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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, welcome once again to the County Ground.

Our last home match with Blackburn left us very disappointed. Once again, after taking the lead in the first half and playing quite well, we allowed Blackburn to come into the game and eventually equalise. We must get into the habit of driving home our advantage and not give away silly goals.

Our following match with Ipswich saw us perform quite well and, in my opinion, we were unlucky not to come home with maximum points. The match hinged on two penalties. Whilst Ipswich took full advantage, we missed ours. That's just our luck at the moment.

Adrian Viveash once again showed that he is becoming a valuable part of the first team squad. The problems of Nestor Lorenzo's work permit and Colin Calderwood's injury has given Adrian his chance and he is improving all the time.

With Fraser Digby going down with a stomach upset, Nicky Hammond came into the team and performed well. Nicky has been in good form for the Reserves this season and looks to have recovered from his series of injuries.

The major talking point this week has been the transfer of Alan McLoughlin to Southampton for what was a record fee for both clubs.

Whilst I did not want to lose Alan, it was of paramount importance if the club was to survive. Alan is a very fine player and should do well in Division One. I am sure all of us here at the Swindon will wish

Alan well at his new club.

We face a very hectic programme over the Christmas period with home games against W.B.A. and Plymouth Argyle, together with away matches at Newcastle and Watford. This, followed by Bristol City and an F.A. Cup tie away, will tax our resources to the limit.

The draw for the F.A. Cup left us with a difficult tie and as I write these notes it has still not been decided whether we play at Colchester or Orient.

Our match at Chelsea on Wednesday evening saw us play some of our best football of the season. Once again we were beaten by the odd goal. However, I was very encouraged by the way we played and if we continue in this way we should soon see some positive results.

Thank you for coming, and enjoy the game.

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In Town Today

Welcome to the players, officials
and supporters of

CHARLTON ATHLETIC



CHARLTON ATHLETIC – TEAM PHOTOGRAPH SEASON 1990/91

Back row left to right: Steve Crane, Paul Bacon, Spencer Barham, Paul Mortimer, Andy Jones, Steve MacKenzie, Darren Pitcher, Gordon Watson.
Middle row left to right: Steve Brown, Stuart Palmer, Tommy Caton, Lee Harrison, Bob Bolder, Mike Salmon, Simon Webster, Jason Lee, Rosario Franco.

Front row left to right: Garth Crooks, Scott Minto, Mark Reid, Andy Peake, Colin Walsh, Robert Lee, Steve Gritt, Mark Tivey.
*Carl Leaburn was in hospital.

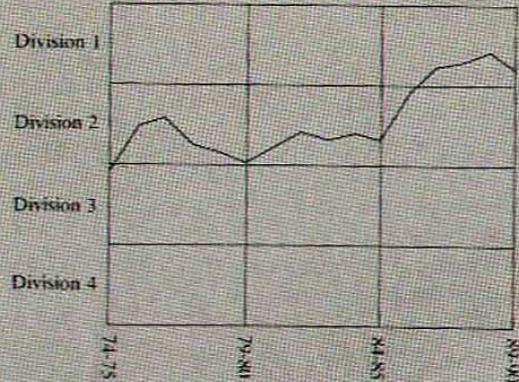
CHARLTON ATHLETIC – Form Guide

Last ten games

	H	A	Goalscorers	Att.
Oct 13	Leicester City	1,102	Dyer	6,000
20	Watford	1,102	Lee	5,892
24	Newcastle United	W3-1	Mackenzie, Lee, Reid	14,016
27	West Ham Utd.	L1-2	Dyer	24,019
30	Notts County	D2-2	Lee, Watson	5,067
Nov 3	Plymouth Argyle	L0-1		5,239
10	Middlesbrough	W2-1	Lee, Caton	17,998
17	Oxford United	D3-3	Watson (2), Lee	4,928
24	Portsmouth	W2-1	Lee, Watson	5,513
Dec 1	Bristol City	W1-0	Lee	10,984

Summary of goalscorers: Lee 8, Watson 8, Reid 2, Caton 2, Dyer 2, Pitcher 1, Crooks 1, Minto 1, Mackenzie 1.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: The Last 15 Years



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The squad

Lennie Lawrence (Manager). Born Brighton. Charlton have had many fine managers during their 69 year League history, but only two, the legendary Jimmy Seed and Lennie Lawrence, brought major success to the Club. In 1936, Seed steered Charlton to the First Division and to Wembley on four occasions. Fifty years on, in 1986, Lawrence was at the helm when Charlton returned to the First Division after a 29 year absence and a year later had the honour of leading his side out at Wembley in the Full Members' Cup Final. Those who have studied and closely followed the events affecting Charlton Athletic, particularly over the past six years, will undoubtedly agree that the Club and Lawrence have achieved the near impossible – and who could argue against that analysis. In 1984 the Club could have been described as under siege – everything was thrown at them! Court actions; threats of closure; voluntary liquidation; players locked out of The Valley Ground; the unpopular move to Selhurst Park – Lennie somehow coped with the lot when most would have wilted, and still found time to carry out his plans for the Club. These days there is a real family feel about the Club with former Charlton players, Alan Curbishley (Reserve Team Coach/Player) and Colin Powell (Groundsman) part of the backroom team. Of the future – who would dare predict!

Paul Bacon (Defender). Born Forest Gate 20.12.70. A former YTS recruit, Paul won a runners-up medal in 1987 F.A. Youth Cup Final against Coventry City and was signed as a full contract player in February 1989. He made his senior debut in a Zenith Data Systems Cup match against Crystal Palace on December 19th 1989, the eve of his 19th birthday.

Bob Bolder (Goalkeeper). Born Dover 2.10.58. A vastly experienced and popular 'keeper. Bob has been an ever-present in the Charlton line-up over the past two League campaigns and at the start of this season had logged 167 League and Cup outings for the South London Club since his £20,000 move from Sunderland in August 1986.

Tommy Caton (Defender). Born Liverpool 6.10.62. Although relegation was a bitter pill to swallow last season, the form of Tommy in the latter part of the campaign was very encouraging. Few players have made their First Division debut at the age of 16 and even less (if any) have been an ever-present in their first season at such a young age – Caton achieved both of these remarkable feats for Manchester City in season 1979/80. Tommy was a member of the City team which lost to Tottenham Hotspur in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final. Two years later he was bought by Arsenal for £500,000 and moved to Oxford United in February 1987 for £180,000. He has been capped by England at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels. Tommy arrived at Charlton for a fee of £100,000 in November 1988.

Garth Crooks (Forward). Born Stoke-on-Trent 10.3.58. Garth, and his Club, will be hoping for a change of fortune this season after a series of injuries restricted the P.F.A. Chairman to 18 appearances in the past two seasons, including only one outing during 1989/90. A highly skilful forward with a great striking record, Garth's fine career started with Stoke City but it was with Tottenham, who he joined in a £600,000 deal in July 1980, that his career really blossomed when he formed a lethal partnership with Steve Archibald. Garth joined Charlton in March 1987. Capped by England Under-21s, Garth hit a hat-trick v Bulgaria in the first of four matches for his country.

Alan Curbishley (Midfielder). Born Forest Gate 8.11.57. Alan rejoined Charlton from Brighton as player/coach (to reserve team) in June 1990 after three years with The Seagulls. In a fine career, Alan has won honours for England at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels, and started as an apprentice at West Ham in 1973. He first joined Charlton from Aston Villa in December 1984 for £38,000. To date Alan has aggregated over 400 League games for his five Clubs.

Steve Gritt (Midfielder/Defender). Born Bournemouth 31.10.57. Charlton's 'Mr. Utility' player, Steve has played in every position for the Club, from goalkeeper to 'striker', and is one of eight players to have made 400 or more senior appearances for the South London Club – a landmark he reached against Manchester United in the final match of last season.

