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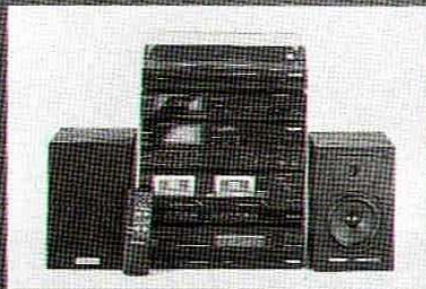
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CLUB COMMENT

The atmosphere at our matches during recent weeks has been most encouraging. The players, for instance, were inspired to victory by strong vocal support against Stoke, Bradford and Hull, while against Newcastle, the camaraderie between both sets of supporters showed why the membership scheme has been proved pointless.

However, it has been brought to our attention, that at a couple of these matches several supporters were found to be acting in a racist manner. Although only a couple of people were involved in these isolated incidents, we would like to use this opportunity to reaffirm our policy on those who act in such an immature manner.

To be blunt: We will not accept racism in any form. For though we are quite happy for supporters to offer constructive or humorous criticism, we will not tolerate racist behaviour or comments which not only affect those who are being personally abused, but which also unsettle everyone else at the match – whether they are playing or watching.

And though we realise that we do not have the same problems as certain other clubs (where supporters even threaten their own fans who refuse to act in a racist or offensive manner) we do not feel that we are being over sensitive.

For as we have worked very hard in the past eighteen months to create a family atmosphere at Fratton in which all fans – regardless of race, age or sex – can enjoy our national sport, we will take whatever measures we feel necessary to ensure that such an inviting atmosphere is not destroyed by the abhorrent attitudes of a mindless minority.



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Front Cover Profile:

JOHN BERESFORD sets up another attack down the left touchline before his recent injury.



Above: **KEVIN BALL** climbs to his feet as Micky Quinn watches the ball spin out of play.
Below: Captain **KEVIN BALL** strains to reach the ball during the first half against Newcastle.



POMPEY ACTION V



Above: **ALAN KNIGHT** sets up another Pompey attack against Newcastle with a throw to the right touchline.
Below: Pompey fans on the North Terrace enjoy the sun and the action as Newcastle mount a first half attack.



NEWCASTLE UNITED

Quiz Time



Test your soccer knowledge by answering the following questions that range from The Hawthorns, the venue for our next away match, to a recent signing by West Ham United.

SECTION A: SWINDON TOWN

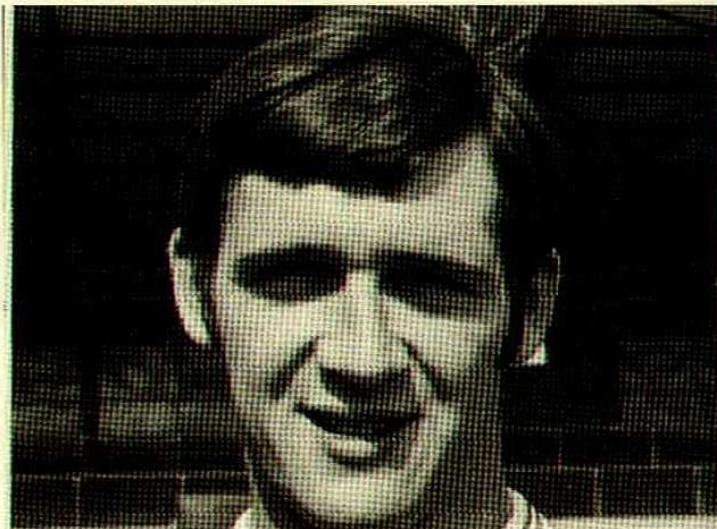
1. What Championship did Swindon Town win in 1911 and 1914?
2. Which side did Swindon defeat 2-0 at Selhurst Park on May 29th, 1987, to finally win promotion to the Second Division?
3. What colour shirts did Swindon wear before they adopted red ones in 1904?
4. Name the Swindon Town scorers on their last League visit to Fratton.
5. After defeating Pompey in the FA Cup Third Round last season, which side did Swindon lose against in a Fourth Round Replay?

SECTION B: INTERNATIONAL

6. True or False: The Faroe Islands cannot play at home during the qualifying stages of the 1992 European Championship because their only suitable pitch is artificial?
7. Name the oldest player to represent Wales in an International.
8. What was the result of the U-21 International between England and the USA at Toulon on June 11th, 1989?
9. Name the English midfielder who has the distinction of scoring Wembley's fastest ever goal.
10. Name the winners of the 1988 African Nations Cup who have since won a place in the 1990 World Cup Finals.

SECTION C: THE HAWTHORNS

11. What colour shirts did Pompey wear on our last visit to The Hawthorns?
12. True or False: During the late 1940's The Hawthorns became the first British ground to have electronic turnstile counters installed?
13. Which country became only the second foreign nation to play an International on English soil when they met England at The Hawthorns in December 1924?



A PORTRAIT FROM THE PAST

1. Name the former Pompey centre half pictured above.
2. At which current Second Division side did he begin his professional career (as a right winger) in 1964-65?
3. Against which side in April 1979 did he score his last League goal for Pompey?
4. Which country did he represent on 19 occasions between May 1969 and October 1975?
5. Which Third Division side is he currently managing to possible promotion?

1. Eoin Hand. 2. Swindon Town. 3. Stockport County. 4. Republic of Ireland. 5. Huddersfield Town.

ANSWERS:

14. Name the last player to score for Pompey at The Hawthorns.
15. In which season did Norman Piper and Ron Davies both score to give us our last League win at The Hawthorns?

SECTION D: DOMESTIC

16. Has the Football League Championship ever been won by a non English club?
17. Name Brian Clough's predecessor as manager of Nottingham Forest.
18. Which former Aston Villa striker recently signed for Walsall after training at Fellows Park throughout the month of January?
19. Name the former Bradford boss who is now manager at Rochdale.
20. Name the Czechoslovak World Cup goalkeeper recently signed by West Ham.

SECTION D: (16) No. (17) Allan Brown. (18) Gary Shaw. (19) Terry Dolan. (20) Ludek Miklosko.

SECTION C: (11) Salmon Pink. (12) True. (13) Belgium. (14) Peter Marinello. (15) 1973-74.

SECTION B: (6) True. (7) Billy Meredith. (8) USA 2 England 0. (9) Bryan Robson. (10) Cameroon.

SECTION A: (1) Southern League Championship. (2) Gillingham. (3) Green. (4) David Geddis. (5) West Ham United.

ANSWERS:

Frank Burrows



I was delighted by last week's result at Hull for several reasons. The players approached the game with a first class attitude, we were the better side and we deserved to win.

The players enjoyed the victory, in fact, as much as the fans who gave us their full support while behaving excellently. With everyone looking to pick holes in all areas of football, you could say that it was a good weekend for Portsmouth Football Club.

That victory, however, was last weekend. Today we have a very important match against Swindon Town, who are currently the team of the moment in the Second Division.

Under the guidance of Ossie Ardiles, they are currently playing some exceptional football and this afternoon's match should not only be a good game, but also a good test for us to gain another three points.

As these notes had to be written before the Youth Team's Cup tie at Liverpool on Wednesday, I obviously cannot comment on the result. I also don't know whether I'll be able to travel to the tie. I do know, however, that our youngsters will do themselves justice. In fact, if they play to their full ability, I don't see why they shouldn't get a result.

Most of all, though, I want the lads to enjoy their trip and dream about going back to Anfield with the First Team.

Thank you for your support today and have a safe journey home.

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POMPEY PROFILE

HEDGER'S SOFT SPOT FOR THE REDS



Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United since 1910, has been variously described as "a cathedral of football" and "a theatre of dreams" and for Graeme Hogg his eight year stay as a player at one of the greatest clubs in the world has left him with nothing but happy memories. Graeme reflects on that period – "It will always be with me, the thrill of playing for them. Deep down I'll always have a soft spot for United."

After being spotted at primary school in Aberdeen, Graeme undertook trials as a 15 year old, and was in demand at Middlesbrough by John Neal and at United. He remembers – "It was a real dilemma but in the end I left home at 16 and went into digs in Manchester with Mark Hughes where I was very well looked after. So much so that I still go back to see the landlady. As a boy I was a midfielder but it was as a left back that I was taken on."

Graeme was part of a youth team, under the great influence of former England centre half Sid Owen, who not only reached the final of the FA Youth Cup, where they lost to a Watford team including Jimmy Gilligan, but were soon to supply seven of their number to the United First Team, including the likes of Norman Whiteside and Clayton Blackmore.

After signing as a professional Graeme was given a debut in the First Team at age 19 by Ron Atkinson and found himself in competition with Gordon McQueen and Kevin Moran for a place. When McQueen dislocated his shoulder Graeme found himself partnering Moran in the centre of United's defence. Those were heady days at Old Trafford where they played in front of average crowds of 48,000.

1985 brought a real disappointment for young Hogg, however, when after playing in every round

of the FA Cup competition, including two momentous Semi Finals against Liverpool, he had to tragically miss the Final as a result of a slight groin strain. The gnawing disappointment was compounded by the fact that Graeme did not, obviously, even earn a medal.

Graeme recalls the very high profile that United players were forced to adopt – "Everywhere you went you were recognised and approached with people forcing their opinions on you! We find Southerners very nice but there is a different approach to life down here. Make no mistake there is as much passion for football down here but obviously on a smaller scale."

After a spell on loan at West Bromwich, Graeme had the chance to go to Manchester City or Sheffield Wednesday but Alan Ball's offer attracted him. It's no secret that Anne has found it difficult to settle and perhaps this was inevitable initially given that she comes from a close family unit.

