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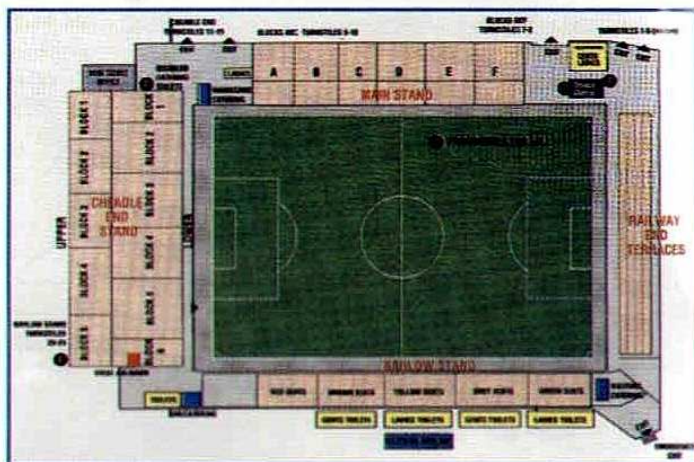
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The Dave Jones Column



The medical room is starting to empty

Richard Landon...saw a specialist in the week



TIES AGAINST LOWER LEAGUE OR NON LEAGUE OPPOSITION CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT AND I THOUGHT WE DID A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL JOB AGAINST LINCOLN CITY LAST SATURDAY. IT WAS NICE TO SEE THE GOALS GOING IN AGAIN, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN WE HAD SUCH A SHORTAGE OF 'FIT' STRIKERS.

It is no use complaining you have to get on with it, when injury problems arise and I had no hesitation in playing Jeff up front because he had done so

well in that position at Notts County four days earlier, and as it turned out Jeff produced an outstanding performance.

I was also pleased with Alun's attitude he told us that he didn't want to hide at a time when he was clearly in a rut and of course it was nice to see him back on the scoresheet. Hopefully this will trigger off a change of form for Alun.

I thought that the first goal was the best goal, because the move started in our box and the passing and movement was the best it has been for some time. We were back playing as we had done at the start of the season and we must now continue in that vein.

Last month was a bad one for us, but at least we were not losing we were still picking up points from most games. The FA Cup draw was kind to us. Nearly every manager I know just hopes for a home draw at this stage, no matter who the opponents are. We have to be happy with Blyth Spartans at home, but it won't

be easy. They pulled off a magnificent result at Gigg Lane and Bury aren't exactly mugs. We will have to ensure that our approach is professional just as it was last Saturday.

It is nice to see that the medical room is starting to empty with only the long term injuries remaining one of which is Richard Landon. Richard saw a specialist during the week and the scan revealed that his injury is worse than at first thought. Richard has been the victim of his own commitment to the club and I can't fault him for that. He was so desperate to play he returned to action too early and he is now paying the price.

Ian Helliwell has also seen a specialist about a special protective cast which may enable him to play much earlier than at first thought. His arm has been plated and he is in no pain, so we will have our fingers crossed for him. Finally I would like to welcome Swindon to Edgeley Park, especially their manager Steve McMahon who lives quite near to me in Southport. Two years ago they were in the Premiership and they have shown already this season that they still have quality players at the club, I know Steve very well, he was an aggressive player who could also play and that is what he will have instilled into his team, so we are in for a very tough encounter. I hope you all enjoy it and have a safe journey home.



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Welcome to Edgeley Park

The Club

The Robins swoop into Edgeley Park this afternoon as the current leaders of division two. So far it has been an excellent season for Town as they have won all but five of their league games and been beaten only once. Steve McMahon has transformed the side which was relegated from Division One last season into a formidable outfit with clear promotion aspirations.

The Robins were formed in 1881 but did not turn professional for another thirteen years. It took until 1920 for them to join the league when they became original members of Division Three (South) and they were to stay in this division until 1963, when finally they gained promotion to Division Two. However, their stay was short lived and although they managed to avoid relegation in their first season, the Robins were relegated the following year and found themselves back in Division Three. They remained in this division for another four years in which time they enjoyed their greatest cup success when they went all the way to the final of the league cup in 1969, and incredibly beat Arsenal at Wembley to lift the trophy. In the same season they managed to clinch the runners up spot in Division Three and were once again promoted to the second division. In 1970 under the leadership of Fred Ford they enjoyed more cup success when they won the Anglo-Italian Cup. However despite this cup victory, Ford left the following year and was replaced by Dave McKay who was in charge for only one season before he made way for Les Allen.

Unfortunately, Les struggled to make an impression and at the end of the 1974 season, Town were relegated back to Division Three. Their turnover rate for managers remained high as several came and went before in 1982, the Robins hit an all time low when they were relegated to Division Four. Both John Trollope and Ken Beamish had attempts at lifting Town out of the basement division but both failed, and it wasn't until Lou Macari arrived as manager in 1984 that things really started to happen. In a short space of time he managed to build a strong, well organised side which took the Fourth Division by storm in 1985/86 as they swept all before them to win the Championship with a record 102 points! The following season was to be just as impressive, as Swindon won promotion for a second consecutive time with largely the same players that had done so well the previous year. Macari moved on in 1989 and was replaced by Ossie Ardiles who transformed the side from a big bruising outfit into a skillful, ball playing team. This change of style brought immediate rewards as he guided the Robins to a play off victory over Sunderland.

However the celebrations were short lived as an FA Committee, investigating allegations of financial irregularities ruled that Town could not take their place in Division One and Sunderland were sent up in their place.

Eventually after these disappointments, Ardiles left to take control of Newcastle United and was replaced by the hugely popular Glen Hoddle who assumed the role of player manager. He played himself in a continental style sweeper position, and guided the team both on and off the pitch to another play off success in 1993 and for the first time in their history Town took their place in the top flight. However Hoddle was lured to Chelsea before the start of the season and his assistant John Gorman took over. Unfortunately he could not keep Swindon in the Premier League and they were relegated in their first season. They didn't adjust to life back in Division Two particularly well either and were relegated for the second consecutive season. John Gorman made way for Steve McMahon who was unable to keep them up but did take them to the league Cup semi final which they narrowly lost to Bolton Wanderers.

The last time Swindon played a league fixture at Edgeley Park was during their all conquering Fourth Division Championship campaign in 1985-86. On that day they managed a 2-0 victory and will be looking for a repeat of that this afternoon.

The Players

Sheffield born keeper **Fraser Digby** will be in goal this afternoon. He joined, Manchester United from school as an apprentice twelve years ago, but did not make a first team appearance at Old Trafford so spent loan spells at Oldham Athletic and Swindon Town before joining the Robins on a full time basis in September 1986. He has now made over 400 first team appearances for the club although he did return to Manchester United for loan spell during the 1992/93 season. In front of Fraser will be **Shaun Taylor** who was ever present last season for a second consecutive year. He was signed from Exeter City in July 1991 for £200,000. He came into professional football relatively late when he signed for the Grecians from Western League side Bideford Town at the age of 23. Also in the back four will be **Paul Bodin** who was initially signed from now defunct Newport County for £25,000 in March 1988. Following three seasons with Swindon he moved on to Crystal Palace for a fee of £550,000 but was unable to command a place at Selhurst Park and moved back to the County ground after just ten months. In the middle of the back four could be big strong central defender **Mark Seagreaves** who signed in June of this year for £100,000. A former Liverpool apprentice Mark had a loan spell with Norwich City before a £100,000 move to Manchester City in 1986. In 1990 he moved to Burnden Park but was unable to command a place in last seasons side which gained promotion to the Premier League. Northern Ireland full and under 21 international, **Kevin Horlock** was signed from West Ham United on a free transfer in the summer of 1992 and made his league debut later that year.



Former trainee **Andrew Thomson** could well be in contention for a place in the back four this afternoon. He impressed with several good performances for the reserve side and was rewarded with his first team debut in the final game of Towns Premiership campaign.

Full back **Wayne O'Sullivan** made his debut for Swindon in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie against rivals Oxford United at the Manor Ground in September 1992. Like Thomson, O'Sullivan is a former trainee, he has since progressed and became a regular first team member and was selected for the Eire under 21 squad to play Latvia last month.

Mark Robinson is the clubs record signing at £600,000. He began his career at West Bromwich Albion but started to make a name for himself after moving to Barnsley. In March 1993 he



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was transferred to Newcastle United for £450,000 but failed to get an extended run in the side and made the move to Wiltshire in July of last year.

Another defender to join the Robins from Newcastle United is experienced centre half **Brian Kilcline**. His greatest achievement came in 1987 when he captained Coventry City to FA Cup final success. From Coventry, he moved on to Oldham Athletic but only made 10 appearances for the Latics before joining Newcastle United. He commanded a £90,000 fee when he joined the Robins in February of last year. Despite having been on the transfer list since April, his vast experience is helping to bring along Swindon's young players such as **Edwin Murray**. He came to the County Ground in 1988 before progressing through the youth ranks and signed as a professional in 1991. He will be looking to really establish himself as a first team regular this season.

