing the pass for another former 'Town' player, Steve Berry, to score the winning goal.

★ ★ ★

We face another tough cup tie next Wednesday, 16th January, when we visit the 'Dell' for the Littlewoods Cup replay with Southampton. Once again, our opponents have a strong 'Town' connection with Paul Rideout, Tim Flowers and Glen Cockerill starring for the 'Saints'.

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Our Barclays League Division Two match with **West Ham United** will now be played on **Sunday 18th February** and not **Saturday 17th February**. Normal ticket and admission apply.



by **Dave King**

Whilst on the subject of Cup ties, our **Zenith Data Systems** Cup tie with Norwich City will now be played here at the County Ground on **Wednesday 24th January, kick-off 7.45 p.m.**

Season Ticket holders will have until **5.00 p.m. Tuesday 23rd January** to purchase their usual seats. Unreserved seats are now on sale at the Club offices.

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

One of the wonders of modern technology, namely video, has enabled us as we go into the 1990's, to relive the triumphs and tragedies of previous decades.

Twenty years on from that glorious day at Wembley in March 1969, the goals are still as vivid as yesterday, although other events naturally begin to fade from memory. After watching the recording of that afternoon of splendour, it soon became apparent that while the goals from Don Rogers secured the Town's victory, the man on the other flank had an outstanding game and gave probably one of his finest performances for the Club. That man was, of course, Don Heath.

HEAD DOWN

Aptly described by Dick Mattick in his book 'The Robins', Don was an 'infuriating head down player with superb ball control'.

Born at Stockton-on-Tees in September 1944, Don played for Stocked Boys before joining Middlesbrough as an apprentice on 1960. He signed full professional forms at Ayresome Park on New Year's Eve 1962. Two other members of the playing staff at that time, Mel Nurse and Arthur Horsfield, were later to come to Swindon. But while they both enjoyed Second Division football with 'Boro, Don was unlucky and had not made his League debut by the time he left for East Anglia, to sign for Norwich, on July 22 1964.

His introduction to League football was then not long in coming. Exactly a month later, Don was in City's opening line-up against Swansea Town. He made 31 Second Division appearances in that first season at Carrow Road and a seven goal tally was to be Don's best return throughout his career. The Canaries finished sixth.

LOWES' MISFORTUNE

Don was in and out of the League side at Norwich during both 1965/66 and 1966/67, but had regained his place for the opening games of the following season when he was brought to the County Ground by Danny Williams.

In August 1967, Danny had secured the former Coventry City winger Barry Lowes. But injury struck him down during his first game for the Town and so Danny entered the transfer market again

to sign Don from Norwich on September 14. Two days later, he helped his new Club to a 4-0 win over Northampton Town.

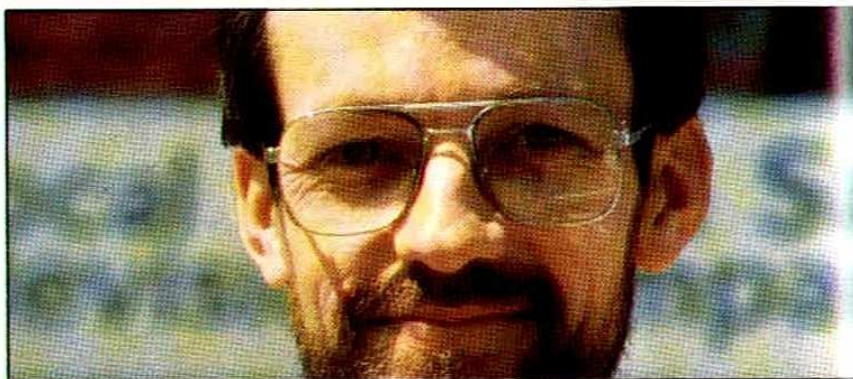
More of a goal maker than taker, Swindon fans saw Don score just once at the County Ground. It came on January 6 1968, when he grabbed an 83rd minute winner as the Town beat Fourth Division Luton 3-2 in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup.

Don managed two away from home, both of them coming during the promotion season of 1968/69. The first, at Oldham, was obviously noted for future reference and the other followed a month later, in a fine 6-2 victory at Northampton.

Preston on March 14, just one short year after the Wembley triumph.

Don moved to Oldham in July 1970 and promptly helped the Latics to promotion from the Fourth Division. But after just 11 full appearances in 1971/72, he was given a 'free' transfer and joined Peterborough United. A year later, Don returned to the north east, signing for Hartlepool. He made his final League appearance against Torquay in October 1974 but continued playing for a further three years, with Crook Town, Gateshead United and South Bank. Now 45, Don runs a sports shop back in his home town of Stockton.

Passing Back



Paul Plowman

EVERY STEP TO WEMBLEY

On the road to Wembley, Don took part in all eleven goals. In the Second Round, he was involved in three of Swindon's four goals against Bradford City, after they had been 0-2 down inside twenty minutes and seemingly on their way out. Apart from his constant worrying of full-back Bob McNab, my lasting memory of Don at Wembley will be of the figure crouched over the ball by the corner flag, rapidly going nowhere while those seconds ticked away.