As far as his Pompey form is concerned Graeme admits – "I'm playing better now than when I first came – it does take time to settle. In my position I really do feel that the older and more experienced you get the better you get."

How does he see his strengths "Aggression is obviously a big part of my game. I like to think that I can contribute strength, a good attitude and a desire to win."

Graeme is honest about his profession "I don't have any complaints whatsoever. I know a lot of people in 9 to 5 jobs would swap places with me. It's a short career and I intend to enjoy it while I can." All this is typical of the friendly outgoing Scot who is getting to know us Southerners as we warm to him.

20 things you never knew about – GRAEME HOGG

1. Graeme's father played as a left back in the Scottish League for Aberdeen for 12 seasons.
2. After joining Manchester United as a left back Graeme was converted into a centre half by Sid Owen the Youth Team Coach.
3. Graeme was in the same "digs" in Manchester for 7 years with Mark Hughes, now his closest friend.
4. In over 50 matches he played at Old Trafford in the First Team Graeme was never on the losing side.
5. His debut for United was disastrous – being in the side which lost away to Bournemouth 0-2 in the F.A. Cup in 1982.
6. In European competitions has marked two of the world's greatest forwards – Maradona twice over two legs against Barcelona, Rossi against Juventus.
7. His nickname is "Hedger", passed on to Pompey via Mark Hughes to Barry Horne at a Welsh squad get together.
8. Graeme married Anne in Manchester 2½ years ago and they have a daughter Olivia aged 18 months who regularly keeps them awake at night.
9. The Hoggs have made their home in Hedge End.
10. Graeme is a great fan of the TV Comedy Rising Damp.
11. His favourite food is Chicken Kiev and favourite drink is Guinness.
12. He enjoys the music of Gloria Estefan, Dire Straits and Simply Red.
13. Graeme drives a Mercedes 190E.
14. The family favourite holiday destination is Cyprus.
15. As a pre-match superstition, always puts his left boot on first.
16. According to Anne, Graeme has a habit of continually having his hair cut!
17. Graeme rates Paul McGrath, now of Aston Villa, as the most complete centre back in the game.
18. Graeme is in the second year of a three year contract at Pompey.
19. Intends to either join his father-in-law as a roofing contractor or take up installing satellite dishes when his career ends.
20. As the subject of a Ron Atkinson practical joke Graeme was handed the keys of his new "club car" only to find that it was a beaten up old Toyota put in the Old Trafford car park by a scrap dealer friend of the Manager.

Fact File

Born 17.6.64 Aberdeen

Height 6' 1". Weight 13st 2lbs

Scotland Under 21 Caps:

v Yugoslavia (Belgrade) 4.4.84

v West Germany (Edinburgh) 11.9.84

v Iceland (Motherwell) 16.10.84

v Spain (Cadiz) 26.2.85

League Appearances

Year	Div.	Club	Apps.	Gls.
1983-84	1	Man. Utd.	16	1
1984-85	1	"	29	—
1985-86	1	"	17	—
1986-87	1	"	11	—
1987-88	1	"	10	—
1987-88	2	West Brom. (loan)	7	—
1988-89	2	Pompey	41	1

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KEVIN AIMS FOR ITALY AND PROMOTION

As a founder member of the Football League in 1888, Blackburn Rovers were one of several Northern sides who helped establish the idea of professional soccer during the latter years of the nineteenth century. In fact, as Champions of the First Division in 1912 and 1914 and as winners of the F.A. Cup on six occasions between 1884 and 1928, Rovers were one of the most feared sides during an era when Steve Bloomer, Jesse Pennington and Bob Crompton were household names.

In recent years, however, Rovers have suffered mixed fortunes. Despite winning the Full Members Cup at Wembley in 1987, Rovers have not played in the First Division since 1966, when they were relegated after collecting just twenty points from forty two games.

Their absence from the top flight of a League which they helped form is not through want of trying, however. For the past two seasons, Rovers have only been denied a place in the First Division by agonising aggregate defeats in the end of season play offs. Defeated by Chelsea in the semi finals of the 1987-88 play offs, Rovers were then frustrated by Crystal Palace, who won last season's Division Two Final 4-3 after losing the first leg at Ewood Park by three goals to one.

Looking to make this season 'third time lucky', Rovers have spent the first six months of the current campaign in an ideal position to finally claim promotion. Although some ten points behind second place Sheffield United, they have an excellent chance of again making the play offs, and with the experience they have gained from the past two seasons, are already regarded as favourites to take the eventual third promotion place.

Blackburn's chances, in fact, were boosted a couple of weeks ago when they signed international defender Kevin Moran from Spanish side Sporting Gijon. Now 33 years old, Moran returns to English soccer with as much ambition following his two seasons in the Spanish First Division as he had during his ten years at Manchester United where he won two F.A. Cup winners' medals – despite being at an age when most players are not looking for new challenges.

"You need objectives ahead of you and for the moment I'm looking forward to playing in the World Cup for Ireland and helping Blackburn win promotion," says Kevin. "Age shouldn't come into football. If you are good enough, you are old – or young – enough."

"You've got to enjoy the training, because that's what you do five days a week, but I still enjoy it, and as long as I do then I shall carry on. After the World Cup I might have a chat with Jack (Charlton) and if he has some young players he wants to bring in then fine, because that would be a good place to end an international career. But if he wants me to continue I wouldn't turn him down... And I shall carry on with Blackburn."

Although Blackburn do not have one of the worst defensive records in the Second Division, Moran's presence should provide a little stability in a back four that has been lacking something since the departure of Colin Hendry to Manchester City for £700,000 last November. Already conceding four goals at home on three occasions this season (against Leicester City and Middlesbrough when they lost 4-2 and against West Ham when they triumphed 5-4), Rovers have let too many points slip through defensive mistakes since August that if retained could have seen them a couple of positions higher than they are now.

Despite the fact that the Dublin born Moran easily fitted into the continental style of play during his time in

Spain, he is more than pleased to have a chance to sample his first taste of English Second Division football where he will once again team up with former Manchester United team mate Frank Stapleton.

"I enjoyed my experience in Spanish football a lot," muses a man who was a star of Gaelic football before deciding to make Association football his game. "You have a lot more time on the ball at the back than you have over here. You can put your foot on it and knock it about and in many ways that helps you as it gives you a lot more confidence on the ball."

"But the game is changing a bit over there. When I started it was in a man-for-man marking system, but then Gijon went to a zonal system, and they are now beginning to introduce more 'pressing' so as not to give players so much time at the back."

"It's still nothing like as frantic as the English game, but it is changing. After all, Milan do it and I think people will copy them. That's why they stuffed Real Madrid recently in the Champions' Cup. Because the Spanish game isn't used to it."

A successful man away from sport (he has profitable business interests in Manchester and has completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree at University College, Dublin), Moran believes that the English style of play is far superior to anything he has experienced. "When I was playing in European competitions with Manchester United," adds Moran, "the European games were something we really looked forward to because of the different styles. You really enjoyed it, and not having that variety is something players really miss now from England's exclusion from Europe."

"But I don't agree that you can't be successful playing the English way. It's at home here that our game is knocked. In Spain, for instance, players and spectators love it."

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Up to & including Sunday 18th February, 1990

	Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Leeds United	30	12	3	0	31	10	5	5	5	23	24	59		
Sheffield United	29	9	4	2	25	16	6	6	2	19	14	55		
Swindon Town	30	8	4	3	35	20	6	4	5	20	22	50		
Oldham Athletic	29	9	6	0	28	15	3	5	6	14	19	47		
Blackburn Rovers	30	5	7	3	30	24	6	6	3	23	20	46		
Wolverhampton Wanderers	30	8	3	4	25	15	4	6	5	21	23	45		
Sunderland	30	7	6	2	27	18	4	6	5	20	26	45		
Newcastle United	28	8	3	2	28	21	3	7	5	21	17	43		
Ipswich Town	28	7	6	1	25	14	4	3	7	16	26	42		
Port Vale	30	7	7	1	23	12	3	4	8	17	23	41		
Oxford United	29	6	5	4	24	18	5	2	7	16	21	40		
West Ham United	29	8	3	4	27	16	2	6	6	16	21	39		
AFC Bournemouth	29	7	4	4	25	22	3	4	7	21	26	38		
Watford	29	7	2	5	24	17	2	6	7	12	20	35		
Portsmouth	30	3	7	5	24	24	5	4	6	16	21	35		
Leicester City	29	6	5	4	19	18	3	3	8	20	29	35		
West Bromwich Albion	29	4	5	5	28	26	4	5	6	19	22	34		
Middlesbrough	29	7	3	4	22	16	2	4	9	14	26	34		
Brighton & Hove Albion	29	6	3	5	15	13	3	2	10	20	30	32		
Plymouth Argyle	28	5	5	4	20	16	3	2	9	18	26	31		
Hull City	29	2	5	7	13	22	4	7	4	22	22	30		
Bradford City	30	6	5	4	18	13	0	7	8	14	30	29		
Barnsley	29	4	5	6	15	18	3	3	8	14	33	29		
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Combination

Pompey Reserves extended their unbeaten run to four games in a farcical Combination match against Watford as rain and gale lashed Fratton Park.

A goalless first half in which conditions were virtually impossible saw Pompey fail to capitalise on the strong wind at their backs.

But the fun started early in the second half, by which time the wind had died down, and the swirling drizzle had eased off.

Watford went ahead in the 46th minute. Andy Gosney's low drop-kick fell to Kit Symons, but he overhit his volleyed backpass and Gosney could only watch as the ball sped back past him.

It was almost 2-0 immediately, as Gosney was caught out by a huge, wind-assisted kick from his opposite number which he just managed to hold on the goal line.