Carl Leaburn (Forward). Born Lewisham 30.3.69. Last season was another year of learning, and no little frustration for Carl in the toughest testing ground in the world – the English First Division. Late in the season Lennie Lawrence loaned him out to Northampton Town to help restore some of Carl's self confidence, and the hopes are that this season he will turn the corner.

Jason Lee (Forward). Born Forest Gate 9.5.71. A product of the YTS, Jason joined Charlton in October 1987 and was signed as a professional in June 1989. Made senior debut, as a substitute, in a Simod Cup match against Sunderland in November 1988.

Robert Lee (Forward/Midfielder). Born Plaistow 1.2.66. Only 24 and still yet to reach his full potential, Robert is a player of high natural ability who only needs a bit more self belief, and a few more goals, to be in the top class. Capped by England Under-21s on two occasions, Lee was a member of the Charlton team which lost to Blackburn Rovers in the 1987 Full Members Cup.

Steve Mackenzie (Midfielder). Born Romford 23.11.61. Steve missed most of last season through injuries and his absence was keenly felt in midfield especially with Colin Walsh also sidelined for long stretches of a difficult campaign. The football world was shocked in

July 1979 when the then Manchester City Manager Malcolm Allison paid Crystal Palace £250,000 for 17 year old Steve, a British record for a teenager. Capped by England at Youth, Under-21 and 'B' levels, Steve linked up with Charlton in June 1987 for a transfer fee of £200,000.

Scott Minton (Midfield/Defender). Born Wirral 6.8.71. Scott emerged as a player of great potential last season and received England International recognition at Under-18 level in March 1990. A full professional since February 1989, Minton won an F.A. Cup runners-up medal with Charlton in May 1987.

Paul Mortimer (Midfield/Defender). Born Kensington 9.5.68. Paul is a really promising youngster who turned down a £200,000 move to Sheffield United at the end of last season. He was capped at England Under-21 level in June 1989 when he scored twice against Senegal.

Andy Peake (Midfield). Born Market Harborough 1.11.61. A very experienced and skilful midfielder, Andy signed for Charlton from Grimsby Town for £75,000 in September 1986 and since then his first team place has rarely been threatened. Capped by England at Youth and Under-21 levels, Andy won a Second Division Championship medal with Leicester and a runners-up medal in the Full Members' Cup with Charlton in 1987.

Darren Pitcher (Defender). Born Mile End 12.10.69. A product of the School of Excellence, Darren joined Charlton under the YTS in July 1986 but his only first team experience at the start of this season was a Littlewoods Cup match at Northampton in September 1988.

Mark Reid (Defender). A £40,000 buy from Celtic in May 1985, Mark has certainly been one of Lennie Lawrence's best investments to date. In 1986/86 he became Charlton's record penalty scorer in a season, netting eight times; and the first player to take three penalties in a match; and in the following season, his 57 senior outings constituted another Club record.

Mike Salmon (Goalkeeper). Born Leyland (Lancashire) 14.7.64. Waiting patiently while Bob Bolder performs so consistently, Mike made his only appearance by the end of last season, since his £100,000 transfer from Wrexham in July 1989, when he took over from the injured Bolder in an F.A. Cup tie against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns in January 1990.

Colin Walsh (Midfield). Born Hamilton 22.7.62. One of the best and most respected midfielders in the First Division and living proof of the fact that you don't have to be born outside the British Isles to be able to deliver a killer free kick.

Gordon Watson (Forward). Born Sidcup 20.3.71. A prolific scorer at Youth and Reserve levels, Gordon made ten appearances (eight as a substitute) last season and at the higher level showed plenty of potential which, no doubt, Lennie Lawrence hopes to exploit this season.

Simon Webster (Defender). Born Earl Shilton 20.1.64. Lennie Lawrence signed Simon from Sheffield United in August 1990, initially on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move.

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**THE WINNING
COMBINATION**

PAUL PLOWMAN continues his season by season look back at Swindon Town through the years.

1970/71

Five new faces were introduced during the course of the season. Steve Peplow was signed on loan from Liverpool for a whole year, but it was March before he made his Second Division debut. Another winger, Chris Porter, signed in the previous November for £1,500 from Bridgwater Town, preceded him in the number seven shirt. Ron Potter, a centre-half from West Bromwich Albion, made his debut on Boxing Day and former Welsh schoolboy international Terry Hubbard made a very brief debut appearance as twelfth man against Queens Park Rangers during October.

The fifth man was 30 year old Tony Gough, a 5'5" midfield player secured from Bath City for £500. When he ran out at the County Ground, against Sunderland on August 29, 11 years and 121 days had passed since his only previous League

game, for Bristol Rovers back in 1959! The little fellow celebrated his debut by scoring the Town's second goal in a 2-0 win. Just for good measure, the goalposts at the Stratton Bank end collapsed during the game!

During 1970/71, Swindon enjoyed seven 3-0 League victories, five of them coming before Christmas. One of them, against Sheffield United just a week before the festivities, was achieved despite playing with only ten men for an hour, following injuries to both Gough and centre-half Frank Burrows.

The Town suffered just two home defeats, by champions Leicester City and by Birmingham City, who were inspired by 16 year old scoring sensation Trevor Francis. He had grabbed four goals for the Blues a week earlier and netted another two in a 2-1 win at Swindon.

Away from the County Ground, there was little joy. Each of the first eight League

trips resulted in defeat. Both points were secured on only three occasions, two of which came in the last four games of the season.

The F.A. Cup brought Swindon a Third Round victory over Queens Park Rangers at an almost fog-bound Loftus Road, before they were dumped out of the competition for the second successive season by a powerful Leeds side, this time 4-0 at Elland Road.

The highlight of the Town's cup season had to be a Third Round League Cup win against Liverpool at the County Ground. Almost twenty-four thousand saw Don Rogers strike a double blow in the 2-0 victory, which was inches away from being 3-0 when a piledriver from substitute David Dangerfield – just 19 – crashed against the bar. Sadly, Fulham halted any further aspirations with a single goal at Craven Cottage in the next round.

On returning to Italy, to defend the Anglo-Italian Cup, Swindon came within one goal of reaching the final again. Sampdoria were beaten both at home and away, but Bologna proved to be a tougher obstacle. They eventually finished top of the Italian group but lost to Blackpool in the final.

As the face of the County Ground gradually changed, the 'bench' type seats around the perimeter of the pitch, that had been used to accommodate spectators, disappeared. On the North side, the backbone of a new stand began to rise behind the old in the spring of 1971.

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Back row, left to right:
Peter Downborough,
Roy Jones.