By 1969/70, Danny Williams had departed and Don was not part of new Manager Fred Ford's plans for his Second Division side. Don made just 17 League appearances, the last coming against



• Don Heath



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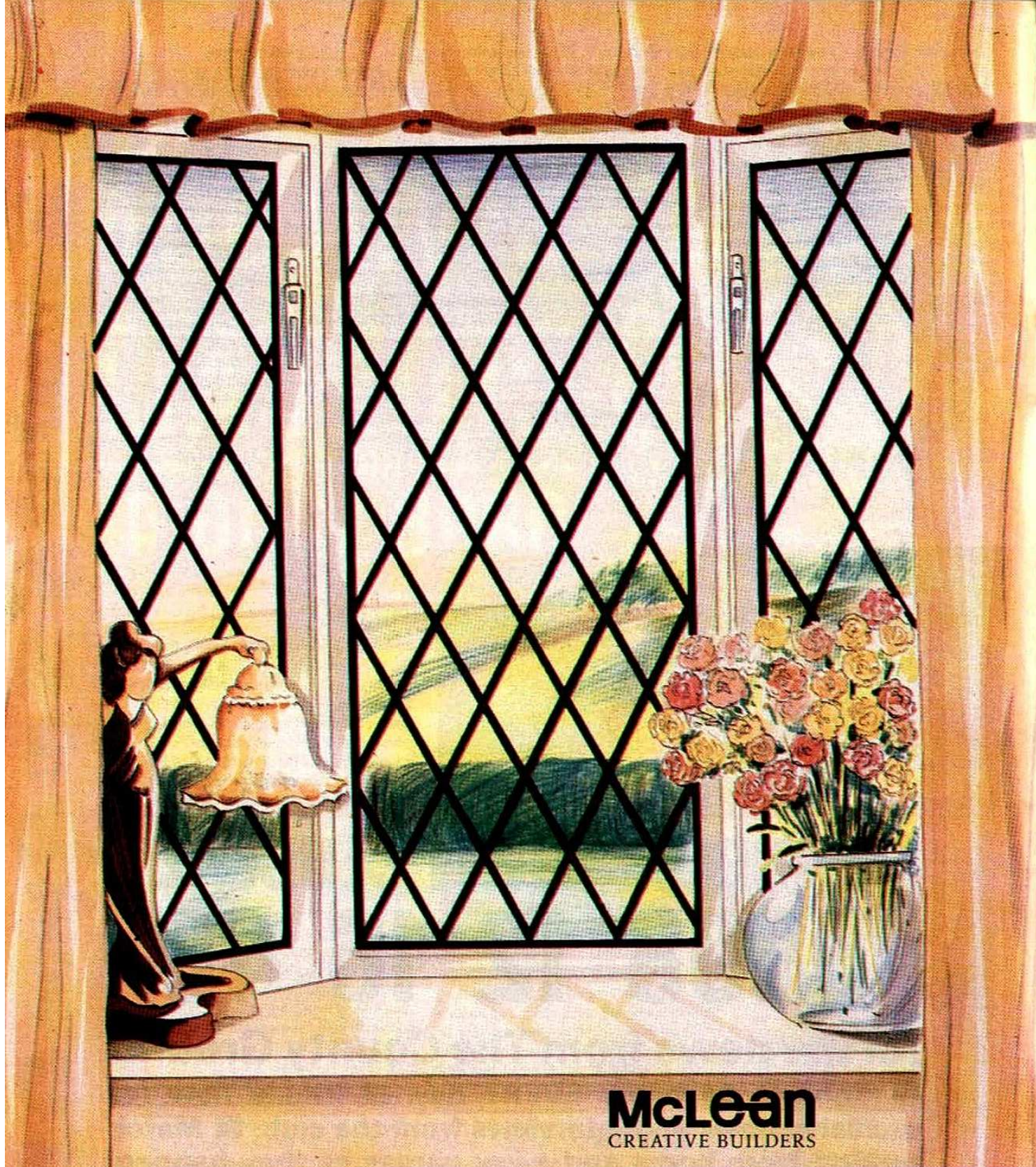
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8. Your favourite sports commentators.

Harry Carpenter.

9. Your favourite publication for sport.

Match.

Fraser Digby



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

Best - David Kerslake

Worst - 'Chalky' White.

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

Wembley

Bernabeau Stadium

12. Your worst moment on the football field.

Losing to Crystal Palace in last years play offs.

13. What are your favourite TV shows.

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PERSONAL OPINION





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WATFORD ACTION



by Dave Evans





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Front Row (left to right): Mike Milligan, Nick Henry, Earl Barrett, Denis Irwin, Ian Marshall, Joe Royle (Manager), Andy Barlow, Tommy Wright, Roger Palmer, Gary Williams, Scott McGarvey.

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DEFENDERS - **Denis Irwin** (23). Born Cork, Ireland. Began his career as an apprentice with Leeds United in 1982. Made over 80 appearances for them before joining Athletic on a free transfer in June 1986. Quickly established himself for Athletic in his three years at the Club. An Eire Under-21 International who is expected to be in their World Cup squad next summer. Dennis was voted the Supporters & Junior Supporters Player of the Year last season. **Willie Donachie** (37). Born Glasgow. Signed for Athletic on a free transfer from Burnley in July 1984. A vastly experienced defender who won over 35 caps for Scotland, he appeared in over 400 games for Manchester City before joining Portland Timbers in the North American Soccer League. On his return he had spells at Norwich and Burnley before joining Athletic. Was appointed Player/Coach in July 1985. **Earl Barrett** (22). Born Rochdale. Signed from Manchester City for £35,000 in November 1987

making his Athletic debut against Plymouth Argyle. Started his career on a YTS Scheme with Manchester City where he made four first team appearances. A versatile player, Earl is equally at home in midfield or defence and has made 50 first team appearances for Athletic to date. **Andy Barlow** (23). Born Oldham. Signed for Athletic in July 1984 making his first team debut against Birmingham City in August 1984. A versatile player equally at home in midfield or defence, Andy has currently clocked up over 135 appearances for the Club. **Ian Marshall** (23). Born Liverpool. Started his career with his hometown Club Everton, making his debut against West Bromwich Albion in 1985. Signed for Athletic in March 1988 for a £100,000 fee. A strong forceful player who could turn out to be a bargain buy. Has over 50 appearances for Athletic under his belt. **Paul Warhurst** (20). Joined Athletic from Manchester City in October 1988. England Youth International he made his debut against Portsmouth in November 1988. Limited appearances last season due to injury but has shown great promise and is tipped to be a star of the future. **Andy Holden** (28). A £140,000 signing from Wigan Athletic, has played three times for Wales and over 150 times for Wigan Athletic and Chester. A very popular players with the fans, his forceful attacking football has brought him 27 goals from his central defensive position in only 164 appearances. **Chris Blundell** (20). Another home

grown product from Latics successful youth teams. Born in Wigan the young defender made his debut against Bournemouth last season in Latics 3000th League game. Played in New Zealand during the summer months. Expected to make an impact this season.