Martin Kuhl had a penalty saved, then equalised by curling a 25-yard effort beyond Peters.

But Watford were ahead again on 62 minutes. A free kick on the left caused panic in the Pompey defence, and Liburd Henry touched it home.

Jimmy Gilligan got Pompey's second equaliser, touching home Kuhl's cross — and wasted a golden opportunity to win it when he smashed a chance over the bar from five yards in the last minute.

But in truth it would have been harsh for either side to lose on a night of such wild weather.

A week earlier Pompey had come within four minutes of a third successive League victory in an entertaining clash with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Darren Anderton twice put Pompey ahead, but they were pegged back — first by a Micky Turner own goal ten minutes before half time, then in the 86th minute as Colin West fired home a 20-yard drive to salvage a point for Chelsea.

LINE-UPS

v Chelsea: Gough, Gale, Hall, Kuhl, Symons, Turner, Anderton, Murray (White), Gilligan, Connor, Kelly. Sub. (not used): Doling.

v Watford: Gosney, White, Gale, Kuhl, Symons, Awford (Russell), Anderton, Murray (Aspinall), Gilligan, Connor, Kelly.

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FIXTURES 1989/90

Wed. Aug. 23rd	2.00pm	Swindon Town	A	0-2
Tues. Sep. 5th	7.00 pm	Millwall	H	2-2
Wed. Sep. 13th	3.00 pm	Ipswich Town	A	3-3
Sat. Sep. 23rd	3.00 pm	Watford	A	1-0
Tues. Sep. 26th	2.00 pm	Charlton Athletic	A	1-7
Wed. Oct. 4th	7.00 pm	Crystal Palace	H	1-0
Tues. Oct. 10th	7.00 pm	Oxford United	H	0-0
Sat. Oct. 14th	2.00 pm	West Ham United	A	1-0
Wed. Oct. 25th	7.00 pm	Charlton Athletic	H	1-1
Wed. Nov. 1st	7.30 pm	Wimbledon	A	1-1
Tues. Nov. 7th	7.00 pm	Queens Park Rangers	H	2-2
Wed. Nov. 22nd	2.00 pm	Crystal Palace	A	0-1
Wed. Nov. 29th	7.00 pm	Southampton	H	1-0
Wed. Dec. 6th	2.00 pm	Fulham	A	0-0
Tues. Dec. 12th	7.00 pm	Swindon Town	H	0-0
Wed. Dec. 27th	7.30 pm	Oxford United	A	1-2
Fri. Jan. 5th	7.30 pm	Norwich City	A	0-2
Tues. Jan. 9th	7.00 pm	Chelsea	H	0-1
Tues. Jan. 16th	7.00 pm	Luton Town	H	3-2
Sat. Jan. 20th	2.00 pm	Southampton	A	2-0
Tues. Feb. 6th	2.00 pm	Chelsea	A	2-2
Tues. Feb. 13th	7.00 pm	Watford	H	2-2
Mon. Feb. 19th	2.00 pm	Millwall	A	
Sat. Feb. 24th	2.00 pm	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Tues. Feb. 27th	7.00 pm	Norwich City	H	
Thurs. Mar. 1st	7.00 pm	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	
Mon. Mar. 12th	2.00 pm	Reading	A	
Wed. Mar. 14th	7.15 pm	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Tues. Mar. 20th	7.00 pm	West Ham United	H	
Sat. Mar. 24th	3.00 pm	Arsenal	A	
Tues. Mar. 27th	7.00 pm	Ipswich Town	H	
Tues. Apr. 3rd	2.00 pm	Luton Town	A	
Wed. Apr. 11th	7.00 pm	Fulham	H	
Sat. Apr. 14th	2.00 pm	Wimbledon	H	
Tues. Apr. 17th	7.00 pm	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Tues. Apr. 24th	2.00 pm	Queens Park Rangers	A	
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Millwall	30	18	7	5	49	27	61
Tottenham Hotspur	26	19	1	6	67	32	58
Arsenal	25	16	4	5	57	41	52
Norwich City	26	15	4	7	49	26	49
Chelsea	24	14	4	6	53	30	46
Oxford United	26	12	5	9	49	36	41
Wimbledon	23	11	6	6	39	27	39
Swindon Town	28	12	2	14	43	50	38
Brighton & Hove Albion	26	10	5	11	35	46	35
Ipswich Town	25	10	4	11	43	44	34
West Ham United	25	9	6	10	48	48	33
Luton Town	24	8	6	10	43	40	30
PORTSMOUTH	22	6	10	6	24	30	28
Crystal Palace	23	7	6	10	33	31	27
Q.P.R.	23	8	3	12	40	53	27
Reading	25	6	5	14	39	66	23
Charlton Athletic	21	6	3	12	31	41	21
Watford	23	4	8	11	37	51	20
Fulham	25	4	3	18	17	60	15
Southampton	24	2	8	14	21	38	14

Youth



Pompey warmed up for their F.A. Youth Cup Quarter-Final against Liverpool at Anfield with a somewhat fortunate 1-0 victory over Ipswich at Moneyfields.

They were grateful to be playing at all, having had their previous three South-East Counties League matches called off because of the weather.

In fact, conditions were far from perfect for this game, with a blustery wind doing its best to spoil things.

The game was not much of a spectacle, with a lot of scrappy midfield play, and it seemed destined to finish 0-0 – until, that is, the last ten minutes.

Then, Pompey suddenly looked threatening. Centre half Darren Cheverton headed against the bar, and Darren Anderton, who had looked Pompey's liveliest player for much of the game, rounded Ipswich 'keeper Rutherford but hit the post when he should have scored.

Disaster then struck for the visitors. Rutherford was carried off after a collision, and Mike Gregory had to take over in goal.

Despite the Ipswich defence's desperate attempts to protect him, Pompey got a last minute winner. Darren Anderton went down the right, and his cross found Micky Turner, who touched in the winner.

The win, Pompey's first in the League since December 16, lifted them above the East Anglians in the table, and gave them the boost they needed before last Wednesday's trip to Merseyside.

LINE-UPS

V IPSWICH: Knott, Davies, Smith, Turner, Cheverton, Awford, Daughtry, Male, Doling, Anderton, Powell. Subs: Young, Tierling.

* A report on the Liverpool Cup tie will follow in the programme for our next home game, against Wolves on Tuesday, March 6.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including Saturday,
17th February, 1990

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	21	16	3	2	59	18	35
Arsenal	21	14	3	4	53	23	31
Chelsea	21	11	6	4	43	16	28
Charlton Athletic	18	11	2	5	33	24	24
Leyton Orient	21	9	5	7	38	30	23
Watford	20	10	3	7	33	26	23
Norwich City	19	7	3	9	18	21	17
Cambridge United	19	6	5	8	29	43	17
Gillingham	17	7	2	8	32	38	16
Ipswich Town	18	7	2	9	29	40	16
Portsmouth	17	5	5	7	24	28	15
Millwall	19	5	4	10	24	33	14
West Ham United	18	6	2	10	30	38	14
Queens Park Rangers	14	5	2	7	21	26	12
Fulham	19	2	5	12	15	48	9
Southend United	20	3	2	15	23	52	8

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989/90

1989

Sat. Aug. 19th	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1-2
Sat. Aug. 26th	Fulham	H	2-2
Sat. Sept. 2nd	Southend Utd.	A	1-2
Mon. Sept. 4th	Queens Park Rangers (SJC)	H	0-2
Sat. Sept. 9th	Swindon Town (SECL)	A	3-2
Sat. Sept. 16th	Cambridge Utd.	H	1-1
Sat. Sept. 23rd	Norwich City	A	0-0
Sat. Sept. 30th	Watford	A	1-4
Sat. Oct. 14th	Queens Park Rangers	H	0-0
Sat. Oct. 21st	Millwall (SECL 2)	A	3-0
Sat. Oct. 28th	Ipswich Town	A	7-1
Mon. Oct. 30th	Swindon (FAYC)	A	3-2
Sat. Nov. 4th	Chelsea	A	0-3
Sat. Nov. 11th	Gillingham	H	5-1
Sat. Nov. 18th	Charlton Athletic	A	2-1
Sat. Nov. 25th	Millwall	A	2-1
Sat. Dec. 2nd	Arsenal	H	0-0
Sat. Dec. 9th	Brighton (SECL QF)	A	0-2
Sat. Dec. 16th	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

1990

Wed. Jan. 3rd	Queens Park Rangers (FAYC)	H	1-1
Sat. Jan. 6th	Tottenham Hotspur	A	0-6
Sat. Jan. 13th	Fulham	A	0-1
Mon. Jan. 15th	Queens Park Rangers (FAYC)	A	3-2
Sat. Jan. 20th	Southend Utd.	H	0-2
Mon. Jan. 22nd	Arsenal (FAYC)	A	1-0
Sat. Feb. 17th	Ipswich Town	H	1-0
Sat. Feb. 24th	Cambridge Utd.	A	
Sat. March 3rd	Charlton Athletic	H	
Sat. March 10th	Arsenal	A	
Sat. March 17th	West Ham Utd.	H	
Sat. March 24th	Gillingham	A	
Sat. March 31st	Millwall	H	
Sat. April 7th	Chelsea	H	
Sat. April 14th	Leyton Orient	H	

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Fratton Park News

JIMMY AIMS FOR MORE GOALS

Mike Quinn was a popular goal scorer during his three years at Pompey and the standing ovation which he received when he took the Fratton Park pitch with Newcastle, a couple of Saturdays ago proved that his deeds had not been forgotten by the Portsmouth public.