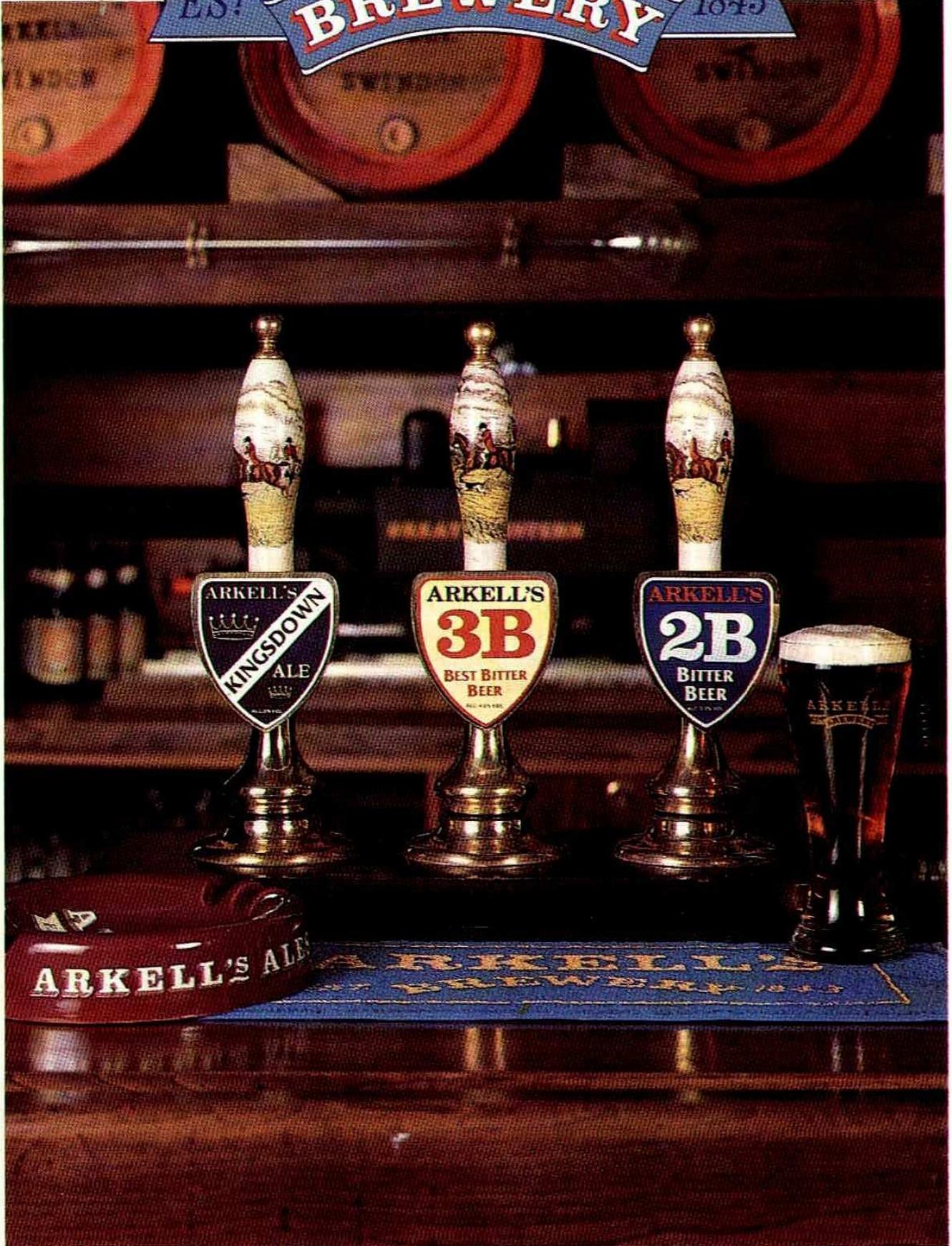
Middle row, left to right:
M. Owen (Trainer),
John Trollope,
Frank Burrows,
Owen Dawson,
Joe Butler,
Rod Thomas,
F. Ford (Team Manager)

Front row, left to right:
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John Smith,
Peter Noble,
Arthur Horsfield,
Stan Herland (Captain),
Roger Smart,
David Dangerfield,
Don Rogers



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Christmas Presents . . .

It's that time of year again to consider what to buy the sporting enthusiast for Christmas, I offer no answers, but recall the "Books of Lists" I've received from Santa Claus over the years. They provide a platform for fascinating discussion about a wide variety of subjects.

Ten American Footballers who became more famous in other fields include the so-called 'Kansas Cyclone' Dwight Eisenhower, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Kris Kristofferson.

Jockey Willie Shoemaker's ten best racehorses of all time are headed by Swaps, followed by Gration and Ribot.

One of tennis' top stars, the inimitable Ilie Nastase was asked for his best male players: Pancho Gonzales, Jimmy Connors, Ros Laver, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall were all ranked in that order above the man who would have been my choice - Bjorn Borg - who made Wimbledon his own in the late seventies with an unparalleled run of success.

Martina Navratilova, rookie of the year in 1974, has listed her eight best women players with Billie-Jean King, Chris Evert and Margaret Court the

first three. She was obviously asked about her favourites 'pre-Steffi Graf!!

The publications, as you may have guessed, are compiled in the United States. They say the greatest figure in American sports history is 'Babe' Ruth, the baseball star of the New York Yankees.

Boxer Muhammad Ali also gets a mention. Would he be ahead of Mike Tyson in your ranking list?

Gary Player's greatest golfers span the years: Jack Nicklaus, Sam Snead and Ben Hogen.

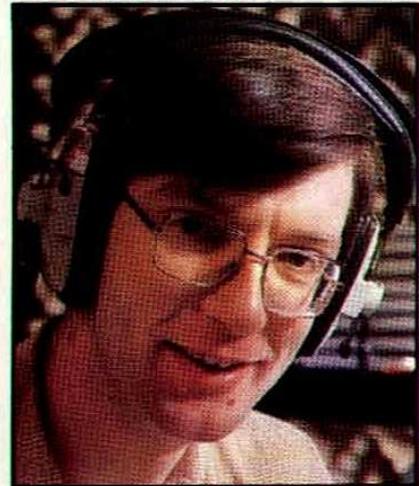
Jim Ryan was the first high school student to run the mile in under 4 minutes. His ten greatest track milers, excepting himself, are Herb Elliott and Britons Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett.

Many an argument is sure to rage over such selections - let's face it, we can't always agree on our best eleven footballers in this country at any one time without having to make comparisons across the decades!!

The England manager's job is one many would like, but it seems broad shoulders are now a necessary qualification.

Finally this week, let me join

SHAUN HODGETTS OF GWR FM WITH HIS "IN-DEPTH" LOOK AT THE SPORTING SCENE



others elsewhere in the matchday magazine in wishing Alan McLoughlin well with his move to Southampton. His goal at Wembley will always be remembered by Swindon Town supporters as the one which should have promoted them to the First Division in the Play-Off Final.

Which reminds me - a useful stocking filler for Christmas could be the GWR FM audio cassette - a unique radio record of the season 1989/90.

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ON THE INJURY FRONT

Kevin Morris reports a clean bill of health with the exception of Colin Calderwood and Dave Bennett.

Kevin hopes to have Colin back in training in about six weeks if he maintains his current rate of progress.

Dave, although progressing well, will be a while longer although he may be playing again before the season ends.

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Mr. Coombs' discussions with the Home Office and Department of Employment eased the way for Nestor to play.

However complications have arisen and Nestor is once again in limbo.

The late David Coombs
It is with great regret that the club learnt of the death of David Coombs who was a club steward for well over twenty years. David was a valued member of our matchday staff who, for the last few years, was a steward on the Rendezvous Club entrance.

His cheerful attitude will be missed by all.

The Chairman, Directors, Players and Staff of Swindon Town Football Club extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Coombs and her family in their sad loss.