Martin Line is another player in his second spell at the County Ground. The former Exeter City apprentice initially signed for £25,000 in July 1986 but just 93 days later he was on the move to Southend United where he made 138 appearances and scored 31 goals. It was Glen Hoddle who resigned him for Town in the summer of 1991 for a mere £15,000. This energetic midfielder is a box to box player who is capable of scoring a goal or two. Former England youth international **Jason Drysdale** is yet another player to join the Robins from Newcastle United. He is a quality defender who can also move into midfield when required. Similarly, former Norwich defender **Ian Culverhouse** has the ability to move forward from the back four into midfield. He is a vastly experienced player, having started his career at Tottenham Hotspur and then spending nearly a decade at Carrow Road. He signed in December of last year for a tribunal set fee of £250,000. Another player with experience of the top flight is **Paul Allen** who signed on a free transfer last month having been released by Southampton. His career stretches back to 1979 and West Ham United but it was following a £400,000 move to Spurs that he really started to make a name for himself. He made 377 appearances for Spurs before a £550,000 fee took him to the Dell.

Also in contention for a midfield spot this afternoon is 24 year old **Dean Hooper**. He arrived from non league Hayes for an initial fee of £15,000, and made his league debut shortly afterwards against Grimsby Town. In the same month, **Jamie Pitman** made his league debut having graduated through the youth set up. His impressive form has recently earned him a contract through to June of next year, and in the mean time he will be looking to firmly establish himself as a first team regular. In the same game his colleague **Ben Worral** also made his debut having progressed



through the ranks with Jamie. He will also be looking to make the breakthrough this term.

Young striker **Peter Thorne** has been in good form this season. He signed from Blackburn Rovers in January for an undisclosed fee and promptly set off like a house on fire by scoring 4 goals in his first two games. He had progressed through the youth team at Ewood Park, but found himself frozen out due to the number of quality strikers already established. He moved to Swindon for the prospect of first team football and so far, has settled in very well.

Top scorer for the Robins this season is **Steve Finney** who has been a revelation since his move in the summer. He is well known to manager Steve McMahon as he spent several years at Manchester City before being released in June. So far, he has notched 9 league goals this season and will be looking to add to that total this afternoon. His fellow striker **Wayne Allison** has also been banging them in this term. A football league tribunal ruled that Swindon had to pay £475,000 for his services during the summer when he moved from local rivals Bristol City. He was a firm favourite with the Ashton Gate fans and was top scorer for City last season and on his last visit to Edgeley Park he

hit a hat trick in a 4-0 FA Cup win.

Also available this afternoon are promising young midfield players **Ty Gooden** and **Lee Middleton** plus experienced former Wolves striker **Andy Mutch**.



Steve McMahon

The Manager

Steve McMahon was appointed player/manager at the end of November 1994 following the departure of John Gorman. He started his career as an associate schoolboy with Everton and made his league debut against Sunderland in August 1980.

He went on to register 11 goals in 100 league games for Everton before a £300,000 transfer to Aston Villa in the summer of 1983. By then Steve was a seasoned England Under 21 international, having made his debut against the Republic of Ireland at Fratton Park in February 1981 and he continued in the squad to be part of England's European Under 21 Championship winning side in 1984.

He moved on to Aston Villa and proved to be a midfield general of the highest quality but his career in the Midlands was short lived as Kenny Dalglish splashed out £375,000 to take him to Anfield. He won just about every honour in his time there, before Christmas Eve in 1991 brought a transfer to Maine Road.

He made the switch to the County Ground in November last year.



Season 1995/96



Swindon Town



Swindon's Recent Results

October

4	Blackburn Rovers (CCC2)	A	0-2	16924
7	Bristol City	H	2-0	11979
14	Brighton & H.A.	A	3-1	7808
17	Torquay	A	1-1	1135
21	Crewe Alexandra	H	2-1	12633
28	Notts County	A	3-1	8725
31	Bournemouth	A	0-0	6352

November

4	Blackpool	H	1-1	12470
8	Colchester Utd (AWS)	H	2-0	6222
11	Cambridge Utd (FA1)	H	4-1	7383

This season's scorers (all competitions):- Finney 12; Allison, Horlock 8; Taylor 3; Bodin, Gooden, O'Sullivan, Thorne 2; Allen, Beauchamp, Ling, Murray, Robinson 1

The 69er (oo er)

Available from: 26 Bydermill Gardens, Highworth, Swindon
Cheques to the 69er

Either Swindon are the nearest thing to Brazil 1970, or we have a fanzine here that thinks its team is a touch bigger than this division. Now where have I heard that before. A sensational start to life among the dead men, and The 69er (oo er) reflects this. Everything is sweetness and light down in Wiltshire, the fanzine is full of praising letters and they are starting to take to Mr McMahon. I reckon that might change as soon as the results go against them (or if!) Funniest bit reading The 69er (oo er) is that Swindon fans reckon they have a bit of a "Total Football" reputation. Anyone else remember Macari's Swindon side? Total Tyson, more like.

Still, the fanzine's okay, but that's all. Few funny bits, but too many match reports, and they call us "hoof n' hope" and predict a 1-0 away win. Nice mickey take of Man Utd fans on the back, who appear to more prevalent in Wiltshire than Town fans. Get everywhere. Perhaps we should call Rentokill.

Priced at 80p, it isn't great value for money. There are 40 pages to read, but all seem strangely empty of text, and there isn't much reading material for your dosh. Look out for that Mr McMahon, midfield.

Rob Beswick

Jeff's no Jigsaw

Main Picture: Jeff Eckhardt did not go pieces in the box last Saturday. His clinical finishing earned him his first ever hat-trick

Inset Top: Jeff takes the ball round the Lincoln keeper

Inset Middle: Jeff hits the ball goalwards

Inset Bottom: It's there! and Jeff's hat-trick is complete.



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BEST BIT



JIGSAW IS NO MORE!

Having taken so much stick from the rest of the lads for so long about going to pieces in the box, hence the nickname 'jigsaw', it must have given Jeff Eckhardt great enormous pleasure to notch a hat-trick last Saturday.

Despite having to fill in due to injuries, Jeff never once looked out of place and took his chances like a vintage centre-forward. He optimised a much improved team performance against Lincoln City, as County marched triumphantly into the second round and a home tie against Blyth Spartans. This offers a very real chance of making the third round, and the possibility of drawing one of the big guns. Let's hope that Jeff can carry his cup form into this afternoon's League clash with high flying Swindon Town and another 3 goals would be very welcome indeed.

Don't forget to listen for this afternoon's Carlsberg Man of the Match and let's give the lads as much vocal support as possible.

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1. What was the score last time Swindon Town played at Edgeley Park in the League
2. Who is the only player to have played in every play off game?
3. Who were the three County players who scored against Scunthorpe to gain promotion 1990-91
4. Against which team did Kevin Francis make his league debut for County?
5. Who was the manager at Stockport County from July to November 1996?
6. For which non league team do David Frain and Paul Wheeler now play?

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Imps Dumped!

Number eight for number ten... Alun Armstrong scored goal number eight for this season last Saturday

Top: Out of luck... Lincoln defender Jason Barnett looks desparingly at his interception which resulted in a terrific own goal.

Middle: On a flier... Alun scores the fifth goal with a brilliant diving header.

Bottom: Ace Aide... Aide Mike's brilliant diving header was cleared off the line.



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Dear Gladys

Following the recent criticism of the team and in particular Tom Bennett, I feel as though I ought to write in and offer my support. Although form has dipped of late I believe that we will soon turn the corner and start heading back up the table. We haven't really lost touch and if we manage to put five or six good results together we'll be right back in there.

Regarding the criticism of Tom Bennett I personally think that he is the best passer of a ball at the club. People say that he doesn't get stuck in. This just simply isn't true, it may appear that way due to his reluctance to go flying in and spend half the game on his backside. Tom anticipates and intercepts at the appropriate moment instead of committing himself immediately. I would also say that he gives the ball to the opposition less than any other player in the team. So the fans ought to get off his back and start appreciating him for what he is, a superbly skilful footballer.

Gladys: Couldn't agree more chuck and he's got nice eyes.

Dear Mystic Dick

When you predict Countys score you are always wrong. You have only ever got one score right and that was the 1-1 draw v Ipswich in the Coca Cola Cup. You never predict that County are going to lose. So if you predict that County are going to be beaten by Swindon, County might win. It has to be worth a try anyway. I go to all the Saturday home matches with my dad and my brother and we all enjoy reading the programmes.

Good luck in the future

Yours sincerely

Philip Goodwin

Aged 10 years

Gladys: Dick was out when your letter arrived so I've taken your letter. Hopefully Dick will take your advice today Philip, but because your letter was so good pick up a £5 gift voucher from the shop.

Dear Sir

On Saturday October the 28th I along with my wife, daughter, son in law and two little girls came to the match, on going out of the ground my wife, who was 70 the next day, tripped and fell, cutting her head, which needed 7 stitches in.