Since his departure to the North East last summer for £680,000, though, Mike's ability to put the ball into the back of the net has not been missed as much as expected – as Jimmy Gilligan is quick to point out.

"Mike's held in high regard here and as he showed recently when we played Newcastle, he is always very dangerous with a good goal scoring touch," says Jimmy.

"But though people hold fond memories of him, they have a new goal scorer in Guy Whittingham... and hopefully if I get myself going, they'll have one in me as well. For though I've obviously been disappointed with my form since my arrival here, if I keep plugging away – and I'm a good enough professional to do that – then when my chance comes, hopefully I'll do the business."

Jimmy, of course, scored our late equaliser against United to cancel out Mike's first half opener. Scored with supreme confidence – particularly for a striker who had not scored since November – Jimmy's first Fratton goal was set up by Alan Knight and Guy Whittingham.

"It began with a long kick by Alan Knight," remembers Jimmy. "Myself and their centre half went up for it and I just managed to get a flick on. It fell for Guy, who was behind me, and as I turned, I asked Guy to give me the ball back, which he did with a lovely pass."

"I was a bit surprised that no-one picked me up at this point, but with a straight run at goal, I obviously put my head down and struck the ball as hard as I could... thankfully for me it went in!"

Soon after this 83rd minute equaliser, Jimmy almost stole the match for us with a steered header from Steve Wigley's right sided corner which somehow inched its way past the wrong side of Tommy Wright's left post.

"I did think that it was going in at one stage," continues Jimmy. "But as I watched my header more and more, it was always going to go just past the post. As I began to realise this I was hoping that someone would slide in and get a toe to it because that's all that it needed. Unfortunately from our point of view, there was no-one at the far post. And though it would have been a fairy tale ending for me if I had scored myself then, if we had managed to get away with the three points, it wouldn't have worried me who had stuck the ball in."

Now confident that he can begin scoring regularly if given the chance, Jimmy is also confident that we can start moving up the table – particularly as we took a point from Newcastle by never giving up until the final whistle.

"It's going to be hard as we haven't been as consistent as we would like to have been," says Jimmy. "But that's the way that everyone is down there at the moment. So, if we can string a few good results together, then who knows? We could easily find ourselves around the mid point of the table."

AN OBVIOUS IMPROVEMENT

Following the success which he enjoyed during his first four weeks at Fratton, Gary Stevens was only too happy to extend his loan spell with us for another month when his first period came to an end after our 1-1 draw with Newcastle.

"Portsmouth are giving me a great opportunity to relaunch my career and the month I've already had here I've enjoyed very much," says Gary. "The club has gone out of their way to make me welcome and the fans have got right behind me which has obviously helped."

Despite being pleased with last Saturday's victory at Hull, though, Gary is under no illusions as to the task that still lies before us. "Every game from here on is vital and the most important thing from our point of view is not to get beaten," says Gary.

People may say that with three points for a win and only one for a draw, a draw is not a lot of good. But if we have to pick up the odd point in this way then that is exactly what we are going to do –

even though we are looking to take maximum points from every match.

"For instance, against Newcastle the other Saturday, we didn't play particularly well and I think we were a little lucky to get a point. But that point hasn't done us any harm whatsoever. And if we don't play very well in the future but still manage to pick up a point, then maybe that's a sign we're going in the right direction. Because I know earlier this season the team were playing very well but getting nothing for their endeavours."

"To collect the point that we need, though, we must keep being positive. We also need the fans to keep supporting us away from home – where you can't question their loyalty – and obviously at home. For though we didn't impress them too much against Newcastle when we recorded our biggest gate of the season, they were there supporting us and were a big help."



Mick Quinn is shadowed
by **GARY STEVENS**.

A DESERVED WIN

Mike Fillery helped inspire us to victory at Boothferry Park last Saturday by producing another fine performance from the centre of our midfield. Sending over the 59th minute centre from which Mark Chamberlain opened the scoring with a stunning diving header, Mike was as delighted as anyone by our third victory in four away trips.

"We did very well to go to Hull and outplay them – it was a tremendous result," says Mike.

"We took a deserved two goal lead by playing some good football and though we gave away a silly goal from a corner, I don't think that Hull could have pulled another one back to equalise. For to be honest, we could have scored another three. We hit them on a break a couple of times with their keeper making some tremendous saves.

"In fact, when you consider the conditions, we did very well. We knocked the ball around confidently, despite the wind, and then continued to do so when the rain made the pitch very sticky in the middle of the park."

HAPPY FAMILIES

Jimmy Gilligan and Mike Quinn kept the peace at a Basingstoke house when they both scored to ensure that our recent Fratton game ended all square.

"At least that's another marriage that was kept intact by a fair result," laughs Pompey fan Jill Lowther, who attended the 1-1 draw with her husband, Newcastle fan Roger Lowther.

Married eighteen months ago ("when Newcastle made sure we would be relegated from the First," adds Jill), the couple travel to watch both Pompey and Newcastle as often as they can. Regulars on our North terrace, Jill and Roger last made the considerable journey to St James' Park on New Years Day, when Steve Bull scored all four goals in a comprehensive 4-1 Wolves victory that Roger would like to forget!

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Micky Hazard is currently looking to the time when he is forced to give up playing by learning to become a fully qualified driving instructor. "I'm sitting the Department of Transport Driving Instructor's examination at the moment – and it's a lot more difficult than you would expect," explains Micky.

"It comes in three parts. The first is a written paper of one hundred questions and you have to get ninety per cent to pass. I've passed that and the second part, which was a test of my skills as a driver for the advanced driver qualification.

"Now I've only the third to take – and that's possibly the most difficult. I have to teach someone to drive – not just anyone, but a highly qualified driver. I have to take him out for an hour and find fault with the way he is driving – and that's not going to be easy.

"But at the end of it, providing I come through, I'll have Approved Driving Instructor status and should be set up when I want to go into business. Then all I'll have to do is think what to call the business – although with a name like Hazard there are obvious snags, aren't there?"

Despite his thoughts for the future, Micky, however, has no plans to stop playing just yet. "I like to think I've a few more years as a player ahead of me with Pompey, because I'm really enjoying myself here," adds Micky. "But in this game you can never tell how long you'll go because of injuries."

TOUCHING TRIBUTE

A touching tribute was paid to Pompey fanatic Cyril Terrill just over a week ago when his ashes were scattered on the Fratton Park pitch.

Cyril, who passed away on February 8th, was a lifelong supporter who was fortunate to witness our Championship winning seasons of 1948-49 and 1949-50. A father who raised his children on stirring tales of these legendary triumphs, Cyril married his wife, Betty on February 26th, 1949, which also happened to be the Saturday when Pompey were entertaining Derby County in a FA Cup Quarter Final. Determined not to miss this important tie, Cyril thus spent the first few hours of his married life watching Pompey defeat The Rams 2-1 in front of our biggest ever crowd of 51,385.

EAR TO THE GROUND

NEW GOAL NETS

Pompey's London Supporters Club have donated £100 to the cost of buying new goal nets for Fratton Park.

ANOTHER OP FOR LEE

19 year old midfielder Lee Gosling is going to have another operation on his calves to help him regain full fitness. "It looks as if I will have to have the same operation as a last attempt to sort things out," says Lee.

HAWTHORNS VISIT

Pompey journey to the Midlands next Saturday when we attempt to take three points from our Barclays League Second Division encounter with West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns.

Official Club Coaches are being run to this 3pm kick off, with tickets and times currently available from the Pompey Shop.

BULL FOR FRATTON

England International Steve Bull arrives at Fratton in just ten days time on Tuesday, March 6th, when we entertain his Wolves side in a Barclays League Second Division encounter. Kick off is at 7.45pm.

DON'T FORGET PAUL

"Mind you, I fancy Paul Gascoigne..." The reaction of Frank Burrows to newspaper speculation that Tottenham's Terry Venables was close to signing Guy Whittingham, our leading scorer.

FRATTON GOAL CHART

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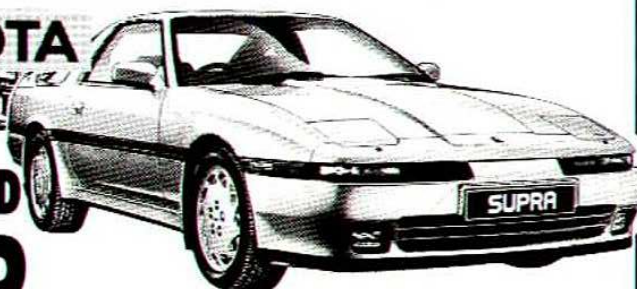


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Box Office

Barclays League Division Two West Bromwich Albion v Portsmouth

Saturday, March 3rd. Kick Off 3.00pm.

We currently have a number of Stand Tickets, priced at £5, available from the Fratton Park Box Office for this match.

ONLY SEATS AVAILABLE due to ground improvements at West Bromwich Albion.

Barclays League Division Two Portsmouth v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Tuesday, March 6th. Kick Off 7.45pm.

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Barclays League Division Two West Ham United v Portsmouth

Saturday, March 10th. Kick Off 3.00pm.

Stand Tickets for this match, priced at £8, are currently on sale from the Fratton Park Box Office. Terrace admission, priced at £5, will be available at turnstiles on the day.