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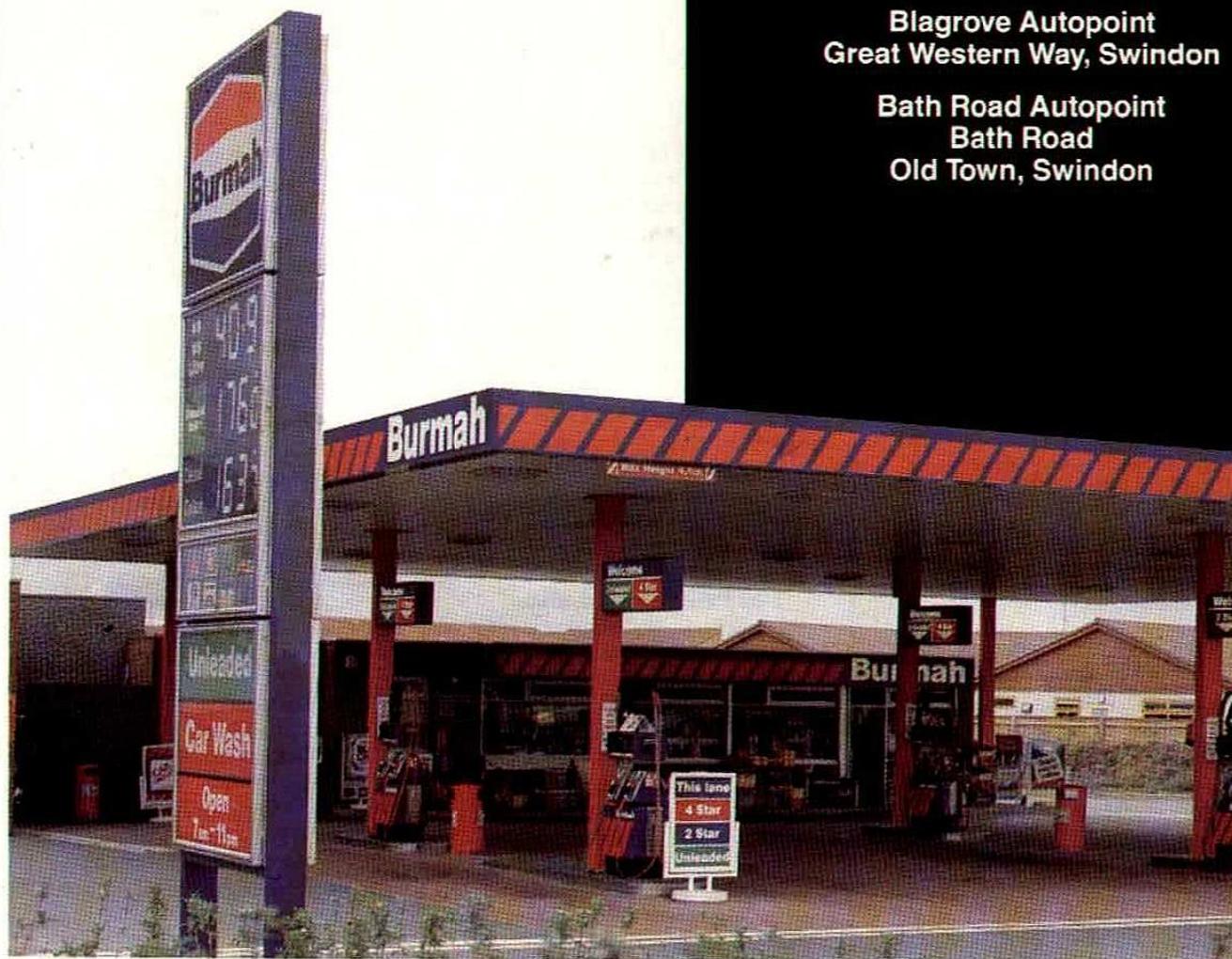
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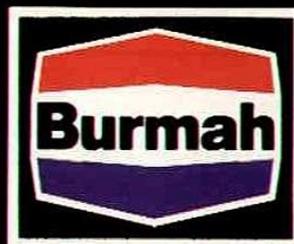
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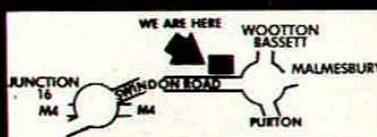


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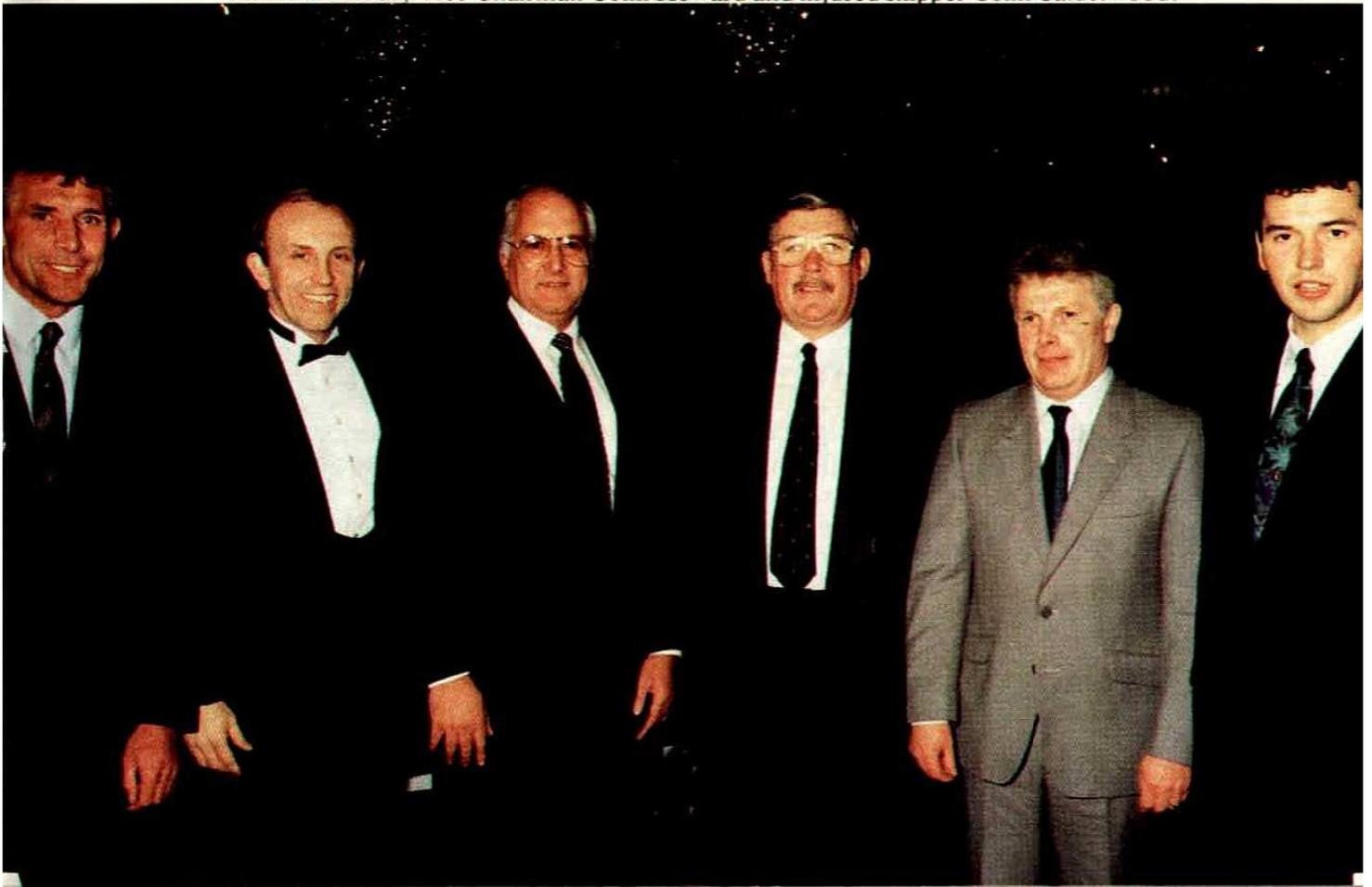
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Top: We love you Swindon!!! The Junior Robins Christmas party goes with a swing. Our thanks to all the mums and dads who helped and to Ross MacLaren and the lads for joining in the fun.

Bottom: Seen here at our recent Sporting Dinner with guest speaker former England test star Basil D'Oliviera are, left to right, Chic Bates, Dave Browne, Sponsor Peter Painter of Allied Dunbar, Vice Chairman Colin Howard and injured skipper Colin Calderwood.