Almost at once a lady, who I think was one of your stewards, came to our assistance, and organised the paramedics, ambulance police and everything else and when the ambulance had taken my wife to the hospital, the lady then took my son in law, the two girls and myself to the hospital as we didn't know our way. We were parked on a street about 400 yards away when we got to the hospital she came into the hospital to see if my wife was alright and wished her a happy birthday for the next day.

The reason I am writing this little letter is to ask if you will pass on our sincere thanks to the lady for everything she did for us and also to everybody concerned with the incident. I don't know the lady's name, but I think she lives near the hospital.

Once again my sincere thanks to all concerned

Yours sincerely

A Harter
Chesterfield

Gladys: Well whoever the steward was well done. I once fell over coming out of the Brinnington Arms, but nobody picked me up in fact I haven't been picked up for years.

Dear Gladys

I must congratulate the club on the contents of the matchday magazine, but I am sure I am not alone in thinking the printers are going over the top with colours and back grounds. I used to enjoy reading the managers comments, visitors team news etc, while waiting for kick off but what with the various colours, and also small print, I find it impossible to do so, with out straining the eyes, with the light available in the stand.

The club should also be looking at the cost. Don't you think it is getting to the point where people are going to stop buying? I shall do so if no improvement is made.

Yours sincerely

W Loiners

Gladys: Ooh eck, a programme complaint, well the new design has been generally well received and unfortunately we can't do much about the price because the cost of paper has risen so sharply. (Well that's what the marketing dept told me)

Dear Gladys

After the recent home match (v Rotherham United) I felt I had to comment on the reaction of the crowd when the man of the match decision was made. They obviously strongly disagreed with this decision which they made clear. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, of course, and so I came up with an idea which will (hopefully) satisfy everyone. How about giving each fan a form as they enter the ground through the turnstiles? At the end of the match, they simply fill in who their man of the match was, and return the form at the next home game. The result could then be read out at half time. This would mean that the majority of the crowd would agree with the decision made. Could you please give this idea some consideration?

Thank you

Dawn Wainwright
Gorton

Gladys: Thank you for spending the time to write to us with your idea. Unfortunately, although in principal this is a good idea, it poses various practical problems. Hopefully the reaction at the match in question was an isolated incident as the fans generally agree with the man of the match decision. It was once said that I was a match for any man.



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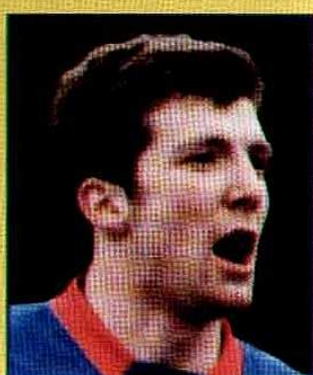
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What do all these players have in common?

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Votes are already being cast for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. The winners, dating back to 1954, have always been acknowledged as the man or woman who achieved most during the last 12 months. The leading candidate is very likely to be Frank Bruno for winning a version of the World heavyweight boxing championship, which, unfortunately, was seen by only a few. This somehow devalues the feat achieved by the athlete who should win the award for the most outstanding achievement this year. In establishing the world triple jump record and capturing the imagination of millions of viewers, Jonathan Edwards deserves to win the prestigious award.

Now, whilst there is nothing wrong with Bruno winning the title due to his popularity and likeable nature, the BBC would be presented with a major problem if the viewers votes are true to expectations: the film of Bruno winning his particular world title belongs to Sky Sports.

If this presents the BBC with a headache, then consider the Team of the Year award. Perhaps the simplest of choices, viewers are most likely to opt for the European Ryder Cup winning team. All the video tapes of that wonderful weekend also belong to Sky Sports. We await the outcome, as usual, with bated breath. Will the BBC be able to buy the tapes, or will Sky Sports spoil what is traditionally one of the biggest nights in the TV sporting calendar?

For those of us - and there will be many - who tune in to BBC's Premiership highlights in the form of Match of The Day on Saturday nights, a lie in bed on Sunday is rapidly becoming a necessity, as the timing of the BBC's flagship soccer programme is getting later and later. Tonight, MoTD kicks off at 10.55pm and next week's at roughly the same time. In order to retain screening of the Premiership, surely it has to be shown at a more civilised time.

Additionally, the UK snooker championships from Preston has no evening coverage at all, only after noons and the highlights rarely start before midnight. What are the BBC trying to do - drive us all towards those ugly dishes?

There are evidently big bucks in baseball. Greg Maddux, who helped the Atlanta Braves win their first ever World Series last month (only US teams take part), has been voted National League pitcher of the year for the fourth consecutive season. Maddux, who led the league in wins (19), fewest runs conceded per game (1.63) and complete games (10) will earn a \$750,000 (£485,000) bonus for winning the award on top of his annual salary of \$5 million (£3.5 million).

Today's first rugby union professional international matches can expect to witness a deluge of unhappy punters bearing invalid tickets. At Twickenham, latest prices for a ticket are £400-£450 and if you go for the full marquee with chicken wings and endless plonk, add another £300 on top. Which, all in all, is a sizeable chunk of anyone's life-savings, let alone monthly salary, to line some tout's pocket. It has come to the attention of the RFU that two tickets sent to Leicester Rugby Club for last season's England-France fixture, ended up as a batch of six bought from a company called Event Sports for £1,200. The same batch included two from the French Rugby Federation, the French equivalent of our own RFU.

Another ticket came from a prison team called Glen Parva Pirates. Some of their members might have had some difficulty reaching Twickenham on the day!

The Leicester ticket affair was fully investigated and the member who had been allocated the tickets - could not attend the game due to family illness. He passed them on to a friend in the pub. Not a clever thing to do - he has now been banned from receiving tickets for three years, which is not the end of the world because he can pick some up over a pint in the local!

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A Little Help ... Helps

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Edgeley Park for a game I am sure we have all been looking forward to.

Sometimes we all need a helping hand



If it is just half as entertaining as last Saturday's match with Lincoln then I am sure we are all in for an enjoyable afternoon. Speaking of last Saturday it provided another example of the excellent commercial support that currently exists here at County. We were in a situation where the proposed match sponsor for the cup match with Lincoln was forced to pull out for personal reasons leaving us sponsorless with only days to go before the tie. However within a matter of hours up popped our good friends from Mayfair Cars to offer to sponsor the match. This is typical of Eric, Shaun and all the management at Mayfair, their support is unbelievable and whilst it is never ideal to be

looking for a sponsor at the eleventh hour we all need a little help sometimes and it is nice to know that we have such loyal and helpful sponsors like Mayfair.

Of course Mayfair were rewarded by an excellent match and a comprehensive 5-0 victory earning us a second round home tie against Blyth Spartans on December 2nd.

So thank you to Mayfair and indeed to our sponsors this afternoon namely Dean Print and our matchball sponsors T.N. Robinson Ltd.

Sadly I must finish this afternoon on a particularly sad note. A little over a fortnight ago, one of our most loyal sponsors and indeed a very good personal friend of mine, Dennis Levy, passed away after a serious illness.

Dennis who was better known to County fans via his Company Fernwood Business Services, had been a County fan for as long as I can remember, Dennis had been a major sponsor for the club for the last five years and indeed had already sponsored two matches this season. Aged just 62 Dennis leaves behind his lovely wife June and their two children Craig and Kerry of whom he was immensely proud.

Along with everyone else here at Edgeley Park I will dearly miss Dennis, he had almost become a part of the furniture at County and was very popular with staff and players alike.

As his wife said to me this week "County brought a lot of pleasure to Dennis' life," and Dennis made a valuable contribution to the club he loved. We pass on to June, Craig and Kerry and all his family our very dearest wishes at this sad time.

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Another Scalp for Giant Killers County

The womens FA Cup is a real favourite for Stockport County Ladies as for the second time in three years the team reached the fourth round of the illustrious competition.

Dear Elaine...

Firstly may I take this opportunity to congratulate the team on their FA Cup victory over Lincoln City. The reason I am writing this letter is to ask about the junior season tickets for the Barlow Stand, both my niece and my nephew purchased such tickets at the beginning of the season. At the time we believed that buying season tickets would be less expensive than buying tickets before every match. However, due to the fact that several matches this season have been free for children, it has ended up being more expensive. Whilst I think that free tickets for children is in itself, a great idea, it is unfair that season ticket holders are losing out, what about giving the junior season ticket holders free tickets for the next FA Cup match? (Against Blyth Spartans).
Yours sincerely

Gillian Houghton
Reddish

ELAINE: -Thank you for your comments. We are, at present, trying to encourage the younger generation to attend matches, which is why free tickets have been issued. Unfortunately we are not allowed to extend these offers to cup matches. We apologise for any inconvenience, but I am sure you will agree that £60 for a season ticket is an excellent price.