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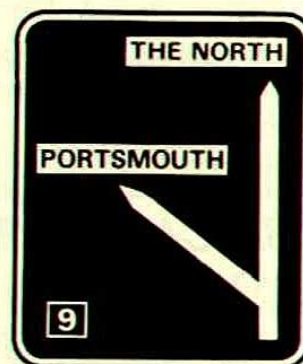
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PREVIEW: The Hawthorns is a fine football stadium offering an excellent view for visiting supporters on incline terracing with plenty of room to move around and the choice of standing in sunshine or under a roof in case of rain. West Bromwich Albion believe in making visitors welcome; after all, their geographical position dictates large volumes of support from opponents all over the country. A trip to The Hawthorns couldn't be easier along the M4 and up the M5; The Baggies' training ground used to be right along side the motorway up until a year ago and The Hawthorns itself is one of the nearest grounds in the country to a motorway. A win in the heart of the West Midlands is overdue; the last for Pompey being in December 1973 when Norman Piper & Ron Davies gave the 2 points to The Blues in a 2-1 success. West Bromwich Albion's current defence at home is the worst in the division; here's hoping Guy, Mark and company can add to it!



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A HAPPY HIKE TO HULL

The few hundreds of Pompey fans who took to the motorways of England again last weekend on yet another long excursion were rewarded for their travelling loyalty with a deserved win from the eleven players that took the field at **Boothferry Park**. Two well-taken goals in the second half set up an absorbing end to what had been an uneventful match, played in front of a paltry crowd and an overcast sky. Indeed the sad sight of such a small crowd as the 4,883 who watched **Hull City's** 7th home defeat, was the lowest Pompey have played before, in a League match since November 1986 at Shrewsbury, when 3,827 witnessed one of Pompey's 8 defeats away from home in our promotion season to the First Division. But where Pompey struggle as a team on particular League grounds as I mentioned a fortnight ago, solace has been discovered in this Eastern port of England, with 4 undefeated matches on the last four visits to Hull City.

WINNING THE 'AWAY' HABIT

Talk to any of Pompey's regular supporters who watch the team play away as well as at home and they will tell you of this strange enigma of the team's performances in playing better on their travels than at Fratton Park. Whilst the **270 Pompey fans** were thrilled to see Pompey's 5th away win of the season last week, there is no doubt between players or spectators that 'home form' has to be improved. Comforting as it is to see Pompey climb to 15th in the Second Division table, three home victories in 15 matches is 'poor' to say the least and with 8 **Fratton Park** games to go, starting with today's versus Swindon, the chance is there to turn a forlorn-looking record into 'double figures of home wins' by the end of the season.

Winning away has not been a regular habit for Pompey's teams over the past few seasons and therefore it is all the more surprising, Pompey's current team should secure 5 by mid-February, when the majority of the season has been such a struggle. In eager anticipation of our next victory away from Fratton, this would equal the same amount fought for in the Second Division promotion season of 1986-87. Pompey have yet to visit West Bromwich Albion, West Ham United, Blackburn Rovers, Leeds United, Ipswich Town, Leicester City, Sunderland and Port Vale and if the composure and good all round performances can be repeated at these grounds that were shown at **Dean Court, Oakwell, Home Park, Victoria Ground, Boothferry Park** and even **Bramall Lane**, then mid or even top-table security will be within reach this season after all.

Today's opponents **Swindon** journey well too with six victories on their travels as the Wiltshire club bid to enter the First Division for the first time in

Around and About with Richard Owen

their 109 year history. There are other League clubs too who play more confidently away from their base this season; Chelsea, Blackburn, Hull, Bury, Cardiff, Walsall and Doncaster. "Donny" Rovers have the unusual record of twice the amount of victories away than at home, 6 to 3; which cannot be of much consolation to those supporters who cannot afford to watch the team play away. Only **Manchester City** and **Bradford City** still await a win bonus away from their homes.

REGIONALISATION DOWN BELOW

It is interesting to hear of news that the Chairmen of all the Third and Fourth Division clubs met recently to discuss bringing back the old Third Division North and South which disappeared in 1958. The majority of Chairmen are in favour of the move which would reduce travelling costs by thousands of pounds. Ever since the rules changed with home clubs keeping the bulk of gate receipts, pressure has increased by Football Officials, and no doubt Accountants, to re-introduce the system of regionalisation.

Attendances should increase if it is brought back as supporters would have less distance to travel. It is not good for the game to see 1,800 people turn out at **Torquay** to see **Hartlepool** who have travelled over 400 miles south for a Fourth Division match. Whilst I am dissident against the general 'North/South' divide in England, I have been a great advocate of returning to a Third Division North and South for the past 6 years, as one of the main reasons to keep the 92 Football League clubs alive in this country and save the smaller-run clubs thousands of pounds in travelling costs and hotel bills etc. A final decision has yet to be made despite an overwhelming majority being in support of the move and it is believed the re-structure of the Third and Fourth Divisions could take place in time for the 1991-92 season.

OFFICIALS FOR MARCH

For the first of 7 matches in March, Martin Bodenham of Looe, in Cornwall

will be no stranger to Pompey fans as he blows his whistle at **The Hawthorns** next Saturday. Mr. Bodenham has visited Fratton on many occasions and used to live in Brighton. Our next home game at Fratton sees the rare visit of **Wolves** and David Elleray of Harrow, Middlesex will be the man with the whistle on the evening of the 6th. David Axcell makes the short trip from his Southend home to Upton Park on the 10th for Pompey's match with **West Ham United** and joining him as a linesman, will be referee Mike James of Horsham. Mid-March sees the return of **Oxford United** to Fratton and to see fair play will be Terry Holbrook, who has recently moved from Wolverhampton to Walsall. The long haul to Lancashire and Ewood Park will renew acquaintance with long-service referee Mike Peck of Kendal, Cumbria for the game against **Blackburn Rovers** and four days later at Elland Road, another Official who has been on the League list since 1977 will control our game with **Leeds**, Mr Neil Midgley of Bolton. Finally, on the last day of March, a second visit to Fratton after the rain-drenched affair with Ipswich sees the almost legendary, Lester Shapter from Torquay visit Fratton for the game against **Bournemouth**.

PROGRAMME REVIEW

Although it must be said, football programmes do not always reflect the professionalism adopted by clubs on the field, supporters I have spoken to generally agree, the content of programmes these days has improved quite radically over the past ten years, not to mention 30 years. A printed record of information prior to the two clubs performance was how a **football programme** was once described in 1925, the early days of souvenir printed matter, for which collectors now pay a small fortune. As a keen collector of Football Programmes myself and having contributed to Pompey's programme for the best part of 11 seasons now, I feel well-judged to comment on the selection of programmes from opposing clubs involving Pompey so far this season, which number 18 in all. By far the best for a good read, variety and value at 80p, are **Wolves, Swindon** and **Stoke's** programmes who are way out in front: followed by the more expensive but colourfully illustrated magazines issued by **Middlesbrough** and **Newcastle** at £1 each. Bristol Rovers win the prize for imagination with their 'Pirate theme' throughout the programme; the booby prizes go to Bradford and Hull who fill their programmes with too many adverts. Sheffield United's home programme seems to have a fetish with car manufacturers - no fewer than 7 different vehicle-makes represented. Eight more programmes to go; further and final comment in our last home programme v Barnsley in May.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

STEVE BONE

Takes a not too serious look at what the Press have been saying about Pompey recently.

OUR MATCH AGAINST Newcastle a fortnight ago seemed a pretty straightforward affair to me – they took the lead, we got a late equaliser.

Nothing particularly complicated about that, you might think, but it was enough to confuse a number of Sunday papers.

The Sunday Mirror, underneath "Portsmouth 1 Newcastle 1" proceeded to tell us how Jimmy Quinn had inspired a storming West Ham comeback against Brighton at Upton Park.

And next to that report, "West Ham 3 Brighton 1" was followed by a description of Jimmy Gilligan's dramatic late entrance into the match at Fratton.

Meanwhile, the Mail on Sunday included a picture next to their report, with the caption: "Gilligan ... stole limelight".

But the chap in the photo looked suspiciously like Mick Quinn to me – you remember, the prolific striker who used to play for us.

And Michael Eaton, in the News of the World, was under the impression that Jimmy Gilligan had only been on the field two minutes when he scored:

"Pompey gambled on a double substitution seven minutes from time and stole an equaliser.

"Jimmy Gilligan, who joined the action with Martin Kuhl, seized on a pass by Guy Whittingham and fired in past 'keeper Tommy Wright."

In fact, Gilligan had replaced Mick Hazard midway through the second half.

The report went on: "It was a harsh result for Newcastle who ruled the action but failed to cash in through frontmen Mick Quinn and Mark McGhee.

"Quinn missed a hatful of chances and was foiled several times by 'keeper Alan Knight.

"But the former Pompey favourite did give his side a 40th minute lead when he latched onto a Kevin Brock pass and hit a left-foot shot.

"Whittingham – the man who replaced Quinn in Portsmouth's attack – had a couple of opportunities but saw little of the ball."

Thankfully, at least one paper managed to get it right.

Pat Symes, in the Sunday Express, said: "An inspired substitution by Pompey Manager Frank Burrows saved struggling Portsmouth who were pinned back in defence for most of the game.

"The turning point came in the 69th minute when Burrows pulled off Mick Hazard, replacing him with Jimmy Gilligan.

"The lanky Gilligan soon made an impression, running at Newcastle's defence and winning the ball crucially in the air.

"For the first time Newcastle appeared vulnerable and an equaliser came, albeit against the run of play, with eight minutes left.

"Guy Whittingham, who had carried the brunt of the attack on his own for so long, slipped inside a superb pass and Gilligan gave the previously untested Tommy Wright no chance with his low left-foot shot."

A word of praise, too, for our friends at the Sunday Correspondent.

I said in my last column how infrequently Pompey were mentioned in the paper.

And I also pointed out that, according to The Correspondent, Guy Whittingham's replacement at Middlesbrough had been not Gilligan, but Gillingham.

Well, not only did they carry a lengthy match report on the Newcastle match, they also spelt our Supersub's name right!