MIDFIELD - **Mike Miligan** (22). Born Manchester. Signed for Athletic in 1985 and made his first team debut against Liverpool in the Milk Cup in October 1985. A tigerish midfield player, Mike quickly established himself in the first team and has currently made over 125 appearances for Athletic. Last year he represented Eire at Under-21 level. **Gary Williams** (26). Born Bristol, son of former Latics player Alun Williams, started his career at his hometown Club Bristol City where he made 108 League and Cup appearances before moving on to Portsmouth, Swansea and Bristol Rovers, eventually making his debut for Latics against Huddersfield Town in December 1985. Missed most of the last two seasons with a bad knee injury. **Roger Palmer** (30). Born Manchester. Signed from Manchester City for £70,000 in November 1980. A skilful attacking player with an impressive goalscoring record. Roger has made over 350 first team appearances and became Athletic's record goalscorer last season when he scored his 111th goal for the Club. Currently scored 115 League goals for Athletic. **Nick Henry** (20). A product of Athletic's youth policy. Nick forced his way into Athletic's first team at Christmas last season, he soon became a firm favourite with his ferocious tackling from his midfield position.

FORWARDS - **Neil Adams** (23). After making nine appearances on loan at Athletic from Everton, Adams made the move permanent to Boundary Park during the close season when he signed for a £100,000 fee. Started his career at Stoke City making 38 appearances before his £150,000 move to Goodison where he made 35 appearances, scoring five times. His attacking wing play brought him recognition at England Under-21 level. **Scott McGarvey** (26). Recent signing, joined Athletic for a £30,000 fee from Bristol City where he could not settle. McGarvey's career started at Manchester United where he scored three times in 13 appearances before joining Portsmouth for £100,000. 20 games and six goals later he joined Grimsby Town for £30,000 where he netted 10 times in 58 games. He has not lived up to his potential down south but Athletic are hoping the move back home will suit him. **Andy Ritchie** (28). Born Manchester. Signed for Athletic for £50,000 from Leeds United in August 1987. Started his career as an apprentice with Manchester United where he made 33 first team appearances and scored 13 goals. Was transferred to Brighton in 1980 for £650,000. He made 89 appearances for the Seagulls before moving to Leeds United in 1983 in exchange for Terry Connor. He was a regular member of the first team squad at Elland Road and made 136 appearances and scored 40 goals. A firm favourite with the Athletic fans. Andy has continued his goalscoring prowess scoring 36 times in only 63 appearances. **Frank Bunn** (26). Born Birmingham. Signed for Athletic for £90,000 in December 1987, making his debut against Bournemouth. Started his career at Luton Town where he made 61 appearances and scored 11 goals before moving to Hull City for £40,000 in the summer of 1985. He was their leading goalscorer in his first season scoring 14 goals. Quickly established himself in the Latics first team making 50 appearances and scoring 22 goals. **Rick Holden** (25). Signed just two days before the start of the 1989/90 season from Watford for a £165,000 fee. Rick joined Watford from Halifax Town where he scored 12 times in 67 appearances. A strong attacking left sided player.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! Games and goals in the Second Division on the 1st January were, to coin a well-known football phrase, quite remarkable! Let's use this column to summarise that latest round of matches in the Barclays League.

Before kick-off, Swindon were seventh. Of the six sides above them in the table, four lost, and the other two drew with each other as top team Leeds United were held to 1-1 by Oldham Athletic at Elland Road in front of more than thirty thousand fans, the biggest gate of the Bank Holiday. Hendrie equalised Palmer's first half strike for the visitors. Second-placed Sheffield United suffered their heaviest defeat of the season so far, 3-0 at Oxford United, Simpson twice and Stein were on target. The match attracted the Manor's largest attendance of the current campaign, 7,883. Sunderland lost by the odd goal in five at Hull City. The home side was two-up by the break. The quintet on the scoresheet was Payton, Jacobs & Swan, and Hauser & Gabbiadini. Ipswich Town lost their 13-game unbeaten run, decisively, being beaten 5-0 at Port Vale. Beckford netted double, there was one apiece for Earle, Cross and substitute Miller, with his first goal for the Club.

NO BULL, STEVE SCORED ALL FOUR!

After a goal-less 45 minutes, Wolverhampton Wanderers went on to win 4-1 at Newcastle United. Steve Bull scored all of them for the visitors, including a nine-minute hat-trick which would have made Jackie Milburn and Malcolm Macdonald proud. The Geordies supporters are said to have given him the biggest final whistle ovation for an away team player since Jimmy Greaves achieved a similar goal tally in Chelsea's six-goal success at St. James Park nearly three decades ago. Mark Kendall saved a penalty for the

Molineux side from the League's top marksman 21-goal Micky Quinn. Kevin Brock did gain a consolation for the home side. Travelling fans believe that they have earned themselves a place in the record books for Britain's biggest airlift of soccer supporters. The 958-strong flying squad code-named 'Air Wolf 90' used seven chartered aircraft.