It truly is a magnificent achievement for a lower division regional club that only has two years league experience. The latest big scalp was Bronte Ladies who play their football in the National League, three divisions above County. Bronte, champions of their regional league to reach national status, weren't just beaten by the youthful County they were absolutely hammered. Had the visitors taken even half of the numerous chances they created Bronte would have been looking at a humiliating six or seven goal thrashing. Not that anybody was complaining about the 3-1 win that now gives County a real glamour tie at home to Premier League Wembley, one of the top ten teams in the country.

The Bronte game itself was incredibly one sided with the Bradford outfit only creating three opportunities to score. At the other end it was like the alamo. Louise Cockburn, Sarah McDonah, Stacy Copeland, Michele Tighe, Sue Walsh and Jane Fox all had sights of goal during the first half but County had to settle for only a one goal

lead at the break. Tighe started the move with a raking pass to Walsh on the wing. Walsh crossed, McDonagh flicked on and Fox buried the chance clinically. Bronte's defence were constantly hassled by the hard working Walsh and Tighe as County defended from the front.

The second half was a resumption of the first with County completely outplaying Bronte. Cockburn missed a gift Tighe lashed a shot into the side netting Walsh forced a fine save but a second had to come. Again the Tighe/Walsh partnership worked Tighe out to Walsh who skinned the full back before unleashing a stunning strike into the top corner.

Bronte pulled a goal back after County had tried to dribble their way out of their own area and got caught. It hardly made any difference.



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Party Time

Right, I could well look a complete prat by the time you read this (more so than I do normally, I mean), but anyway... I'm writing this on Tuesday evening, the day before England play Switzerland at Wembley. By the time it's printed, England may have had a superb win, in which they dominated in every area of the field - a performance the like of which hasn't been seen by an England crowd for many many years. Alternatively, they may have performed poorly yet again. I'll just take the chance.

I have to confess that I wanted to write this piece a few weeks ago, after the pathetic performance against Norway. Being a satellite dish owner, I had the full game inflicted on me live, and it wasn't pretty, I can tell you. Then I watched as the England management, rather than facing the criticism direct, hid behind a defensive wall constructed to fend off tabloid criticism. Their attitude seemed to be that the tabloids were whipping up a frenzy of unjustified criticism simply in order to sell newspapers.

Well, I don't read a tabloid. I also don't have my opinions formed for me by newspapers, of whatever size. I watched the game against Norway and came to the conclusion, all by myself, that it was absolutely dire, as did many other non-tabloid reading people I spoke to.

I'll admit that I, like most others I think it's fair to say, wasn't particularly unhappy when Venables got the England position. He wouldn't have been my first choice - I would have gone for Wilkinson or Keegan - but I wasn't unhappy with him getting the job. It was only after the poor performances started to happen in earnest that I was reminded of a piece we ran in "The Tea Party" a couple of years ago, which pointed out how relatively poor Venables' record as a manager was.

But why was I, like those others, if not convinced that - as some were - that he was "the right man for the job", not unhappy at his appointment? I've come to the conclusion that it is because Venables is the master of talking a good game. Think back to



Terry Venables.. the master of talking a good game.

his regular jousts with Jimmy Hill on the Beeb after England internationals. Now whilst Jimmy Hill is to reasoned football discussion what Freddie Starr is to reasoned political debate, it was fair to say that Venables really did seem to know what he was talking about. It therefore seemed logical that he would be able to put the ability to talk a good game into practice as England's coach. Sadly, it seems not.

Take his much discussed "Christmas Tree" formation. It may seem good on paper, and, indeed, many club sides may well have used it to good effect. But it isn't working for England. Fact. When a class goalscorer like Alan Shearer doesn't score for over a year, despite knocking goals in for fun in most other games he plays, surely questions have to be asked. Not, seemingly, by Tel. In dig his heels, and out trots the Christmas Tree.

Now, okay, I accept that the tactics he employs may well come good eventually, and when they do, Venables may well become the first England manager to win

the European Championship. I doubt it, but it's a possibility. However, an accusation which in many ways is worse than

merely employing poor tactics is picking your mates. For the Switzerland game, he bowed to pressure and abandoned his lone striker tactics; I refuse to accept, however, that, in a list of top England strikers which encompasses Shearer, Ferdinand, Collymore, Fowler and Sheringham, Teddy Sheringham is second only to Alan Shearer. Similarly, I refuse to accept that Dennis Wise is worth his place, whilst Matt Le Tissier isn't. Ah but doesn't Teddy play for Spurs? And doesn't Dennis drink at Scribes West?

Anyway, I'll stop now, and watch what happens tomorrow. In many ways, I hope that I do end up looking like a prat by the time you read this. If nothing else, it'll have meant that I spent a pleasant couple of hours on Wednesday evening rather than sending my blood pressure through the roof shouting at the telly.



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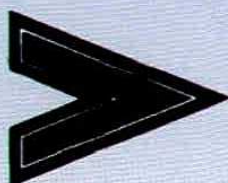
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Chris Peel looks at our soccer neighbours

Concentrating on the League

What Bradford City could not quite achieve, Bury unfortunately did manage last Tuesday evening. The Shakers suffered the misfortune to be dumped out of all three cup competitions within a week, or eight days to be more precise.

Following their unfortunate last minute demise at Reading in the Coca Cola Cup, Bury played hosts to Blyth Spartans in the FAC on Saturday. We all know who won, as Blyth will be here at Edgeley Park in a fortnight, but the error committed by Gary Kelly in the Bury goal will haunt the talented keeper all season. A mad rush out of goal, a failed dribble and Richard Bond put Blyth one up. Tommy Ditchburn added a second, a result you would think would guarantee David McCreery a more permanent role than that of caretaker manager surprisingly, Peter Harrison became Blyth's new boss after the game.

That nightmare for Kelly explains his demise in the Bury match ratings to third equal, scoring 6.64 on average, an identical score to that of Lee Bracey who filled Kelly's position in nets whilst the Irishman was injured. Chris Locketti is the top Shaker currently scoring a fine 7.00 with Tom Rigby on 6.72 in second place.

On Tuesday Bury's woes were complete when a nil nil home draw with Wigan dumped the Shakers out of the Autowindscreens Shield you can concentrate on the league now lads! No game for Manchester City last Saturday, but Alan Ball has been busy in the transfer market in the interim. Terry Phelan has returned to London, in a move to Chelsea which had originally hit problems over Phelan's personal demands he wanted a large signing on fee, claiming he was entitled as he had not asked for a transfer.

In the end, it seems City cut the asking price to save them paying Phelan his £4000 a week wages. The player who cost £2.5 million from Wimbledon three years ago was originally on offer at £1 million this time around.

Of course with no Premiership action the newspaper boys have nothing to write about hence the transfer stories that have dominated the back pages recently. Lee Sharpe is off to Chelsea, having hired the same agent used by Mark Hughes and John McGinley is away to Celtic, in return for Andy Walker, Willie Falconer and £1 million. Time will tell if any of these stories contains any substance.

Rochdale seem certain to attract some bids for their players before long. The exciting start to the Spotland season continued last week with a fine 5-3 win over Rotherham in the FA Cup. The Dale looked home and dry at half time, going into the break 3-0 up, but four goals in the last 20 minutes made the result a lot closer. Paul Moulden, Jason Peake and Steve Whitehall gave Dale that half time lead within the first 20 minutes before Peake's second four minutes after the break made Dale Invincible.

A Shaun Goater penalty on 72 minutes reduced the arrears, only for Moulden to restore Dale's four goal advantage within two minutes. Two Millers goals in the last nine minutes restored respectability to the scoreline.

Likely targets for the big clubs coming to new Mick Docherty's stars are Steve Whitehall, Paul Butler and Jason Peake, who are top of the Dale's match ratings on 7.11 per game. The veteran defender Peter Valentine is next on the list on a healthy 6.89. That shows perhaps why Dale are having a good season constant high marks there for defender midfield men and forwards alike.

Nice to see Wigan feature in "Match of the Day" at Runcorn in the Cup no doubt made more nationally news worthy with their "Three Amigos" tag. Indeed it was Robert Martinez who put John Deehan's side ahead, only for Mike Bignall to earn the corn a replay. Martinez tops Wigan ratings with a high 7.28 score.



The Things They Say...

Alan Armstrong has two balls!



Rutts makes a welcome return to this page this afternoon with yet another careless whisper. He turned up late for a departmental managers meeting with a handful of pens. Dave Coxon, upon noticing this, said "Where've you been John, getting us some pens?" To which John replied "No, I've just been getting these pens." Err, yeah thanks for that J.R. His colleague Steve Bellis may be good with words but he certainly ain't a figures man. Whilst driving Neil Edwards to a school talk on Thursday he enquired how old Neil's daughter was. "Six months," replied Neil. "Oh really," Steve continued, "how long have you had her for?" However, Neil was to have his own hiccup at the school talk when he was explaining to the children what he had eaten for dinner. He said that he'd had steak and kidney pie, peas, boiled potatoes, carrots and washed it all down with apple custard! Well, I suppose it must be bring a bottle in the Edwards' household.