THE MAIL on Sunday made up for their wrongly captioned photo the previous week, with a good detailed report of Pompey's fifth away win of the season at Hull.

It began: "Portsmouth took another giant step towards Second Division survival by beating fellow strugglers Hull at rainswept Boothferry Park – and thoroughly deserved the three points.

"The game was largely anonymous for the first hour but then Pompey, who always had a slight edge in class and quality, struck lethally and there was no looking back.

"Mike Fillery sent in a diagonal cross from the right and Mark Chamberlain ghosted in at the far post to score with a superb diving header.

"The goal immediately brought the game to life because Hull piled forward in their search for an equaliser but still left themselves wide open on the break.

"Former Pompey striker Dave Bamber, Hull's recent £125,000 capture from Stoke, almost put his side level with a tremendous piece of work that ended with his shot on the turn thundering against the bar, but then the breakaway goal that had always seemed possible came with 14 minutes left.

"Pompey simply broke with four men against three and made it count. Steve Wigley took a pass from Mike Hazard in his stride, weaved his way past goalkeeper Iain Hesford and cut the ball back from the byline for Guy

Whittingham to score his 17th goal of the season.

"Hull, however, refused to throw in the towel and set up a grandstand finish when they pulled a goal back eight minutes from the end.

"Pompey's solid defence were guilty of their only lapse when they enabled Hull defender Steve Terry to force the ball home following a corner by Leigh Jenkinson."

DON'T PANIC! Guy Whittingham is not about to join Tottenham, as we were informed was a possibility in The Sun recently.

The same paper that, six months ago, told us either John Fashanu or Tony Cottee was going to join Pompey, said Guy was the latest target for Terry Venables.

Frank Burrows, though, laughed the story off as pure speculation, and added: "You could say I fancy Paul Gascoigne as well".

But that's another story altogether.



JIMMY GILLIGAN

History Lesson



In this week's 'History Lesson' MICHAEL WHITCOMBE reflects on how Lord Justice Taylor's Inquiry into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster will alter our perceptions of England's national game.

The afternoon of Saturday, April 15th, 1989, was perfect for a soccer match. The late spring sunshine was warm and inviting and as I stood on the visitors terrace at Selhurst Park for the Second Division match between Crystal Palace and Pompey, it seemed as if the cheerful weather was reflected in the good natured spirits of those Pompey fans standing around me.

Following our 2-0 victory over Sunderland at Fratton the previous week which had lifted us into 13th position, a large number of Pompey fans had decided to make the short journey to south east London for this game – even though our two goal hero of seven days before, Mike Quinn, was not expected to play because of an ankle injury. By kick off, the atmosphere for a match that would see Andy Awford become the youngest player to represent Pompey was vibrant and exciting. It made you feel glad to be a follower of the world's most popular sport, and when reports came through over several hand held radios that the FA Cup semi final at Hillsborough between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest had been halted due to a crowd disturbance, the only reaction was a humorous one.

By full time, however, that mood had completely changed. As I sat on a coach with fifty other fans in stoney silence listening to live radio reports of the tragedy, nothing seemed to matter. I can still remember watching a bored police dog handler setting his unhappy Alsatian onto a frightened police woman to the obvious joy of his fellow male officers, who were apparently oblivious to the fact that one hundred miles away, around ninety soccer fans were already dead due to a series of terrible mistakes.

Almost a year later, the Final Report into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster has been published. Written by Lord Justice Taylor, who remained unmoved by political pressure to present his findings of an important inquiry as best he could, the Report will shape the very future of English football. Regarded by many public figures as the saviour of the nation's favourite sport, it will almost certainly ensure that the English game – so revered around the world – will become but a pale shadow of its current self.

For despite the numerous constructive ideas that are included amid the 76 recommendations that can be found within the Final Report, Lord Justice Taylor has made one fatal flaw in his bid to "promote better and safer conditions at sports grounds in the future." That major mistake is his decision that grounds throughout all four Divisions of the Football League should become all seated before the turn of the century.

Apart from the obvious point that this will prove financially impossible for many clubs, this decision is also wrong for two other important reasons.

The first lays in the fact that there is simply no need for such a recommendation. Since the Hillsborough Disaster, for instance, every club has reduced the capacity of their terraces, and along with Lord Justice Taylor's wish to see every perimeter fence removed and his excellent suggestions in regard to the policing of games, his decision to promote all seater stadiums can only be described as bewildering to say the least.

The Hillsborough Disaster, after all, was caused due to the failings of certain individuals and the pathetic belief that cages are necessary to control people who are only trying to enjoy their favourite sport. We should not forget that a number of Liverpool supporters were almost killed outside Hillsborough – and that is something that could happen even if you have all seater stadiums.

The second reason lays in the fact that without standing accommodation, a game that has mesmerised a country for so long will lose whatever innocence it had left. For since soccer first evolved and became organised in England over one hundred and thirty years ago, it has always been its simplicity that has attracted its mass following. Offering an escape through times of War and Peace, Prosperity and Economic Disaster, soccer has continually reflected all that was good in English society.

It has managed to achieve this partly due to the special comradeship that could be had (and which can still be enjoyed) from standing on a terrace – whether full or near deserted – on a Saturday afternoon. For as football developed and grew – not only through England but throughout the entire world – it was upon these terrace supporters that the game thrived. Despite the fact that they were never acknowledged for their support by the clubs themselves, the standing fans provided the encouragement that soccer needed to expand and develop.

Although seated accommodation at grounds has always served an important purpose, it has always been from the terraces where the fundamental support for the game has come. In recent years, it has become popular to say that any decline in the English game has been the result of hooliganism which is a direct result of people standing. Yet we all know that not only was the violence of past years the result of the society in which we live, but that many of the violent outbursts at grounds also came from the seated areas.

That Lord Justice Taylor should fail to recognise these two very important points, however, should not come as a surprise.

For in a society in which soccer has become a business rather than a sport to survive, it would appear that almost everyone who controls the destiny of our favourite sport has forgotten the real reason why we all attend football matches – whether it is at Fratton Park or at your local sports field on a Sunday morning. Contrary to current thought, soccer is really about the roar of the crowd; the thud of leather; the smell of the grass and that one moment of total brilliance, when a player leaves his opponents bemused with a turn of speed, a shrug of the shoulders and a delicate shot into the top corner.

As has been proved this season through increased attendances at both League and non League matches, soccer still has that 'special something' to make it worth while. Watching Steve Wigley use his brilliant control to continually torment Bradford's Brian Tinnion at Fratton during our recent 3-0 win proved that – as did the joy on the face of Jimmy Gilligan and those supporters he saluted on the North Terrace when he scored our equaliser against Newcastle only two weeks ago.



Steve Wigley, who has that 'special something' that gives the game its innocence.

In fact, just attending matches both at Fratton and at those grounds we have played at this season has shown to me why football is the greatest spectator support in the world. No matter where I have watched Pompey this season, I have been able to do so with great pleasure. Admittedly, I have been disappointed by certain results; but then results are not everything. It is the sheer joy of the game that ultimately counts, and when you can stand next to opposing fans on the home terrace at Fratton – as I did for our last match here – and enjoy not only some determined soccer but a few jokes, then I fail to see why such revolutionary changes are needed to ensure soccer's survival.

In recent years, football has had to submit to the actions of the minority on far too many occasions. Due to the Taylor Report, it is now having to bow to the wishes of a minority again. This time, however, the minority as the power to change football beyond recognition – even though watching a match on an uncomfortable broken seat in a half deserted stadium during a cold December afternoon will be far worse than doing the same while standing on a cold and windy terrace.

In an era when we insist on rediscovering memories that are so thick that we have to brush them away from our face, it seems strange that we are attempting to destroy those very things that have brought so many people joy. All seater stadiums may not stop people from attending matches, but they will steal the very thing that made soccer great.

For no matter what people may like to believe, football has always been an outdoor sport which needs the elements, the attention of a swelling, standing mass of loyal believers and the simplicity of its actions to attract the very people it is meant to entertain. Without these things, it does not have a soul. And without a soul, soccer will simply fade away and become little more than a memory.

Marketing Matters



GUY WHITTINGHAM was Niche Player of the month for December. Pictured with Ian McInness, Niche Managing Director.



MASCOT – NEWCASTLE GAME. GARY MAGEE pictured with **MICKY HAZARD**.

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SWINDON TOWN A.F.C. 1989/90 SEASON

Back Row: (l-r) Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin.

Middle Row: (l-r) Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross MacLaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard (now Cardiff City), Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Front Row: (l-r) Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.

FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper - Born: 23.04.67 Sheffield. The former England Under 21 International was the only player to make the maximum number of League appearances last season. Fraser, who has attracted the attention of many of the leading clubs in the First Division, began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice. Following an initial period on loan at the County Ground, the Sheffield born goalkeeper moved to Swindon Town, for a fee of £12,500 in December 1986. Manchester United insisted on retaining fifty per cent of any profit, in the event of the player being transferred to another club.

ROSS MACLAREN - Defender - Born: 14.04.62 Edinburgh. Ross moved to the County Ground 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 with the Club last season.

COLIN CALDERWOOD - Defender - Born: 20.01.65 Glasgow. Colin, who is the Club Captain, returned to the form last season that made him an attraction in previous seasons, for several of the country's leading clubs. Collin who is widely regarded as one of the Second Division's strongest central defenders, was signed from Mansfield Town with a Football League Appeals Committee setting the transfer fee at £27,500 in June 1985, with the added stipulation that in the event of the player being transferred to another club for a fee in excess of £27,500 then Swindon Town will pay Mansfield Town 50% of such an excess.