FIRST AWAY TRIUMPH

Bottom-of-the-table Stoke City

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secured their first away triumph this term, one-nil at Middlesbrough, Ellis struck in the second half. The smallest crowd for the Second Division, 6,939, saw A.F.C. Bournemouth and Plymouth Argyle share four goals. Thomas salvaged a point for Argyle in the 85th minute at Dean Court. Tynan converted a penalty. Holmes and Williams had given the Cherries a 2-0 advantage. Bradford City are now the only side at this level of the game without three points on their travels. They drew 2-2 at Blackburn Rovers with a spot-kick for either side. Kennedy scored both for Rovers, Jewell and Tinnion (penalty) replied. Leicester City were 3-2 winners at Portsmouth. Pompey were 2-0 up thanks to Fillery and Wigley. On-loan strikers Moran and Campbell (2) earned the points for David Pleat's team. Former Swindon striker Jimmy Quinn wasn't on the scoresheet at Upton Park on his West Ham United debut, but ex-Town Manager Lou Macari's team beat Barnsley 4-2. Keen netted twice, Allen and Dicks once. At the Hawthorns, West Bromwich Albion won for the first time in six games, against Brighton & Hove Albion who haven't scored in the Second Division for more than 400 minutes. Robson, Barnett and Goodman made it 3-0.

GREAT AT VICARAGE ROAD

And so to Vicarage Road. Two goals in five minutes by Alan McLoughlin helped Swindon achieve their holiday target of seven points out of a possible nine, and fifth place. The 2-0 result also ended Watford's six match undefeated sequence. It's been described as the Town's best performance since Ossie Ardiles arrived at the County Ground. Let's hope that's the shape of things to come in the nineties...

Happy New Year (right back where we started!)

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NEXT HOME MATCH

Sunday 4th February

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HOW I BECAME A BALL-GIRL, AND WHY

In March of this year I posted the letter asking to become a ball-girl, as I thought it was about time the girl fans were represented. I didn't think I had much chance!

When the letter of acceptance came I was shocked to say the least.

The first match was very nerve-racking and there was a mixed response from the boys, but it didn't last long and now we all get on well.

It's great being able to meet the players and officials and I'm really enjoying this season, just feeling part of it all. It's an experience I'll never forget.

By Karen

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BALLGIRL

First Match of the Season

19th August

I woke up as normal on a bright Saturday morning, but this time wondering what the afternoon was going to be like. I had only met the other ballboys and ballgirl once. I only knew Karen and Justin.

I got up very excited and dressed into my tracksuit bottoms and a thin jumper.

I arrived at the County Ground at about half past one and went in with Karen and Justin, now I was scared. I was frightened I was going to do something wrong, like throw the ball to the wrong player, and I did.

The match and everyone around me were great and we got on with one another well.

Jo-Anne

OUR TRIP TO THE JUNIOR 'HORNETS' OF WATFORD ON NEW YEARS DAY

Once again a very enjoyable trip to Watford, even more so when bringing home 3 points. Best away performance by the team all season.

Our small party of Junior Robins and parents were made very welcome by Ann, Pat and their helpers. Their new Junior Hornets Club, recently opened, offered very pleasant surroundings, all with numerous cups of tea/coffee, biscuits and sandwiches to hand. We shall, as ever, repay their hospitality when they visit us on April 14th.

Yours

J.R.'s Traveller

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.

You can do this between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or between 9 am and 12 noon on Saturday first team home match days.



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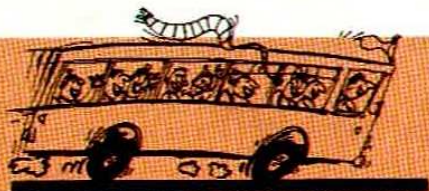
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Travel Club News



The meeting for **all** Travel Club Members will take place on Monday 29th January in the Supporters Club.

Members will be informed by letter. However, one file containing members addresses has **disappeared**, if any member of the Travel Club has not received their letter by the 21st January will they please contact the Travel Club office at once.

Janet Smith

YOUR ROUTE TO SOUTHAMPTON AND THE 'DELL'

For our re-arranged **Fourth Round replay** in the **Littlewoods Cup** on **Tuesday next, January 16th**, leave Swindon on the **M4** joining the motorway at **Junction 15**. Proceed towards London leaving the M4 at **Junction 13** to join the **A34** by-passing Newbury and Winchester. Use the **A33** signposted Southampton, via the **Avenue** then turn right into **Northlands Road** and at the end turn right into **Archers Road** for the **'Dell'**.

MATCH DETAILS

This is an **all ticket** match for Town supporters. There are still a number of unsold tickets available for the terraces currently on sale at the County Ground.

All **tickets** sold for the original date will be **valid** for the re-arranged date. The Rail station is ten minutes walk from the 'Dell'.

Your catering prices at the 'Dell' are as follows: **Burger £1.30, Crisps 32p, Tea 37p, Coffee/Beef Drinks 47p, Pies**

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85p, Pasties 90p, Sweets and Rolls 32p. Your matchday programme will cost **£1.00**. The **Dell** capacity is **21,680**.

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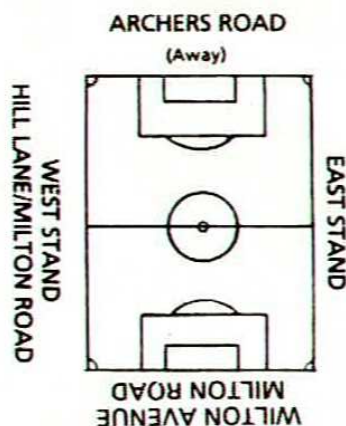
Will the Town be able to succeed where League champions **Arsenal** and mighty **Liverpool** failed? **Arsenal** lost **2-1** in their Boxing Day visit to the 'Saints'. Earlier in the season the Anfield Club had been trounced **4-1** at the 'Dell'. **Millwall**, who were the Towns victims in the previous Zenith Data Systems Cup tie here at the County Ground, are the only team to have won at the 'Dell' this season! The 'Lions' succeeded in a **2-1** opening day of the season victory.