The main office staff have been showing just how much faith they have in Bish's handywork this week, whilst he was putting up shelves. He walked in to find the entire staff sitting there with

hard hats on their heads, in readiness for the commencement of work. Of course, Bish didn't need one anyway, as nature has catered for him perfectly in that department.

The yellow jersey this week has to go to Jeff Eckhardt for some of his comments in the newspapers last week. Whilst being interviewed about the game in which he had notched a hat-trick he made the astonishing claim that he had bought the Lincoln City goalkeeper a pint after the game! The rest of the lads wish it to be known that Jeff Eckhardt has never bought a round of drinks in his life! So there we are Jeff, this week's yellow jersey is all yours and I'll see you after the game, in the bar for a drink. No, all right then, maybe next time.

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GAZZA HIT THE HEADLINES

Paul Gascoigne's latest performance for Rangers has brought him some unwanted attention in the media. The England international appeared to butt one player and make contact with his elbow on Paul Bernard's face. The referee did not book Gascoigne but the incidents are now being investigated by both the SFA and Strathclyde Police.

HOME AT LAST

Livingstone played their first game at home in their new Almondvale Stadium. The crowd was the ground capacity of 4000. Over the past few years the opening fixtures at the new ground such as Broadwood and Forthbank have seen regular supporters locked out while 'ground hoppers' have filled the ground. Just for the record the match finished Livingstone 1 East Sterling 1.

PIERRE'S THE BOY

Celtic's Dutch striker Pierre Van Hooydonk score a goal in each half to give the Bhoys a 2-1 win over local rivals Partick Thistle. The win brings Celtic to within two points of Old Firm rivals Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier League.

BAD TURN OUT

The crowd for the match between

Cowdenbeath and Albion Rovers was a paltry 218. Its lowest crowd for any league match this season. Those who bothered to turn up saw Wood hit a hat-trick which gave Cowdenbeath (aka the Blue Brazil) a 4-1 win.

YOUNG SCOTS GO MARCHING ON

Scotland's Under 21 side beat San Marino 1-0 to go through to the quarter finals of the European Championships. The only goal of the game was an own goal by Valentini. The young Scots won seven games in a row and finished five points clear of Finland and twelve clear of Russia.

FALDO SEES RED

Dumbarton's goalkeeper Ian 'FALDO' McFarlane was sent off for the first time in his career against Airdrie last weekend. The referee sent him off for retaliation after he appeared to be kicked by an Airdrie attacker, the referee did award the free kick to Dumbarton. Airdrie won the game 2-1.

BACK TO EARTH

A week after winning the Scottish Challenge Cup, their first in 111 years, Stenhousemuir faced local rivals Stirling Albion in a league match. Stirling won 2-1 with second half goals from McInnes and Bone to gain back a bit of local pride.

Reflections

Skipper Mike Flynn looks back on last Saturday's F.A. Cup win.

After some indifferent League performances, last Saturday was a good chance to take a break from the league and make progress in the F.A. Cup. We were under no illusions about it being an easy game, Lincoln had just gone three games unbeaten and they were out to impress their new manager John Beck.

A new manager always makes a big difference, but we performed brilliantly. As I was warming up one of the regulars in the crowd shouted to me "If we can't put five past these today we might as well forget it". I replied, "I'll settle for one-nil".

As it turned out he was right and I will be looking for him today, so that he can tell me the final outcome of our match with Swindon.

The lads were on a hiding to nothing against Lincoln, everyone expected us to win, and, thankfully, we did just that. I was particularly pleased because I felt that it was a triumph for football over long ball, and it showed how strong our division is in comparison with the lower end of the third. We knocked it about well and Lincoln had no answer. John Beck has had success at Cambridge and Preston with his route one style but in the end teams find you out and if they are good enough knock the ball about round you.

'Becky' spoke to me after the match - he just said "Well played" and shook me by the hand.

Jeff took the headlines on the day but everyone played well and I was particularly pleased for Alun Armstrong. Alun has taken a lot of stick, but he has taken it on the chin and on Saturday he played well and scored. Hopefully this will be the start of a good run for him.

With the injuries clearing up, Jonesy will now have selection problems, especially with our two new signings, Ben Thornley and John Jeffers. Ben has settled in well, although he admits it is very different here training wise. Apparently there is very little contact allowed in training at Old Trafford, whereas here anything goes, so he is enjoying life at both ends of the spectrum.

John Jeffers has settled in too, he has a quality left foot and impressed in the reserves on Wednesday night.

Today we meet Swindon, who still have the nucleus of a Premiership team and must be a good bet for going straight back up. They play football and are strong at the back, rather like ourselves, so it should be a good game. As long as we get the right result it doesn't really matter!

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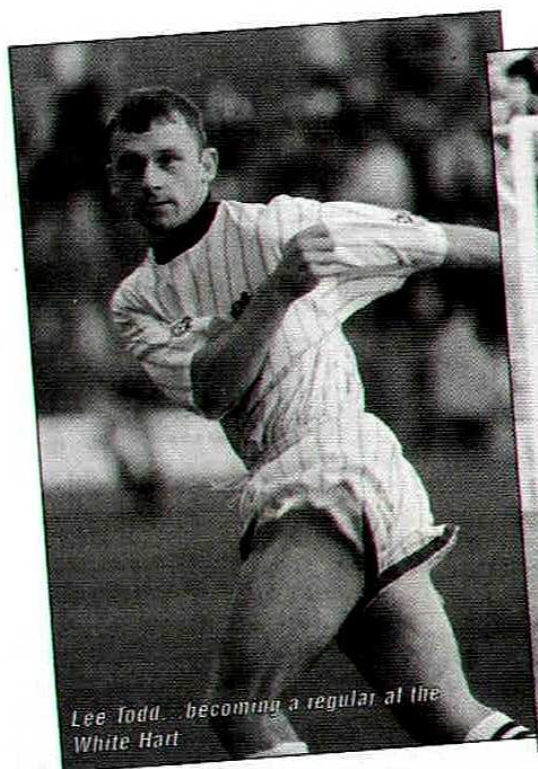
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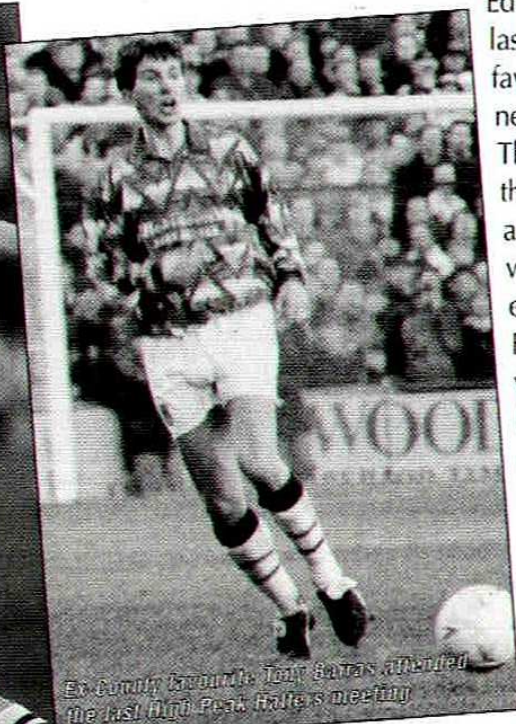
This has certainly been a very busy time for the High Peak Hatters. Last weekend saw the start of the County Quiz League and what a great effort by our team on the night. On Sunday a Pop Quiz was held at the White Hart. Last night a free family swim was held at New Mills Leisure Centre. Incidentally a free 5 aside night will be held early in the new year. Our Christmas night at the Sycamore on December 16th is now fully booked.

Onto the playing side and our victory over Lincoln was certainly well over due but congratulations to the lads especially to Jeff Eckhardt. The draw has been kind to us and round three looks to be on the cards and if so should County be drawn away we will be running transport. So far this season we have run to Blackpool, Shrewsbury, Aston Villa and York, with more trips already planned. For all travel enquiries please phone Dave Barlow on 01663 765425. Our thanks go to Jim Gannon, Lee Todd and Neil

Edwards who attended our last meeting along with ex-favourite Tony Barras. The next meeting is on Thursday December 7th at the White Hart, New Mills and starts at 7.30. There will be a disco and an extensive free buffet. Everyone is most welcome especially the kids so why not come along and join us. Don't forget if you would like more information about the High Peak Hatters please phone me on 01663 744649.



Lee Todd... becoming a regular at the White Hart



Ex-County favourite Tony Barras attended the last High Peak Hatters meeting



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COCA COLA LEAGUE CUP THIRD ROUND Aston Villa 2 (Ehioqu, Yorke) County 0

This was a fine performance from County and one that the near three thousand following could certainly be proud of. Villa are going very well in the Premier this season, they have a squad that cost a fortune to put together and includes some talented players. However, County did manage to match them for the majority of the game and in the first half came very close to taking a lead.