PAUL BODIN - Defender - Born: 13.09.66 Cardiff. Paul joined Swindon Town from the now defunct Newport County in March 1988. The Welsh born utility player commenced his career in the Football League with the



former Somerton Park Club without making a senior appearance. Last season the versatile Paul, proved he was adept in a full back or midfield role with Swindon Town.

JON GITTENS - Defender - Born: 22.01.64 Moseley. Jon joined Swindon Town in July 1987 with a Football League tribunal committee setting the fee at £40,000, following his move from Southampton. The Birmingham born central defender was signed by the 'Saints' from Paget Rovers, the Midland Combination Club in October 1985 for an initial fee of £6,000.

STEVE FOLEY - Midfield - Born: 04.10.62 Liverpool. Steve joined Swindon Town from Sheffield United for a Football League tribunal fee of £35,000 in July 1987. It was generally regarded that the Liverpool born midfielder player produced his finest form last season in helping the Town to a play-off position. A troublesome ankle injury in the last few weeks of the season robbed the influential Steve of his earlier fine form.

ALAN MCLOUGHLIN - Midfield - Born: 20.04.67 Manchester. The former Manchester United apprentice moved to Swindon Town on a free transfer in August 1986. Originally a full back, Alan was converted to a

midfield role and he relished the transition. Last season he established a regular position in the Town's Second Division promotion drive. Alan spent two periods on loan with Torquay United during the 1986-87 and 1987-88 season.

JOHN CORNWELL - Born: 13.10.64 Bethnal Green. John is another of the Town players who is 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.

STEVE WHITE - Striker - Born: 02.01.59 Chipping Sodbury. Steve has proved to be one of the best free transfer signings in the history of the club. A consistent goalscoring record has made the experienced Steve one of the most feared strikers in the Football League. Since joining in July 1986 he has never failed to reach double figures in the goalscoring charts. During this period, Steve has helped the club to promotion from the Third Division and a play-off position in last seasons Second Division.

DUNCAN SHEARER - Forward - Born: 28.08.62 Fort William. The Scots born striker is the clubs record buy, joining the County Ground staff from Huddersfield Town in June 1988 for £250,000. Duncan was the leading goalscorer for the club in League matches last season, with 14 goals. The Scot entered League soccer with Chelsea from Inverness Clachnacuddin. After three seasons with the Stamford Bridge club, he found that his first team appearances were limited, and he moved to Huddersfield Town in March 1986, for a nominal fee. Duncan's goalscoring record with the northern club attracted Swindon Town's interest and he returned South to prove his fee was an investment well spent.



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Manager: Ossie Ardiles.

Honours

Division Three: Runners-up 1962-63, 1968-69
Division Four: Champions 1985-86 (League record 102 points)
League Cup Winners: 1969
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners: 1970

Encounters

Results of previous matches between Pompey and Swindon Town.

	Home	Away	Div.		Home	Away	Div.
1920/21	1-1	2-5	3S	1977/78	1-2	1-3	3
1921/22	1-3	0-0	3S	1980/81	1-0	2-0	3
1922/23	4-1	0-3	3S	1981/82	3-0	0-2	3
1923/24	4-1	0-0	3S	1988/89	0-2	1-1	2
1961/62	2-2	3-1	3	F.A. Cup			Round
1963/64	1-4	0-2	2	1973/74	3-3	1-0	3
1964/65	5-0	0-0	2	1988/89	1-1	0-2	3
1969/70	2-1	1-3	2	League Cup			
1970/71	0-2	1-2	2	1966/67		1-4	2
1971/72	1-2	1-3	2	1974/75		1-0	1
1972/73	1-1	1-1	2	1977/78	1-1	3-4	3
1973/74	3-1	2-1	2	1978/79	0-0	2-4	1
1976/77	2-1	3-4	3	1979/80	1-1	0-2	1
				1987/88	1-3	1-3	2

Last Five Years

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Div
1984/85	46	21	9	16	62	58	72	8	4
1985/86	46	32	6	8	82	43	102	1	4
1986/87	46	25	12	9	77	47	87	3	3
1987/88	44	16	11	17	73	60	59	12	2
1988/89	46	20	16	10	68	53	76	6	2

MEET THE MANAGER - OSSIE ARDILES

Ossie was appointed to the post as Manager of Swindon Town on Thursday, 20th July, 1989.

In his prime, Ossie was an outstanding 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. A two footed player who always makes himself available for the ball.

Ossie joined Tottenham 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 joined Spurs along with fellow Argentinian Ricky Villa, in a £750,000 transfer deal.

Ossie spent last season with Queens Park Rangers, and he 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 Town.

Club	Appearances			Football			F.A. Cup		
	App.	Sub.	Goals	App.	Sub.	Goals	App.	Sub.	Goals
Tottenham Hotspur	195	-	16	32	-	3	32	-	4
Paris St. Germain	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackburn Rovers	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queens Park Rangers	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	1	-

While with Tottenham Hotspur Ossie also made the following appearances:

European Cup	App. 9	Goals 2
Charity Shield	App. 1	Goals 0
Super Cup	App. 3	Goals 0

Did You Know?

By Peter Jeffs

Originally formed in 1881 by the local vicar for the young men of his parish, Swindon have been known popularly as "The Moonrakers" (from the Wiltshire legend) and "The Railwaymen" but are now generally known as "The Robins" (from their colours).

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Swindon were one of only two Third Division clubs to win the League Cup (now the Littlewoods Cup). With Frank Burrows as an outstanding centre back they defeated Arsenal 3-1 in the 1969 Final at Wembley.

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The Robins achieved an all time record when they collected 102 points in the Fourth Division in 1985/86 but their best achievement in League soccer was in finishing fifth in Division Two in 1970.

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John Trollope appeared in 756 League games, a record for one club, and was Swindon's oldest player being 37 on his final appearance in 1980. Paul Rideout was the youngest at 16 years of age in the same year.

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Swindon needed three matches to settle their play off final for promotion to Division Two in late May 1987. Swindon won 2-0 on the neutral ground at Selhurst Park against Gillingham.

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Transfers between our two clubs include: Norman Uprichard (1952); Steve Aizlewood and John McLaughlin (1979); Andy Rollings (1981) to Pompey; Bill Hindmarsh (1951); Dave Munks (1973); Chris Kamara (1977) and Paul Gilchrist (1978) to Swindon.

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Swindon's most-capped player was Rod Thomas who collected 30 of his 50 Welsh caps while at the County Ground.

Swindon Town

FOR THE RECORD

NSPCC Centenary Challenge Monday, January 22nd, 1990 POMPEY (5) 5 CAEN (0) 1

Friendly matches are often quickly forgotten by soccer fans. But this NSPCC Centenary Challenge match against French First Division side Caen will be long remembered by those who attended it. For apart from containing inventive and promising performances from Mike Fillery, Steve Wigley, Shaun Gale, Gary Stevens and Kevin Ball, it also contained a fabulous four goal first half strike from Terry Connor, who continually tormented the Caen defence to prove that he has finally overcome his latest injury problems.

The star of the entire game, Connor struck his first goal on eight minutes, when he cut inside the left side of the Caen area to curl a low right footed shot into the bottom right hand corner. Fourteen minutes later, Connor had poached his second with possibly his best strike of the match. Begun on the left by Wigley, who teased three Caen defenders before sending in a low left footed centre, it was converted in stunning fashion by Connor, who, after controlling the ball with his back to goal, turned sharply on the edge of the six yard box to shrug off his bemused marker and smash an unstoppable shot into the back of the Milton End net.

Soon after, a Brazilian dressed Pompey went further ahead due to the skills of Mark Chamberlain. First springing Caen's offside trap by chasing Alan Knight's long kick, Chamberlain then elegantly waltzed around the Caen keeper on the edge of the area before firing home a well driven left footed shot.

On 31 minutes, Gale's left sided free kick following a foul on Chamberlain was reached at the far post by Connor, who outjumped a trio of blue shirted defenders to place a downward header into the net for his hat trick. Eleven minutes later, Connor claimed his fourth by heading home - this time from the middle of the six yard box - Neill's instant right sided centre.

For the second half, Caen's new coach, Daniel Jean Dupeux, replaced all but two of his team, and with former England International Graham Rix doing some good work - often from within his own half - the French side gradually began to threaten. But against the background chant of 'Frank Burrows' Blue and White Army', it was still Pompey who controlled the game; with Connor almost whipping home Fillery's perfect pass from an acute angle for what would have been a deserved fifth midway through the half.

Pompey's superiority was so complete, in fact, that Caen did not enjoy any success until the 87th minute, when Rudy Garcia sent a right sided penalty past Knight after Chamberlain was adjudged to have fouled French Under 21 striker Fabrice Divert on the right of our area. By then, however, Caen's success was immaterial. And within five minutes of this charitable decision, captain Kevin Ball was accepting the NSPCC Centenary Challenge trophy on the Fratton Park Pitch.

POMPEY: Knight, Neill, Gale, Fillery, Stevens, Ball, Wigley, Connor, Gilligan, Black, Chamberlain.

Scorers: POMPEY: Connor 8, 22, 31 & 42 mins, Chamberlain 30 mins.

CAEN: Garcia (pen) 87 mins.
Referee: M. Pierce (Portsmouth).
Attendance: 1,730.

Barclays League Division Two Saturday, February 3rd, 1990 MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 POMPEY (0) 0

Our chances of achieving our first victory at Ayresome Park since our 1950 Championship winning season became doubtful in this cold but sunny encounter just thirty seconds from the interval, when the only Portsmouth born player on the pitch put Middlesbrough ahead. Until then, we had matched Boro in every department. But after this strike the only victors became the home side; despite our possession and Alan Knight's usual safe handling.