The 'Saints' have also defeated **Aston Villa (2-1)**, **Charlton Athletic (1-0)** and **Manchester City (2-1)**.

Crystal Palace and **Tottenham Hotspur** have drawn **1-1** while **Wimbledon** and **Sheffield Wednesday** in **2-2** draws have shared the points.

In previous rounds of the Littlewoods Cup both **York City (2-0)** and **Charlton Athletic (1-0)** have lost at the 'Dell' this season.

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Sat Aug. 26	Oldham Athletic	2-2	5,531	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sun Sept. 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-1	10,213	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Sept. 9	West Ham United	1-1	21,469	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Sept. 16	Sheffield United	0-2	13,920	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Sept. 16	Barnsley	0-0	6,540	Digby	Barnard	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Sept. 19	Shrewsbury (LC R1)	3-0	3,518	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Sept. 23	Leeds United	0-4	21,694	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Sept. 26	Plymouth Argyle 7.45	3-0	6,882	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Sept. 30	Bradford City	1-1	8,334	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Oct. 3	Sheff. W. (LC R1) 7.45	3-1	5,541	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Oct. 7	Hull City	3-2	5,366	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Oct. 14	Ipswich Town	3-0	8,039	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Oct. 17	Oxford United 7.45	3-0	10,715	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Oct. 21	Leicester City	1-2	8,547	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Oct. 24	Bolton W. (LC R3) 7.45	3-3	8,318	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Wed Nov. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	8,070	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Nov. 4	Stoke City	6-0	7,825	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Nov. 7	Bolton W. (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	11,533	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Nov. 11	Middlesbrough	2-0	13,720	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Nov. 14	Bolton W. (LC R3) 7.45	1-1	14,129	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Nov. 18	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 1)	0-2	7,393	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Nov. 21	Bolton W. (LC R3) 7.45	2-1	11,238	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Nov. 25	Portsmouth 3pm	2-2	10,438	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Wed Nov. 29	Southampton (LC R4) 7.45	0-0	15,085	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Dec. 2	Sunderland	2-2	15,849	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Dec. 5	A.F.C. Bournemouth	2-3	7,326	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sun Dec. 10	Sheff. W. (F.A. Cup 2) 3pm	0-2	10,282	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Wed Dec. 13	Millwall (ZDSC) 7.45	2-1	3,223	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sun Dec. 17	West Bromwich Albion	2-1	9,894	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers 3pm	4-3	8,826	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Dec. 30	Newcastle United	1-1	11,657	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Mon Jan. 1	Watford	2-0	13,708	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Jan. 6	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 3)	1-2	17,488	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Sat Jan. 13	Oldham Athletic	1-2	17,488	Digby	Hockaday	King	McLoughlin	Parkin	Calderwood	Galvin	Shearer	White	Maclaren	Simpson	Ardiles	Cornwell
Tue Jan. 16	Southampton (LC R4 Replay)															
Sat Jan. 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers															
Wed Jan. 24	Norwich City (ZDSC 7.45)															
Sat Jan. 27	F.A. Cup 4															
Sun Feb. 4	Leeds United															
Sat Feb. 10	Barnsley															
Sat Feb. 17	West Ham Utd (F.A. Cup 5)															
Sat Feb. 24	Portsmouth															
Sat Mar. 3	Port Vale															
Tue Mar. 6	Bradford City 7.45															
Sat Mar. 10	Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 6)															
Sat Mar. 17	Hull City															
Tue Mar. 20	Ipswich Town															
Sat Mar. 24	Oxford United															
Sat Mar. 31	Leicester City															
Sat Apr. 7	A.F.C. Bournemouth															
Tue Apr. 10	Brighton & Hove Albion 7.45															
Sat Apr. 14	Watford															
Mon Apr. 16	Blackburn Rovers															
Sat Apr. 21	West Bromwich Albion															
Wed Apr. 25	Newcastle United															
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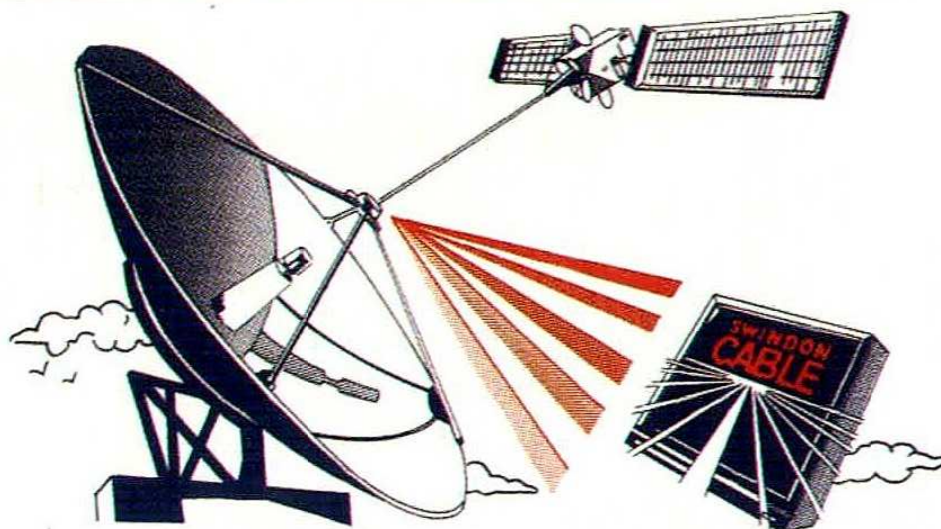
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Leeds United	25	10	3	0	25	7	4	4	4	17	18	49
Sheffield United	25	7	4	2	23	16	6	4	2	18	19	47
Sunderland	25	7	5	1	26	16	4	4	4	18	21	42
Oldham Athletic	25	8	5	0	25	14	3	4	5	10	14	42
Swindon Town	25	6	3	3	27	14	5	4	4	18	20	40
Ipswich Town	24	7	4	1	22	11	4	3	5	14	21	40
Newcastle United	24	7	2	2	22	16	3	5	6	19	15	37
Wolverhampton Wanderers	25	6	3	4	21	13	3	5	4	19	20	35
Blackburn Rovers	24	3	6	2	24	21	5	5	3	21	19	35
West Ham United	25	7	3	3	23	13	2	4	6	13	18	34
Watford	25	7	1	4	23	15	2	5	6	11	18	33
Oxford United	25	6	4	3	23	16	3	2	7	13	20	33
Leicester City	25	6	3	4	17	16	3	3	6	16	23	33
Port Vale	25	5	6	1	20	11	2	4	7	14	20	31
A.F.C. Bournemouth	25	6	3	4	20	19	2	3	7	16	24	30
West Bromwich Albion	25	4	4	4	24	21	3	4	6	17	21	29
Plymouth Argyle	24	5	4	3	19	14	3	1	8	17	24	29
Brighton & Hove Albion	24	5	2	5	13	12	3	2	7	18	22	28
Bradford City	25	6	3	3	16	10	0	6	7	13	26	27
Middlesbrough	25	5	3	4	17	16	2	3	8	12	23	27
Hull City	24	2	4	5	11	16	3	7	3	17	17	26
Barnsley	25	4	4	5	14	16	3	1	8	13	32	26
Portsmouth	25	2	6	5	20	23	3	4	5	12	17	25
Stoke City	24	3	6	4	15	17	1	4	6	7	21	22