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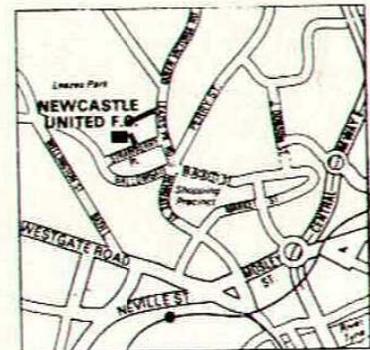
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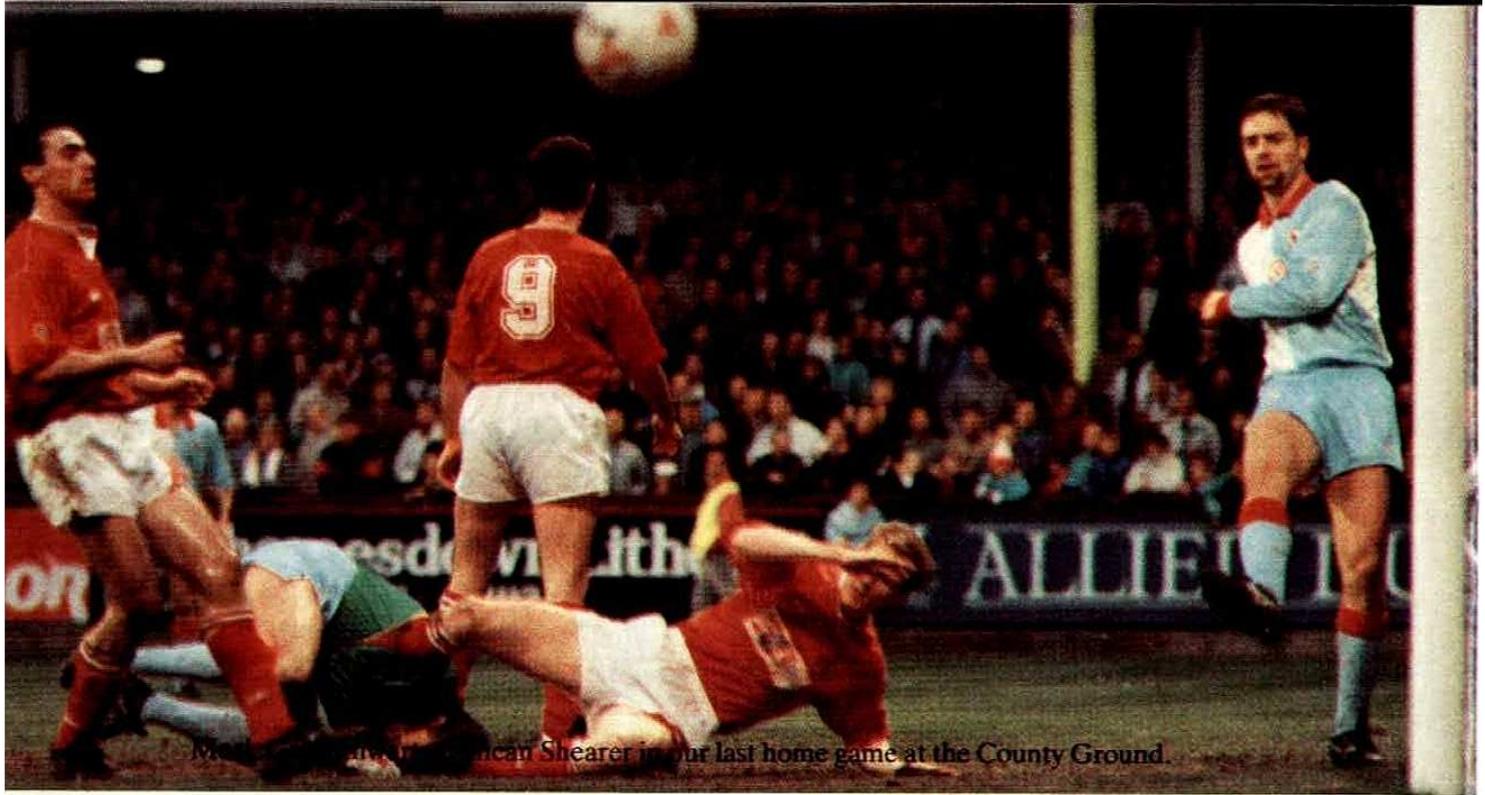
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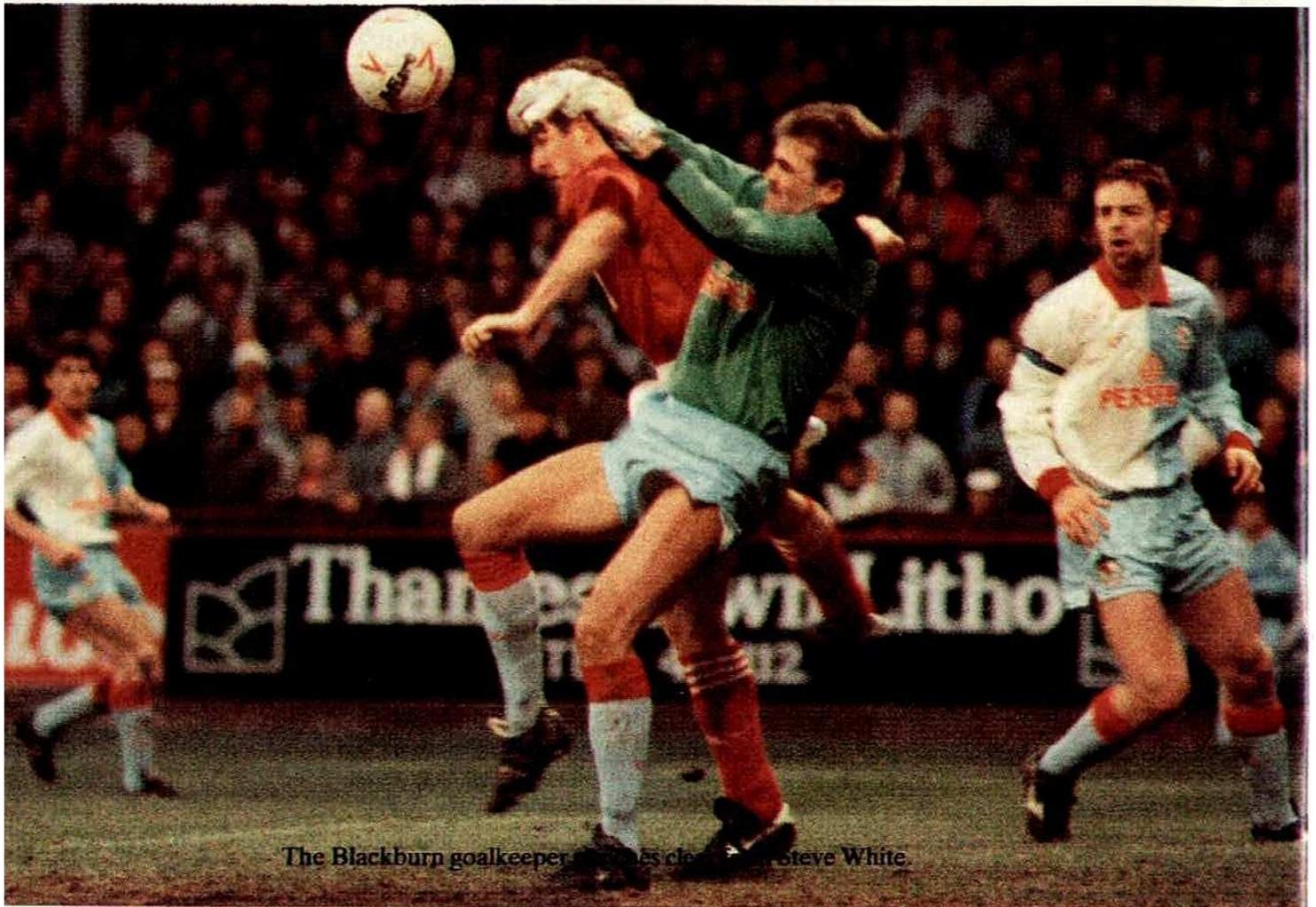