Alan Armstrong worked hard, but had no joy at Villa



Our excellent supporters at Villa Park



launched one of his bombs into the box which Villa again cleared. The clearance went straight back to Flynn who struck a tremendous half volley from outside the area. Normally you may expect one of these to fly anywhere I myself was quite shocked to see it flying goalwards but not quite as surprised as Bosnich who appeared to get to the ball very late. County had a further chance from the resulting corner, sadly Chalks shot was rather tame and on the occasion Bosnich saved easily. It wasn't all County in the first half and, as you would expect from a Premier side, they created a few decent chances. The best of these fell to man of the match Ehioqu following a Villa corner. He possibly had too much time as he rose unmarked, only six yards out. I had to laugh, I wasn't alone, as his placed header flew embarrassingly well wide. Almost inevitably Ugo had the last laugh. With about an hour of the game up he started a move, ran into the box and got onto the end of a good cross to give Edwards no chance with a powerful header. Seven minutes later Villa went two up and effectively killed the

County played an attacking formation with two wingers and this bold move caused problems for Villa early in the game. Both Lloyd-Williams and Chalk got behind the home defensive but a lack of players in the box and some wayward crossing let Villa off the hook. County's best chance

of the game came around about the 20 minute mark. County pressure had forced a corner which was whipped into the box but well cleared for a throw in. Mike Flynn

game. Dwight Yoke took up a pass and sold Flynn the cheekiest of dummies. He then ran from the halfway line, left the rest of the defence behind him and then beat Edwards with well placed shot. I suppose it could have got worse. Peterborough lost 6-0 in their Coca Cola tie at Villa Park but County pulled themselves together again. Not only did they stop the Villa threat they also came close to scoring. Jeff Eckhardt put a header just over the bar and Jim Gannon had a header clear off the line following a corner. Incidentally, my man of the match was Jim Gannon he had an excellent game and made the Villa attack look rather ordinary.

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Villa Fans - only sing when they're winning.

Ground - Looks like one of the best, shame there was no space for my arms, legs and feet.

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Sweet F.A.

I was all excited on Saturday night. I left the pub early after our Cup victory against Lincoln to ensure that I didn't miss match of the day. I mean we had won 5-0 we were bound to be on and the cameras were actually there.

So at around 10.50pm I settled down with Chinese take away on knee trying my damndest not to get Satay Sauce on my shirt, with my eyes glued to the box.

I expected the non league sides to feature heavily, particularly those who had succeeded in dumping out league opponents but still, when I saw Carlisle v Preston featured I remained full of hope, than it went off.

I couldn't believe it, had I fallen asleep? No, I can't have done because I still had the Chinese on my knee and my face was food free.

Somewhat dejected and wishing I had stayed in the pub I went to bed. Even the coverage on Sky the next day failed to give us a showing, but at least Andy 'you've got to hit the target from there' Gray gave us a mention when the second round draw was made.

As you are all aware we were paired with those giant killing experts Blyth Spartans here at Edgeley Park a tie we are all looking forward to. Andy Gray brought a smile to my face by stating "no one would fancy a trip to Stockport County" or something like that.

Unfortunately it seems that the television companies also hold

out little hope for the non league because we have not been featured as a live game. Apparently had the tie been at Blyth

then it would have been a different story, but I think I prefer take them on here, thank you very much.

Thankfully I was only six the last time we met Blyth Spartans and didn't even know that the FA Cup existed so I missed the 1-0 defeat but I have been given the gory details by many of the County faithful;

It will be a tricky afternoon on December 2nd these non league ties can be a pain because only we have anything to lose.

Today won't exactly be easy either with top of the table Swindon arriving here for the first time since February 3rd 1986 when we lost 2-0. That same season I was one of the 12 who stood in the away end at the County Ground watching us hand out a 1-0 defeat. I will never forget the Swindon fans singing 'You must have come in a taxi' and thinking to myself 'well three taxis actually'. The team we fielded last time we met Swindon included heroes such as Steve Cammack (remember him or not!) Malcolm Paskett (tee hee) and Johnny Rutter, yes the John Rutter and of course we lost. Actually the 1985/86 season was one of our most successful seasons in the eighties. We finished 11th in the league, which was quite admirable not so the FA Cup where Ifford knocked us out here at Edgeley Park, but don't mention it to John Rutter. Anyway back to today and a warm welcome to everybody who has travelled here from Swindon, I hope you have a safe journey home.

Finally, it seems I was not alone in my complaints about the size of the new Yorkie bars. one national tabloid slammed the disgraceful reduction in size, and ever since the bars have been reduced to 29p instead of 34p. Just thought I'd mention it.

An FA Cup tie against non league opponents can be a painful experience



7UP again for Mickeys Men

Stars on Sunday

The Supporters Club first team were in mean mood again on Sunday as they took an Comforth Reserves at Woodley. Carny were no doubt hoping to avenge the 4-0 semi-final cup defeat inflicted upon them by the supporters in April of this year. They made the perfect start taking the lead within 5 minutes. Unfortunately for Carnforth the first team are made of stern stuff these days and they rattled in four goals before half time.

The key to there success was a midfield partnership of Mike Peet and Andy Harrop, who had just returned from a spell with the second team. Unfortunately this duo will not be together for too long because Peet flies off to Australia for a six week break at the end of the month.

Once again the first team found their goalscoring feet and managed to net another three goals in the second half making it a rather convincing 7-1 scoreline. The awesome John Harwood scored another hatrick taking his season tariff, so far to 15. Also on target was top scorer Tony Varley with goals from Mike Peet, Andy Thompson and Mike Short making up the total.

Paul Aspinalls second team meanwhile travel to Juno United Reserves in a league clash. The seconds were knocked out of the Buffalo Cup on Sunday by league rivals AC Milford. Despite boosted by the return of key striker Chris Jolley the second team never found their feet against a more determined Milford side.

The home side scored first but in form Ryan Beaver soon levelled. The supporters were then dealt a hefty blow when full back Glen Shorrocks was forced to limp out of the action.

Some uneasy defending allowed Milford to net two more before the supporters hit back again through Paul Chapman. The supporters pressed forward and were caught out on the break by Milford who completed their victory with another fine strike.

The seconds travel to Juno for the second time, with the Cheadle based side unable as field side for the original fixture.

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Glen Shorrocks...limped out of the action at AC Milford



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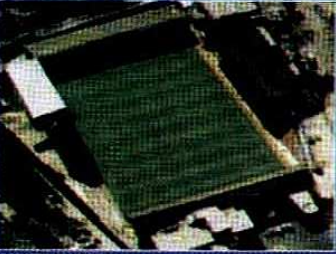
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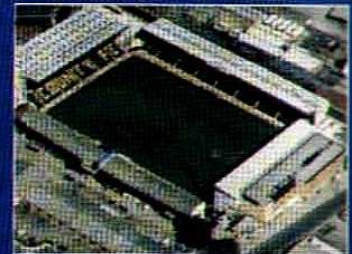
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19th	BURNLEY	0-0	-	8463	2119	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
26th	Bristol City	0-1	11	7721	379	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
29th	SWANSEA	2-0	8	4433	115	Edwards	Connelly	Todd X	Bennett	Flynn
SEPT	CREWE	1-1	8	6142	852	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
5th	Wrexham C.C. Cup 1 (2)	2-2	n/a	2769	558	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
9th	Blackpool	1-0	5	6602	1930	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
12th	Notts County	0-1	8	4588	582	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
16th	WYCOMBE	1-1	8	5588	371	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
19th	IPSWICH TOWN C.C. Cup 2 (1)	1-1	-	4,865	356	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn X
23rd	Shrewsbury	2-1	6	2,518	726	Edwards	Connelly	Todd X	Bennett	Flynn X
26th	CHESTERFIELD (Auto Windscreen)	1-1	-	2152	212	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
30th	BOURNEMOUTH	3-1	5	5655	190	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
OCT	Ipswich Town C.C. Cup 2 (2)	2-1	-	9,262	226	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
3rd	Oxford	1-2	6	5646	465	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
7th	BRENTFORD	1-1	6	6,228	311	Edwards	Connelly	Todd X	Bennett X	Flynn
14th	Hull	1-1	10	3,496	383	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
21st	Aston Villa (C.C. Cup 3)	0-2	-	17,679	2,789	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
25th	CHESTERFIELD	0-1	10	6,287	962	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett X	Flynn
28th	ROTHERHAM	1-1	12	4,070	326	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
NOV	York	2-2	11	3,101	453	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
4th	Notts County (Auto Windscreen)	0-1	-	2015	132	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
7th	LINCOLN CITY (FA Cup 1)	5-0	-	3952	402	Edwards	Connelly	Todd	Bennett	Flynn
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18th	Bristol Rovers									
DEC	25th	Coca Cola Cup 4								
29th	2nd	BLYTH SPARTANS (FA Cup 2)								
2nd	9th	SHREWSBURY								
16th	Bournemouth									
19th	Peterborough									
26th	CARLISLE									
JAN	30th	WREXHAM								
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6th	BRADFORD									
10th	Coca Cola Cup 5									
13th	Barnley									
FEB	20th	WALSALL								
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10th	Bradford									
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Club Historian Richard Harnwell looks at the career of Bill Atkins

Past Portraits

A regular goalgetter at each of his six league clubs. Bill Atkins was a commanding six footer, deadly in the air but also graceful on the ground, joining Stockport County in time for the push on Division Two during the late sixties.