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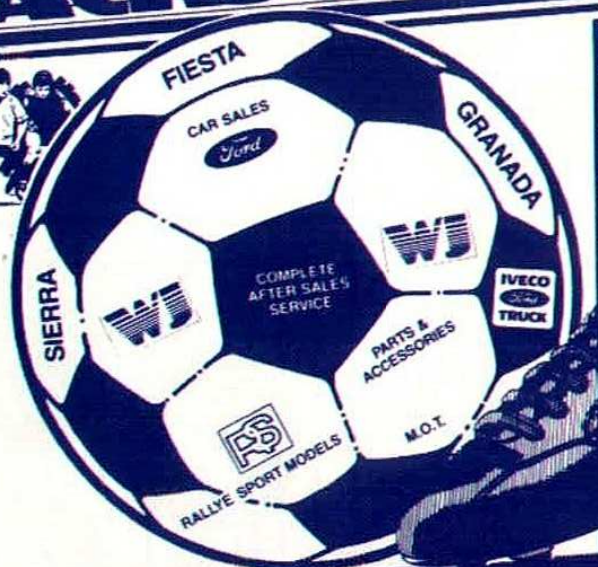
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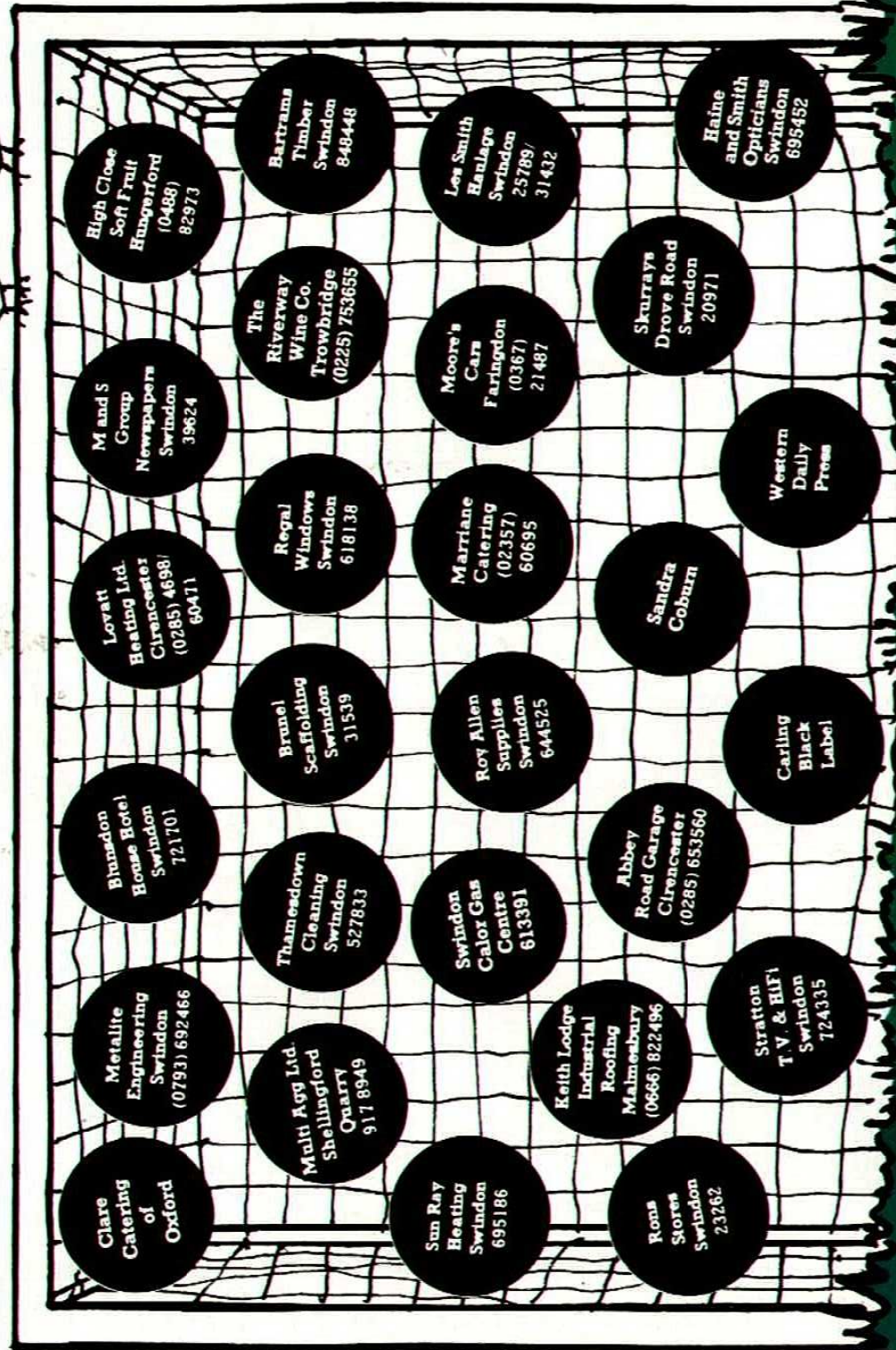
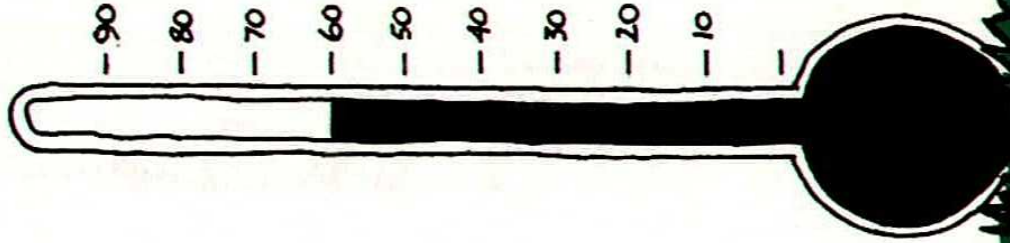
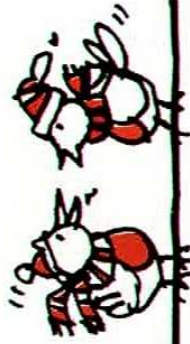
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'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE TABLE (up to and including 22nd December 1989)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	23	14	5	4	38	22	47
Tottenham Hotspur	19	14	1	4	53	24	43
Arsenal	19	11	4	4	43	32	39
Norwich City	18	12	1	5	33	18	37
Chelsea	16	10	2	4	38	20	32
Wimbledon	18	8	6	4	32	22	30
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	9	2	7	29	30	29
Swindon Town	21	9	1	11	32	37	28
Oxford United	19	8	3	8	37	30	27
Crystal Palace	20	7	5	8	30	26	25
Ipswich Town	20	7	3	10	32	40	24
Queens Park Rangers	16	7	2	7	29	33	23
Luton	15	6	4	6	24	21	22
Charlton Athletic	18	6	3	9	30	35	21
Portsmouth	15	4	8	3	14	19	20
West Ham United	18	4	5	9	34	40	17
Watford	15	2	6	7	25	33	12
Southampton	19	2	6	11	19	31	12
Reading	18	2	4	12	21	50	10
Fulham	16	3	1	12	10	41	10