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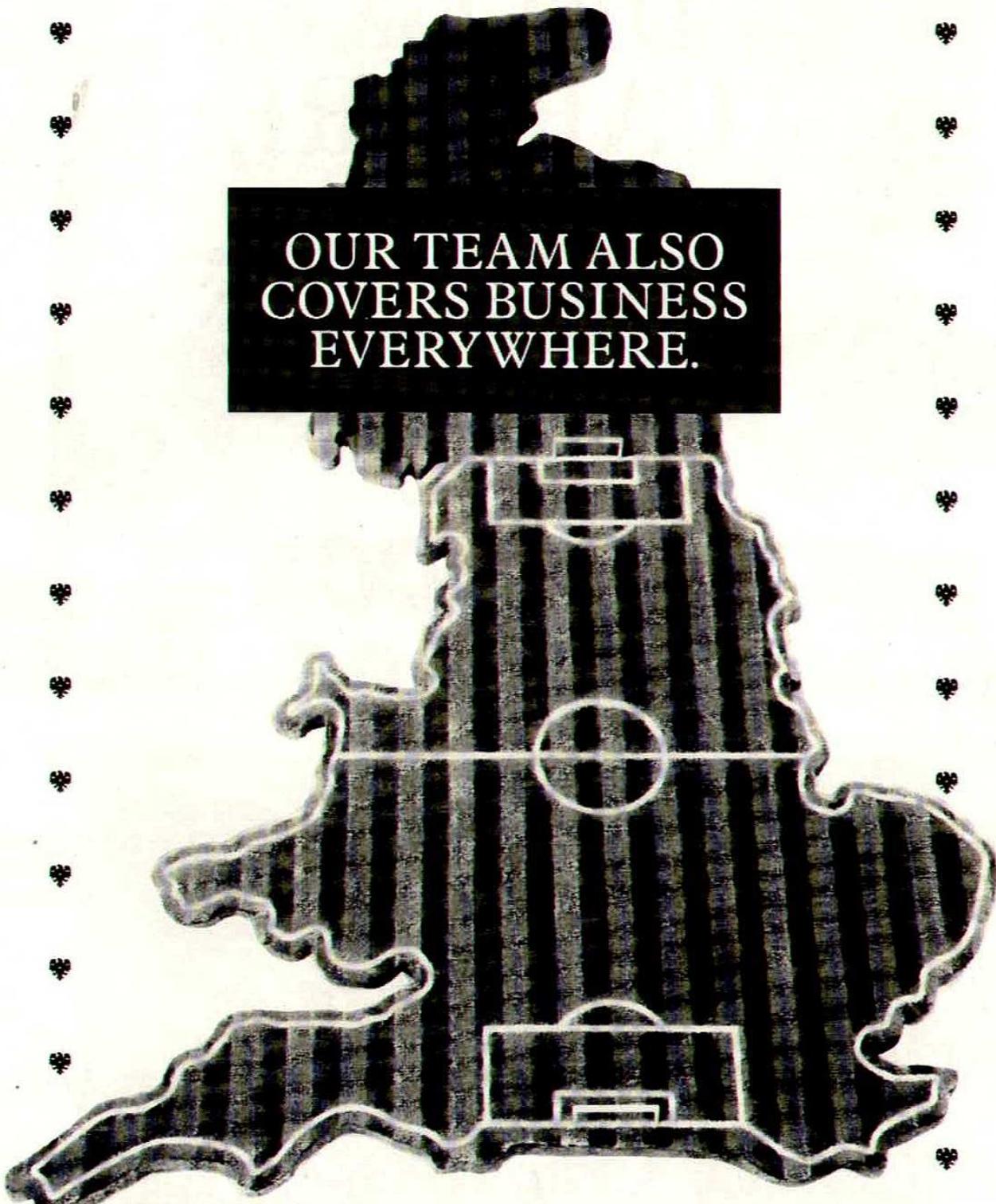
Mark Shearer in our last home game at the County Ground.



The Blackburn goalkeeper makes a save from Steve White.

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SWINDON TOWN TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

The Travel Club is now booking for:

Newcastle United 26 December 1990
Watford 29 December 1990

On the trip to Notts County a draw was held on each coach in aid of Children in Need. The sum of £140 was raised, well done everyone, the side of football the media didn't report!

With Christmas rapidly approaching some news for Travel Club members. TOWER SOUNDS of CIRENCESTER (TEL: 654283) offers a **10% DISCOUNT** to all Travel Club members with a current Travel Club card. RECORDS, TAPES, CD'S AND VIDEOS can be collected by arrangement from the Travel Club office on Saturday match days between 1.30-2.30 p.m. on the Saturday home games between Charlton and W.B.A. So why not give Nick Brookes a ring or call and see him, he will be pleased to see you. Remember ever £10 spent saves you a £1. Another good reason to join the Official Swindon Town Travel Club. Keep joining and keep travelling, it saves all the worry of parking your own transport. Travel Club open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.



Welcome to the Junior Valiants this afternoon, we all hope they will enjoy their day with us.

We held our Christmas Party on December 3rd and I think everyone will agree a good time was had by all.

We would like to thank Nicky Summerbee for being our Father Christmas and all the players who attended, we know it made the party so much more enjoyable for the youngsters to have their heroes there. Also a big thank you to Dick Mattick for organising the games, Mr. Perry for providing the music and everyone who worked so hard to make the party a success.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th January 1991.

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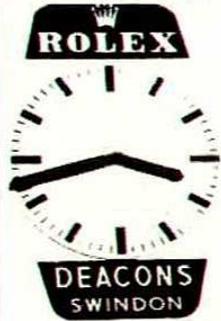
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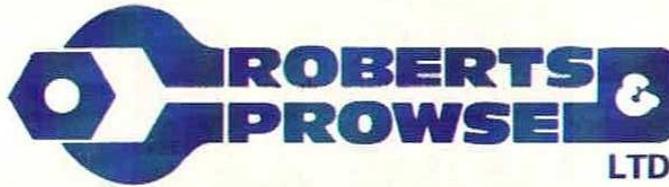


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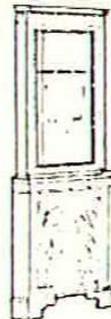
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An update from **Martin Tryczynski**, supporters' director

The appeal in my last programme article for suggestions and ideas for the new Shrivenham Road stand prompted a very healthy response, including a letter from the Chairman of Middlesbrough F.C. Supporters Club. The range of views was wide, sometimes conflicting, but nearly always very constructive. While there isn't space in this column to run through them all, a copy of the summary of views submitted to the Board is available from the Club Office for anyone who is interested in seeing it. On behalf of the Club, can I thank everyone who contributed – your ideas are much appreciated and will be given every consideration during the planning phase.

Swindon Supporters' Group

The Swindon Supporters Group has been formed with the express purpose of gathering and airing

fans' concerns, views and ideas for onward transmission by me to the Board. The group meets monthly, with the agenda covering a wide range of issues which have included out of town ticketing, catering standards, disabled facilities and the Town End, among many others. Longer term issues, including formulating a plan for the eventual election of my successor are also covered.

The current members of the Group are briefly listed below, but if you want more information including details of how to contact any of them, you can pick up a more detailed note on the Group from the Club Office in the North Stand. Copies of the minutes of our meetings are also available.

While there are practical limits to the numbers that can be accommodated, the Group welcomes applications from anyone who would like to attend

future meetings and feels that they can represent the views of a group of supporters.

The Listening Club!

For those who may not have been convinced of the Clubs ability to listen to and, where possible, take on board fans views, the Town End saga should provide some reassurance.

It was first and foremost the feedback from fans – both direct to the Club and via the Supporters' Group – which resulted in the decision to return the Town End to home supporters. And, while the Club almost shot itself in the foot by imposing too high an admission price, it was very encouraging to see the speed of their reaction in lowering prices after fans had voted with their feet at the Port Vale game.