"I thought that in the second half we mainly controlled the game with our possession", said Gary Stevens at full time. "But instead of turning that possession into clear cut chances and then ultimately goals, we only disappointed."

"Whenever we got into good crossing positions, for example, we either overhit the ball, put it behind or struck their first defender which is simply not good enough when you're bottom of the table. If we had only lifted our game by just ten or fifteen per cent, I think we would have won today".

Our best chances for victory came during the first half. Chamberlain, after running onto Whittingham's flick from Knight's long kick, was only denied on 7 minutes by good keeping from Pears, with Hazard then putting a quick volley just over the bar 12 minutes later. On 26 minutes, Wigley's follow up centre from Black's deep corner almost enabled Ball to score. But from his powerful header, Pears got down well to save.

During and after all this, Pears' good work was matched at the other end by Knight. Stretching well to turn Putney's 20th minute shot round his post, Knight then kept Boro at bay for much of the second half. Keeping out a shot from Slaven on 69 minutes and a 25 yard drive from McGhee three minutes later, Knight then exceeded himself on 83 minutes, when he saved with an outstretched palm Slaven's goalbound header from Parkinson's overlapped centre.

Unfortunately, Knight was helpless to prevent Boro's two well taken goals. The first, from McGhee's instant low left centre, was scored by Kerr, who smashed the ball home at the second attempt from the edge of the six yard box. The second, which came on 52 minutes and which effectively sealed the result, was scored by the lethal Slaven. His 23rd goal of the season, it came after the in form striker had swopped a one two with Baird (making his Boro debut) just outside our area, from where he weaved past two defenders before prodding a left foot toe poke from just left of the penalty spot past Knight.

A very well taken goal, it left those watching in no doubt why the Scottish born forward had been selected for Jack Charlton's probable Eire World Cup squad.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Pears, Parkinson, McGhee, Mohan, Coleman, Ripley (Davenport 68), Slaven, Proctor, Baird, Putney, Kerr. Sub: Kernaghan (not used).

POMPEY: Knight, Neill, Stevens, Fillery, Hogg, Ball, Wigley, Hazard, Whittingham (Gilligan 77), Black (Kuhl 80), Chamberlain.

Scorers: MIDDLESBROUGH: Kerr 44 mins, Slaven 52 mins.
Referee: Philip Wright (Northwich).

Attendance: 15,295.

Michael Whitcombe

THE STORY SO FAR - 1989/90

Fixtures	Att.	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
August 1989															
Wed 19th Watford	A 10,164	0-1	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Aspinall	Kelly	Connor	Black	Chamberlain	Hogg
Wed 23rd Bristol Rovers LC 1st Rnd 1st Leg	A 7,727	0-1	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Whittingham	Hogg
Sat 26th Stoke City	A 7,433	0-0	Knight	Neill	Maguire	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Whittingham	Hogg
Tue 29th Bristol Rovers LC 1st Rnd 2nd Leg	H 5,287	2-0	Knight	Neill	Maguire	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Whittingham	Hogg
September 1989															
Sat 2nd Bradford City	A 8,425	1-1	Knight	Neill	Maguire	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Sat 9th Hull City	A 6,491	2-2	Knight	Hogg	Maguire	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Tue 12th Plymouth Argyle 7.45 K.O.	A 6,865	0-3	Knight	Hogg	Maguire	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Sat 16th Newcastle United	A 19,589	0-1	Knight	Maguire	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Sat 23rd Manchester United LC 2nd Rnd 1st Leg	H 18,072	2-3	Knight	Maguire	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Sat 23rd Middlesbrough	H 7,505	3-1	Knight	Maguire	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Tue 26th West Ham United	A 12,632	0-1	Knight	Maguire	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
Sat 30th Wolverhampton Wanderers	A 13,677	0-5	Knight	Maguire	Beresford	Filley	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Chamberlain	Kelly	Connor	Black	Hogg	Whittingham
October 1989															
Tue 3rd Manchester United LC 2nd Rnd 2nd Leg	A 26,698	0-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Russell	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 7th Oxford United	A 5,193	1-2	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Russell	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 14th Blackburn Rovers	H 7,004	3-3	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 17th Leeds United	A 10,269	3-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 21st AFC Bournemouth	A 9,353	2-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 28th Ipswich Town	A 17,914	2-3	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Tue 31st Sheffield United	A 14,718	1-2	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Sandford	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
November 1989															
Sat 4th Barnsley	A 5,524	1-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 11th Port Vale	H 7,708	2-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 18th West Bromwich Albion FA Cup 1	H 9,069	1-1	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sun 26th Swindon Town 3pm K.O.	A 10,413	2-2	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
December 1989															
Sat 2nd Watford	H 7,933	1-2	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Tue 5th Wimbledon (Zenith Cup)	H 2,499	0-1	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sun 10th Plymouth Argyle FA Cup 2	A 9,988	2-0	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 16th Sunderland	H 7,127	3-3	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Tue 26th Brighton & Hove Albion 12noon K.O.	A 10,800	0-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 30th Oldham Athletic	A 8,815	3-3	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
January 1990															
Mon 1st Leicester City	H 9,387	2-3	Knight	Chamberlain	Beresford	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 6th Crystal Palace FA Cup 3	A 12,644	1-2	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 13th Stoke City	A 12,051	2-1	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Maguire	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 20th Bradford City	H 8,801	3-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
Sat 27th FA Cup 4	H 8,801	3-0	Knight	Neill	Beresford	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Whittingham	Whittingham	Filley	Connor	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
February 1990															
Sat 3rd Middlesbrough	A 15,295	0-2	Knight	Neill	Stevens	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Hazard	Whittingham	Chamberlain	Black	Kunl	Kunl
Sat 10th Newcastle United	A 14,204	1-1	Knight	Neill	Stevens	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Hazard	Whittingham	Chamberlain	Black	Kunl	Kunl
Sat 17th Hull City FA Cup 5	A 4,883	2-1	Knight	Neill	Stevens	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Hazard	Whittingham	Chamberlain	Black	Kunl	Kunl
Sat 24th Swindon Town	H 4,883	2-1	Knight	Neill	Stevens	Filley	Hogg	Wigley	Wigley	Hazard	Whittingham	Chamberlain	Black	Kunl	Kunl
March 1990															
Sat 3rd West Bromwich Albion	A 7,45 K.O.														
Tue 6th Wolverhampton Wanderers 7.45 K.O.	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 10th West Ham United FA Cup 6	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 17th Oxford United	A 7,45 K.O.														
Tue 20th Blackburn Rovers 7.30 K.O.	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 24th Leeds United	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 31st AFC Bournemouth	A 7,45 K.O.														
April 1990															
Sat 7th Sheffield United FA Cup Semi-Finals	A 7,45 K.O.														
Tue 10th Ipswich Town 7.30 K.O.	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 14th Leicester City	A 7,45 K.O.														
Mon 16th Brighton & Hove Albion	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 21st Sunderland	A 7,45 K.O.														
Tue 24th Oldham Athletic 7.45 K.O.	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 28th Port Vale	A 7,45 K.O.														
May 1990															
Sat 5th Barnsley	A 7,45 K.O.														
Sat 12th FA Cup Final	A 7,45 K.O.														

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PORTSMOUTH

Manager: Frank Burrows

Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts

1. ALAN KNIGHT
2. WARREN NEILL
3. GARY STEVENS
4. MICK FILLERY
5. GRAEME HOGG
6. KEVIN BALL
7. STEVE WIGLEY
8. MICKY HAZARD
9. GUY WHITTINGHAM
10. KENNY BLACK
11. MARK CHAMBERLAIN
- 12.
- 14.



SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Ossie Ardiles

Colours: Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Black Socks.

1. FRASER DIGBY
2. DAVID KERSLAKE
3. PAUL BODIN
4. ALAN McLOUGHLIN
5. COLIN CALDERWOOD
6. JON GITTENS
7. TOM JONES
8. DUNCAN SHEARER
9. STEVE WHITE
10. ROSS MACLAREN
11. STEVE FOLEY
12. JOHN CORNWELL
14. SHAUN CLOSE

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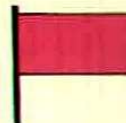
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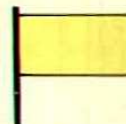
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(Lancing)
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APPEARANCES						GOALS					
B.L.	L.C.	Z.C.	F.A.C.	Total		B.L.	L.C.	Z.C.	F.A.C.	Total	
30	4	1	1	36	KNIGHT						
19+2	3		1	23+2	NEILL	1				1	
13	3			16	SANDFORD						
19+1	4		1	24+1	FILLERY	3	1			4	
20	3	1	1	25	MAGUIRE						
29	4	1	1	35	BALL	2				2	
30	4	1	1	36	WIGLEY	2				2	
18+4	3	1	1	23+4	CHAMBERLAIN	4				4	
5+6	2	+1		7+7	KELLY						
5+3	3	+1		8+4	CONNOR						
27+2	3	1		31+2	BLACK	1	2			3	
19+1	3	1	1	24+1	BERESFORD						
1+1				1+1	ASPINALL						
20+3		1	1	22+3	HOGG						
25+3	2	1	1	29+3	WHITTINGHAM	16		1		17	
21+5	2	1	1	25+5	KUHL	6	1			7	
2+1	1			3+1	RUSSELL						
14+4		1		15+4	GILLIGAN	3				3	
1				1	SYMONS						
5				5	HAZARD	1				1	
5				5	STEVENS	1				1	

B.L. (Barclays League); L.C. (Littlewoods Cup);
Z.C. (Zenith Cup); F.A.C. (F.A. Cup).