PALACE TRIUMPH ONCE AGAIN!!!

There was a pre-Christmas defeat in store for our Reserve team when they met Crystal Palace in an 'Ovenden Papers' Football Combination fixture at the County Ground on Tuesday December 19th. The London Club took maximum points from a 3-2 defeat of our reserve team.

Below our usual form of late we were trailing 2-0 at the interval. There was an immediate setback for our Combination team when **Murray Jones** put the visitors ahead in the first minute of the match! That lead was increased before half time by **David Whyte** who netted for Palace in the thirty-ninth minute.

We improved a little in the second half but the loss of Tony Galvin with injury in the first half and a second half knock sustained by trialist Mark Hunt, who was on trial from Birmingham non-League



• **Mark Jones** - scored his second penalty of the season against Crystal Palace.

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Club Kings Heath, hampered the Town.

Although with Nick Summerbee working like a trojan up front, we managed to reduce the arrears in the seventy-fifth

Andy Rowland



'OVENDEN PAPERS' FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1989/90

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 0-5
Mon	Oct 2	Millwall	2.00 H 3-1
Tue	10	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 H 1-2
Wed	18	Crystal Palace	2.00 A 1-2
Mon	23	Millwall	2.00 A 0-3
Tue	31	Luton Town	2.00 H 2-0
Tue	Nov 7	Wimbledon	7.30 H 2-0
Tue	14	Queens Park Rangers	2.00 A 4-2
Thu	23	Arsenal	7.30 H 0-1
Tue	28	Charlton Athletic	2.00 A 1-2
Tue	Dec 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.30 H 2-0
Sat	9	West Ham United	2.00 A 1-8
Tue	12	Portsmouth	7.00 A 0-0
Tue	19	Crystal Palace	7.30 H 2-3
1989			
Tue	Jan 9	Watford	7.30 H
Tue	16	Reading	7.30 H
Wed	24	Brighton & Hove Albion	7.15 A
Sat	27	Watford	3.00 A
Tue	30	Chelsea	7.30 H
Fri	Feb 2	Norwich City	7.30 A
Tue	6	Tottenham Hotspur	7.30 H
Wed	14	Oxford United	7.30 A
Sat	17	Arsenal	3.00 A
Tue	20	Southampton	7.30 H
Wed	28	Fulham	2.00 A
Sat	Mar 10	Luton Town	2.00 A
Tue	13	Ipswich Town	7.30 H
Tue	20	Charlton Athletic	7.30 H
Wed	28	Reading	2.00 A
Tue	Apr 3	Norwich City	7.30 H
Tue	24	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 A

minute when Paul O'Driscoll was pulled down in the penalty area. **Mark Jones** duly netted with his second successive penalty success. Within two minutes the Town were level when **Liam Dixon** scored with a well taken goal.