So far, so good

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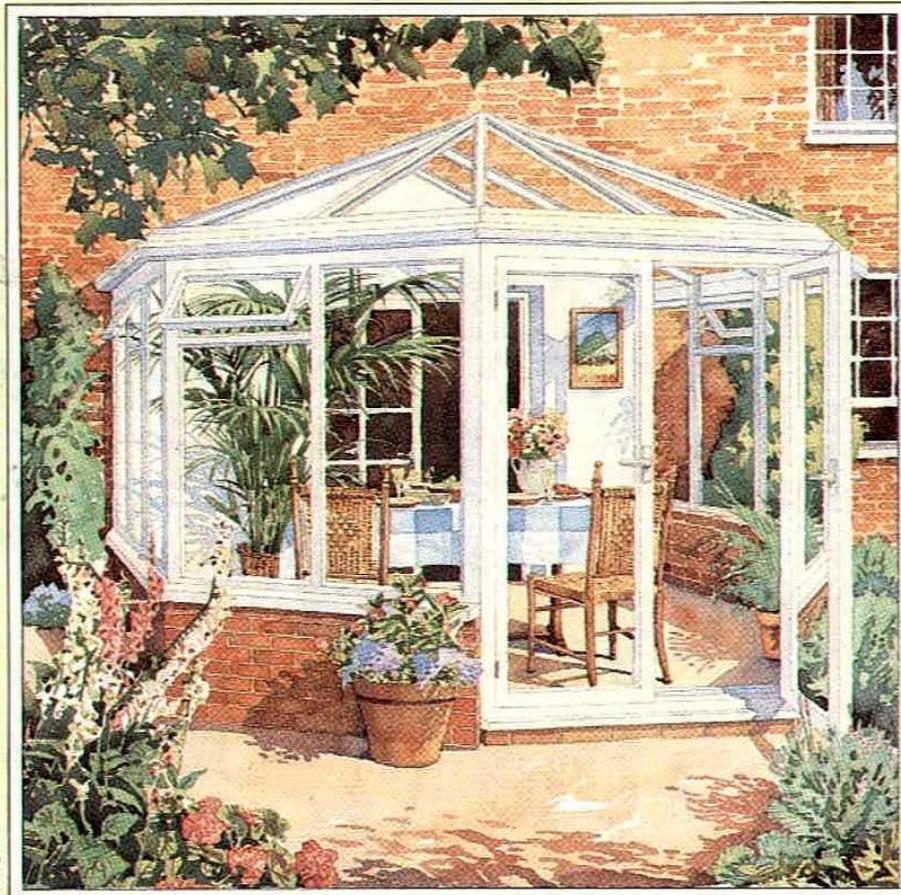
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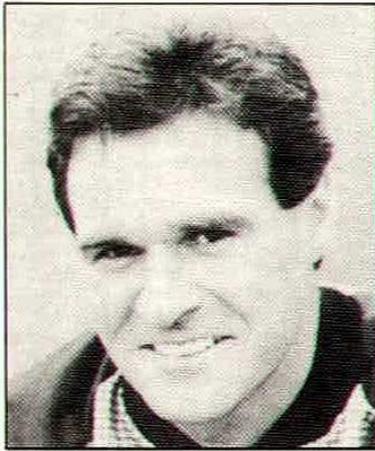
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Reserves & Youths



Andy Rowland

Reserves v Southampton

1.12. 1990

Away Result: Drew 1-1

After the humiliating 4-0 midweek home defeat by Luton, we travelled to Southampton hoping to put our season back on the rails. Returning to our familiar balance of youth and young professionals, we once again played with effort, determination and excellent football that was sadly lacking in the midweek performance.

Starting off very positively, we took the lead after five minutes when Neil Tomlinson cut in from the right wing to unleash a twenty yard shot into the top corner of the net. Southampton came back strongly and equalised after twelve minutes when Gotsmonov scored with a header close in, from Powells cross.

The game fluctuated from end to end with both keepers having to make good saves and although we kept at the Southampton defence we were unable to score the elusive winner.

Reserves v Watford

4.12.90

Away Result: Won 6-0

Playing probably our best all-round football of the season we romped to a six goal away win at Watford. The way all the team worked to put pressure on the opposition was brilliant, never allowing Watford to settle on the ball, always chasing and harrying them into mistakes.

The first goal took a while to come but once Simpson had scored

from twenty yards with a great shot into the top corner, the result was never in doubt. Further first half goals came again from Simpson and the third from Close, who went on to complete a fine hat-trick. All these first have goals were provided by Neil Tomlinson crosses.

With the score being 3-0 at half time, complacency creeping in was the biggest fear. Thoughts of this, though, were soon wiped out when Close scored his second just after the break, flicking the ball in from Ady Viveash's header. Twenty minutes later he completed his hat-trick by scoring from an acute angle from Hunt's cross.

The work-rate from the side at this stage never dropped, with the back four staying strong, and the midfield chasing hard, it was no surprise when Nick Summerbee added a sixth direct from a free-kick.

The whole team deserves credit for this performance, not just for the fact of scoring six away from home, but for how they worked so hard for ninety minutes to achieve this result.

Allied Counties League v Basingstoke

Monday 26th November 1990

Result: Drew 3-3

A game in which we showed our good ability when in possession, but making elementary mistakes to give Basingstoke the chance to get back into the game after we took the lead on three occasions.

We took an early lead when Simon Sly and Wayne O'Sullivan combined on the right, from the cross Neil Matthews struck an unstoppable volley. Two further goals by Marcus Phillip both from corners by Murray Fishlock.

Unfortunately we gave Basingstoke the chance to hit back, a poor back pass, a missed clearance and a goalkeeping error gave them the goals to keep the scores level.

These mistakes are too frequent, being punished and must look to improve our selection of options when defending both as individuals and as a team.

South East Counties v Bournemouth Saturday 1st December 1990 Result: Lost 3-1

A much changed side, again through Reserve Team calls. A disappointing first half, as we allowed Bournemouth too much time and space, not working hard enough when not in possession and wasting the ball when in possession. Failure to clear a near post corner gave Bournemouth a one nil lead at the interval.

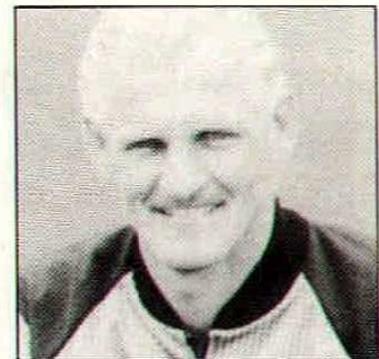
Picking our game up in the second half, saw us have much more of the game and we equalised when Mark O'Driscoll crossed for Richard Boden to head over the advancing keeper. Unfortunately we conceded two penalties in the final 25 minutes, one for a foul and the other for hand ball. We are looking to play the game with more commitment and eliminate these silly mistakes that are proving very costly.

Allied Counties League v Thatcham Monday 3rd December 1990 Result: Won 8-2

After a disappointing start, conceding an early goal, you could not have visualised the final scoreline. Having plenty of possession we always threatened to score and once level, goals came regularly. Neil Matthews scoring four with Mark O'Driscoll added another for a 5-1 interval lead.

Still having more of the play in the second half, Glenn Jones, Richard Boden and Neil Skinner scored before Thatcham pulled a goal back shortly before the end.

Despite the scoreline our approach was good, giving thought and enthusiasm, and not easing up. A good team performance.