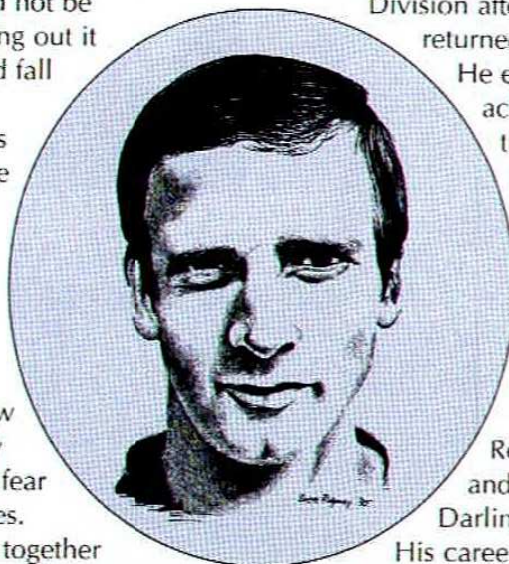
With the Fourth Division Championship almost wrapped up, Manager Jimmy Meadows was looking to the future when attempting to sign Atkins from Halifax Town, who had listed him three weeks previously.

As the deadline day for transfers arrived in March 1967, County had agreed a part-exchange which would take midfielder David Shawcross to The Shay.

Shawcross, however, could not be found and with time running out it looked as if the deal would fall through. When he was eventually contacted it was a mad rush to complete the deal, with Atkins signing four minutes before the deadline.

Bill scored in his second game for County at Crewe, but it was the arrival of Jim Fryatt that saw the emergence of a County strike force that would put fear into Third Division defences.

Their one and only season together saw 38 goals scored and after Fryatt left Atkins was top scorer in 68-69 with 18 goals. Bill was born in Solihull in May 1939 and after amateur spells with Birmingham City and Aston Villa was to make his League debut for Swindon Town in 1959.



His Swindon career was interrupted by National Service but he did win promotion with them to Division Two and, after scoring the winner in the F.A. Cup 4th Round, played in the 5th against eventual champions W.H.U. He joined Halifax Town in August '65, where manager Willie Watson was responsible for giving Bill his polish as he scored in almost every other game.

Portsmouth offered him a return to the 2nd Division after Stockport, but after 11 games returned for his second spell with Halifax.

He equalled his goal scoring tally achieved at Edgeley Park - 37, in three years, before ending his career with

Rochdale and Darlington.

His career total, 157 league goals, came from 446 matches, when he stopped playing at 35 years of age.



The Portrait

The etched portrait on this page is one of a series done by local artist and indeed County steward Steve Ridgway. Each match we will give one print of the portrait shown as a prize to the first person pulled out of the hat that answers a certain question correctly. So here goes for a portrait of Bill.

How many games did he play at Edgeley Park for County?

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Division Two Round Up

It was touch and go last Saturday whether Bradford City would go out of their third cup within five days, as Burton Albion held the Bantams at 3-3 at half time in their clash at Valley Parade.

Having already lost to Norwich in the Coca Cola, and the next day being dumped out of the Autowindscreen Shield on lots, a run in the FA Cup took on whole new importance. Things began well enough, with two goals from Paul Showler giving City an early advantage.

Rhodes pulled one back with a 27th minute penalty only for Gary Robson to restore Bradford's two goal advantage within two minutes. Then came the

drama two goals from Stride in the closing minutes of the half left the tie level. That is the way it stayed until two minutes from time, when Ian "the stick"

Ormondroyd popped up to win the tie.

Other FA Cup performances of note came from Shrewsbury, Oxford, Swansea and of course County! Shrewsbury started the season slowly but are now mid table in Division Two and got their FA Cup campaign off to a flying start with an 11-2 demolition of Marine at Gay Meadow.

Marine defender Keith Proctor was the man to blame, his own goal started the rout in the 3rd minute. The Shrews were only four up at the break, but really went to town in the second half as

their part time opponents tired both physically and mentally. Most Shrewsbury players seem to have hit the net last Saturday, but the honours must go to Dean Spink, with a hat trick and Peter Whiston who chipped in with a duo.

Oxford came close to emulating the Shrews, hitting Dorchester hard in the 9-1 victory. Again, the second half saw most of the goals, the score at the break being a modest 2-0. Paul Moody was the man to score the hat trick at the Manor Ground, and the Dorchester consolation was indeed that, a last minute penalty.

Swansea also had lots of goals in their tie at Fulham

all at the wrong end as the Cottagers caused a shock with a stunning 7-0 romp over their opponents from a higher division. The goals were more evenly spread here with three by half time and four after the break. Mike Conroy was the man to score a treble in this game, the third coming on the hour.

On the news front, Brentford's Nick Forster is out for 8 weeks with knee ligament damage. Carlisle have taken Gary Bennett on a free from Sunderland, the player having spent the last 12 years at Roker Park.

Bradford City have pulled out of a £300,000 deal to take Shaun Goater from Rotherham but have re-signed Lee Duxbury from Huddersfield for £135,000, only 11 months after he moved to that club for a £325,000 fee!

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Crewe Alex.	15	6	1	0	15	5	3	3	2	15	11	31	
Notts County	16	5	1	2	14	8	4	3	1	12	7	31	
Wycombe W	16	3	4	1	10	8	4	3	1	14	7	28	
Blackpool	16	5	2	1	12	5	3	2	8	11	10	28	
Chesterfield	16	6	1	1	16	6	2	2	4	7	9	27	
Burnley	16	5	2	1	16	8	2	3	3	9	10	26	
Bradford C	16	5	1	2	14	11	2	2	4	9	14	24	
Wrexham	16	4	3	1	14	11	2	3	3	7	9	24	
Stockport C	16	2	5	1	9	6	3	2	3	9	8	22	
Bournemouth	16	4	2	2	11	9	2	2	4	7	10	22	
Oxford United	16	5	1	2	14	8	0	5	3	6	10	24	
Bristol R	16	2	2	4	8	14	4	1	3	9	11	21	
Shrewsbury T	16	4	0	4	12	10	2	2	4	10	15	20	
Rotherham	16	5	3	0	15	7	0	2	6	6	15	20	
Peterborough	16	4	2	2	15	8	0	4	4	6	17	18	
Swansea	16	3	3	2	12	9	1	3	4	6	13	18	
Walsall	16	2	4	2	11	10	2	1	5	5	6	17	
Bristol C	16	3	3	2	8	5	1	2	4	5	14	17	
York C	16	2	3	3	9	10	2	0	6	8	17	15	
Brentford	16	4	0	4	8	8	0	3	5	4	14	15	
Carlisle United	16	3	3	2	9	6	0	2	6	7	19	14	
Brighton	16	2	2	4	8	11	1	1	6	5	15	12	
Hull City	16	1	4	3	6	10	0	3	5	4	13	10	