A rain drenched second half ended in abject misery for the Town when **David Whyte** netted his second goal of the match and the winning effort in the final minute of the game following a goalmouth scramble.

Team: Paul Thompson, Dave Hockaday, Paul O'Driscoll, Mark Jones, Mark Hunt, Adrian Viveash, Neil Tomlinson, Paul Trollope, Tony Galvin, Nicky Summerbee, Liam Dixon.

Substitutes: Alex Graham (for Galvin in 16th minute), Mark Lea (for Hockaday in 45th minute).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION GOALSCORERS

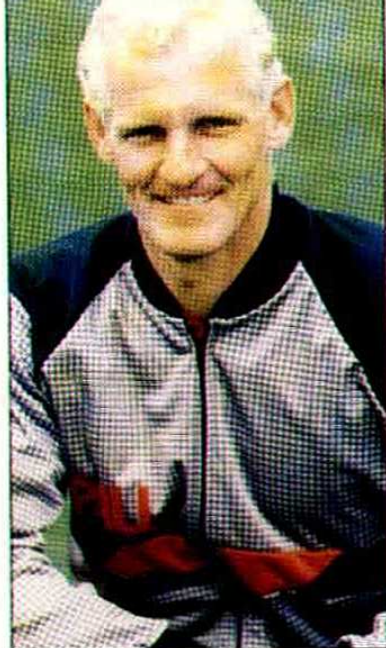
Paul Bodin 5 (including two penalties), John Cornwell, Paul Hunt and Gary Shaw (now Walsall) 4 each, Nicky Summerbee 3, Shaun Close, Mark Jones (both penalties) and Paul Trollope 2 each, Liam Dixon, Steve Foley, Tony Galvin, David Geddis, Tony Sealy (now Bristol Rovers), Fitzroy Simpson and Richard Walker one each.

WE FAILED TO GAIN OUR 'SPURS'
Despite the fact that a great many of the Sunday newspapers reported our South East Counties League match versus Tottenham Hotspur as a draw, in fact we lost 1-0 when we met the White Hart Lane Club on Saturday December 16th.

We gave a very good first half performance, playing some attractive football in which we created several good openings. Despite all this possession the only efforts came from Liam Dixon, Alex



• Liam Dixon - joint top goalscorer.



John Trollope

Graham and Paul Trollope that bothered the 'Spurs' keeper.

Our second half display was the opposite to the first half, we were second to the ball and our passing was very poor. We paid the price for our lack of goal-scoring prowess when Mark Hall cut in from the right wing in the fifty-sixth minute to score with a good solo goal. We did all the attacking in the later stages but we were unable to obtain the equaliser.

Our inept attitude to concentrate and discipline our minds continues to let us down. There are periods of our game where we are promising but our lapses must be reduced.

Team: Paul Thompson, Stephen Brown, Alex Graham, Lee Spalding, Darren Hall, Mark Lea, Richard Walker, Robert Spence, Liam Dixon, Paul Trollope, Wayne O'Sullivan.

Substitutes: Andy Thomson (for Graham in 74th minute), Ryan Lovegrove.

GOALSCORERS

Liam Dixon and Robert Spence 7 each, Mark Lea and Paul Trollope 2 each, Casey Goble, Wayne O'Sullivan, Marcus Phillips and Richard Walker one each. Own goal, one.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES YOUTH TEAM SEASON 1989/90

Date 1989		Opponents	Result
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 3-2
Sat 30		A.F.C. Bournemouth	A 3-1
Sat Oct 7		Luton Town	11 am H 1-2
Sat 14		Colchester United	A 0-2
Sat 21		Wimbledon	A 0-0
Sat 28		Brighton & Hove Albion	11 am H 1-0
Sat Nov 4		Northampton Town	11 am H 2-3
Sat 11		Southampton	11 am H 1-1
Sat 18		Bristol City	A 2-1
Sat 25		Crystal Palace	A 1-2
Sat Dec 2		Bristol Rovers	A 3-2
Sat 9		Brentford	H 2-1
Sat 16		Tottenham Hotspur	A 0-1
Sat 1990 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 1989	Opponents	Result
Sat Sep 9	Portsmouth	11 am H 2-3

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP 1989/90

Date 1989	Opponents	Result
Wed Aug 30	Peterborough United	A 3-0
Tues Jan 23	Nottingham Forest	

FA YOUTH CUP

Date 1989	Opponents	Result
Mon Oct 30	Portsmouth	7 pm H 2-3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

(up to and including Monday December 25th 1989)

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	16	12	3	1	39	12	27
Oxford United	12	9	2	1	31	15	20
Northampton Town	16	9	2	5	33	21	20
Southampton	19	7	6	6	27	25	20
Colchester United	19	9	2	8	32	31	20
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	9	1	5	32	19	19
Wimbledon	17	7	3	7	30	18	17
Swindon Town	17	7	3	7	23	26	17
Luton Town	13	5	6	2	18	15	16
Tottenham Hotspur	19	7	1	11	23	38	16
Brentford	15	6	3	6	31	25	15
Reading	15	6	2	6	19	15	14
A.F.C. Bournemouth	15	4	5	6	27	26	13
Bristol Rovers	16	5	1	10	27	39	11
Bristol City	15	3	3	9	15	22	9
Aldershot	16	0	1	15	12	72	1

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

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

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