John Trollope

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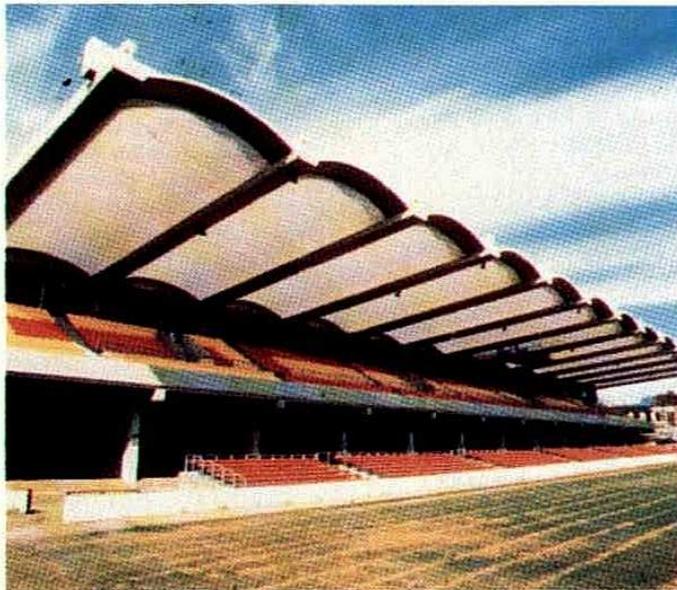
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1990/91

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	20	13	7	0	33	12	46
Oldham Athletic	19	12	5	2	38	18	41
Sheffield W.	19	10	7	2	38	20	37
Middlesbrough	19	11	3	5	36	16	36
Wolves	19	7	8	4	29	20	29
Millwall	19	7	7	5	30	22	28
Notts County	19	7	6	6	27	24	27
Barnsley	19	6	8	5	28	21	26
Ipswich	20	6	8	6	25	30	26
Bristol Rovers	18	7	4	7	25	23	25
Port Vale	19	7	4	8	30	30	25
Bristol City	18	7	4	7	27	29	25
Brighton & H.A.	18	7	4	7	29	39	25
West Brom. A.	19	5	7	7	25	28	22
Swindon Town	20	5	7	8	25	30	22
Blackburn Rovers	20	6	4	10	24	30	22
Plymouth Argyle	20	5	7	8	22	30	22
Newcastle United	18	5	6	7	20	22	21
Hull City	20	5	6	9	33	49	21
Leicester City	19	6	3	10	29	45	21
Charlton Athletic	19	5	5	9	24	29	20
Portsmouth	20	5	5	10	23	33	20
Oxford United	19	4	7	8	29	38	19
Watford	20	3	6	11	16	28	15



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**BARCLAYS LEAGUE FIXTURES
DIVISION TWO 1990/91**

						Digby	Kerslake	Bodin	Simpson	Calderwood	Gittens	Jones	Shearer	Close	MacLaren	Foley	Hoekaday	McLoughlin	Summerbee	Buttigieg	Vivash	Hunt	White	Bennett	Tanner	Hazard	Hammond	Galvin	Lorenzo	Green
Sat	Aug.	25	Charlton Athletic	2-1	7,542	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9†	10	11	12†	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tues.	Aug.	28	Ipswich	1-0	10,817	1	2	3	4	5	6	7†	8	9	10	11	12	14†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun.	Sept.	2	Bristol City	0-1	12,254	1	2	3	4	5	6	7†	8	9*	10	11	12†	14*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat.	Sept.	8	Hull City	1-1	5,240	1	-	3	14†	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11†	2	4	12*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat.	Sept.	15	Middlesbrough	1-3	9,127	1	-	3	9	5	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	4	12*	2	14†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tues.	Sept.	18	Wolverhampton W.	1-0	12,288	1	-	3	9	5†	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	4	14	2	-	12†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat.	Sept.	22	Oxford United	4-2	7,961	1	2	3	9	-	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	4*	-	14*	-	-	12†	5†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tues.	Sept.	25	Darlington (LC R2)	0-3	4,037	1	2	3	9	-	6	7	8	-	10	11*	-	4	-	14*	-	-	12†	5†	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun.	Sept.	30	Millwall	0-0	11,667	1	2	3	9*	-	6	7†	8	-	10	11*	-	4	-	-	-	-	12*	-	5	14†	-	-	-	-
Tues.	Oct.	2	Oldham Athletic	2-3	12,575	1	2	3	9	-	6	-	8	12*	10	-	-	4*	-	-	14	-	11	-	5	7	-	-	-	-
Sat.	Oct.	6	Brighton & H.A.	3-3	7,940	1	2	3	11	-	6	-	8	12	10	-	-	4	9	-	-	14	-	9	-	5	7	-	-	-
Tues.	Oct.	9	Darlington (LC R2)	4-0	7,066	-	2	3	11	-	6†	-	-	8	10	14†	-	4	9	-	-	12*	-	5	7	1	-	-	-	-
Sat.	Oct.	13	Bristol Rovers	0-2	11,494	-	2	3	8	-	-	14*	-	12†	10	11†	-	4	-	-	6*	-	9	-	5	7	1	-	-	-
Sat.	Oct.	20	West Ham United	0-1	13,658	1	2	3	8	-	6	7	-	12†	10	11	-	-	-	14	-	-	9	-	5	4†	-	-	-	-
Wed.	Oct.	24	Leicester City	2-2	9,592	1	2	3	4	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	-	-	-	12	-	9	-	5	4†	-	14	-	-
Sat.	Oct.	27	Barnsley	1-5	7,690	1	2	3	11	-	6	7†	8	-	10	12†	-	4	-	-	14	-	9	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Wed.	Oct.	31	Sheffield W. (LC R3)	0-0	13,900	1	2	3	4	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	12†	-	-	5	-	9†	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
Sat.	Nov.	3	Port Vale	1-2	7,714	1	2	3	11	-	6	7	8	-	10	12†	-	4†	-	-	5	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tues.	Nov.	6	Sheffield W. (LC R3)	0-1	9,043	1	2	3	12†	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	4†	-	-	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	14	-	
Sat.	Nov.	10	Portsmouth	3-0	8,621	1	-	3	7*	-	-	2	8	12†	10	11	-	4	-	-	5	-	9	-	-	14†	-	6	14	
Sat.	Nov.	17	Sheffield W. (FAC1)	1-2	22,715	1	-	3	7†	-	-	2	8	-	10	11	-	4	-	-	5	-	9	-	-	12†	-	-	6	14
Sat.	Nov.	24	Notts County	0-0	6,091	1	-	3	12*	-	-	2	8	-	10	11	-	4	-	-	5	-	9*	-	-	7	-	6	14	
Sat.	Dec.	1	Blackburn Rovers	1-1	8,091	1	2	3	12†	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	4†	-	-	14	-	9	-	-	-	-	5	-	
Sat.	Dec.	8	Ipswich T. (FAC2)	1-1	9,358	-	2	3	12†	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	4	-	-	5	-	9†	-	-	-	1	-	14	
Wed.	Dec.	12	Chelsea (ZDC)	0-1	5,380	1	2	3	9	-	6	7	8	-	10	11	-	-	-	-	5	-	12	-	-	4	-	-	14	
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Wed.	Jan.	16	League Cup R5																											
Sat.	Jan.	19	Hull City																											
Sat.	Jan.	26	F.A. Cup R4																											
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Sat.	Feb.	9	Oxford United																											
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Wed.	Feb.	13	League Cup S.F. L1																											
Sat.	Feb.	16	Sheffield W. (FAC5)																											
Sat.	Feb.	23	Portsmouth																											
Wed.	Feb.	27	League Cup S.F. L2																											
Sat.	Mar.	2	Blackburn Rovers																											
Sat.	Mar.	9	Notts. County																											
Tues.	Mar.	12	Oldham Athletic																											
Sat.	Mar.	16	Millwall																											
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Sat.	May	11	Port Vale																											
Sat.	May	18	F.A. Cup Final																											

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

BRISTOL CITY v SWINDON TOWN
SATURDAY JANUARY 12th 1991 at ASHTON GATE

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Rendezvous Club

Saturday 22nd December	Dancing to the Bobby Field Band	
Monday 24th December	Music by Ron Barry	Members £2.50 Guests £3.00
Saturday 29th December	Dancing to Eric Gough Band	
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