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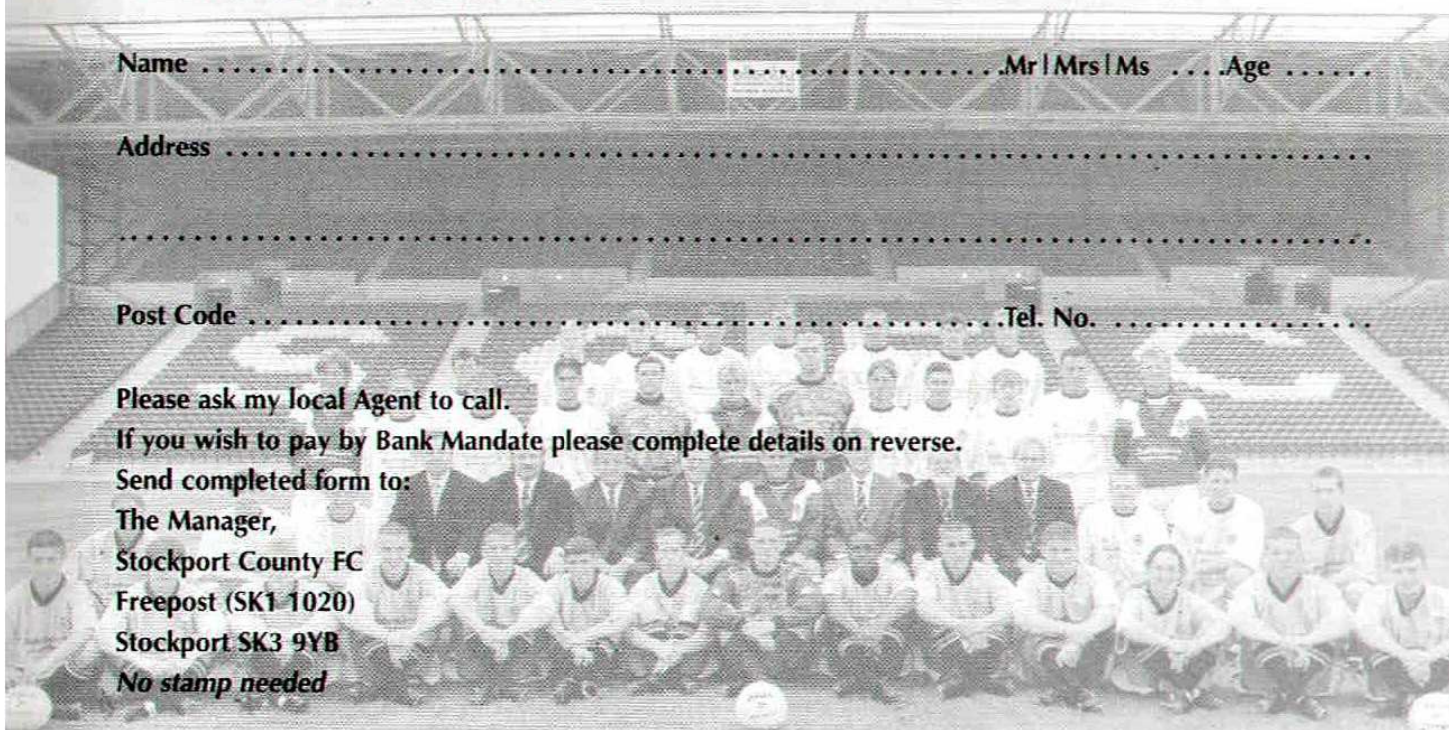
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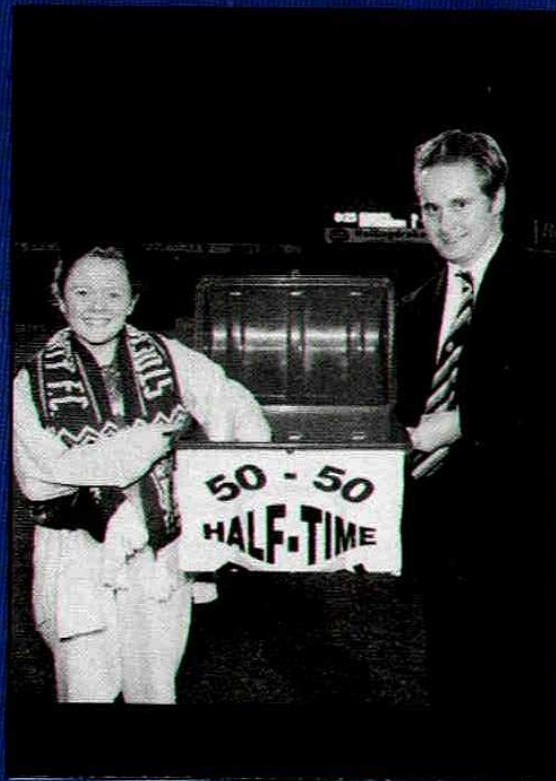
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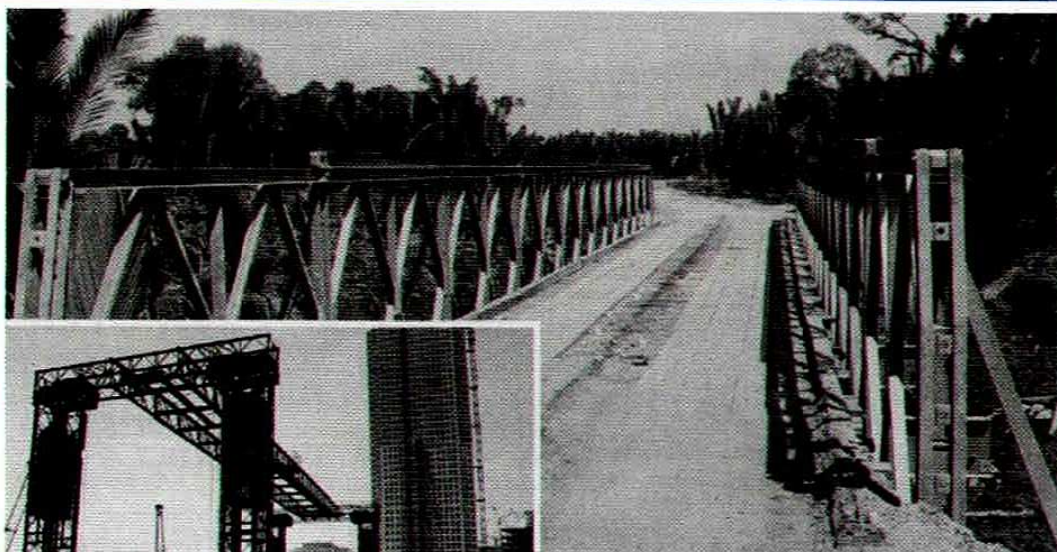
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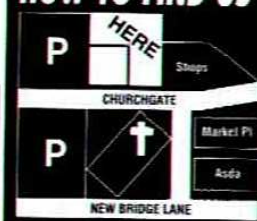
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Football Daft

Graham Taylor's resignation from the proverbial hot-seat at Wolves came only a few days after he claimed he had no friends. If he meant that literally, the true test will come over the next difficult months for the ex-England boss, while he waits for job offers.

Taylor's fall from grace, if that description can be used in the circumstances, results from his unpopularity with the press and to a lesser extent the public during his reign as England supremo, where, it has to be said, his record stands up remarkably well to that of the current incumbent.

Wolves loss will, undoubtedly, be some other team's gain, should Taylor decide to stay in football. His record at Lincoln, Watford and Aston Villa speaks for itself and although his penchant for what is loosely known as the "long ball game" was the main cause of his unpopularity, his knowledge of the game cannot be called into question.

A surprise candidate for the Molyneux vacancy has emerged in the shape of Brian Clough, out of football since quitting Nottingham Forest in May 1993, who said: "They (the Football Association) would not give me the chance of preceding or

following Graham Taylor as manager of England but I would not mind succeeding him at Wolves." There has been much water under the bridge since "Cloughie" bowed out of the game, much of it heavily polluted from the effluent influences dredged up by those not directly involved with our major national sport. It would be nice to see Brian - Mr Clough to you, young man - back in the folds after a prolonged absence. After all, we're still short on characters with grit, determination and above all, a sense of humour. The football world welcomes you back Mr Clough - if you'll have us! Meanwhile, a Wolves spokesman said: "We are assuming Brian had his tongue in his cheek when he made these remarks and we are treating the matter in that way."

At last, and after more than four hours without a goal, Terry Venables' England, with a more familiar, two striker front-line, succeeded in firing three goals past Switzerland's Marco Pascolo, who had been unbeaten in his last three outings, at Wembley last Wednesday. The England line up had a more solid look in terms of the formation and when the limping Jamie Redknapp,

a future England captain in the making, retired after only six minutes to make way for the impressive Steve Stone, there were many positive signs that the Euro 96 hosts have the credentials to ensure they can join in the party next year. The fact that Alan Shearer, without a goal on his last nine outings for the National side, failed to find the target, matters little. It was an encouraging performance against a side who had already qualified for next year's finals as winners of their group. Prior to the game there were queues around Wembley. Unfortunately the crowds were heading to see David Bowie and not David Seaman but the spaces on the terraces of the old stadium were not reflected on the pitch where the well organised Swiss swamped the midfield - to no avail. There is

now a genuine feeling that England can compete with the best and make success in Euro 96 a realistic target to reassert themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the World stage now the coach has introduced a more attacking approach.

Manchester United face a second charge of illegally poaching young players from rival clubs following a Football Association investigation. United have been given 14 days to respond over David Brown after a complaint by Oldham, where he was an associate schoolboy. The case of Matthew Wicks, who left Arsenal for Old Trafford, will be heard at the same time, but a third complaint, involving

Andrew Wright, has not been pursued by Leeds United.

However, Alex Ferguson pleaded his club's innocence, saying: "We don't feel guilty about any part of the matter." The United youth policy bandwagon rolls on. Birmingham are at the centre of an alleged dressing room brawl after their 2-1 Anglo-Italian Cup win in Ancona earlier this week. Massimao Cacciatori, coach of Second Division Ancona, was said to have been injured in the fighting between players and officials. Cacciatori was reputedly butted by a Birmingham player and needed hospital treatment as a result.



Brian Clough... a surprise candidate for the Wolves vacancy

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RETURNING ROBIN

Stockport County extend a very warm welcome this afternoon to Mr Robert Foster who is a Swindon Town fan from Sheffield. He was here the last time the Robins were at Edgeley Park and makes the short journey across the Pennines today. He is also a former school mate of one of County's staff.

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Third in the Third

Brian Croft... some quality crosses



After last Wednesday's 8 November results, Wigan extended their lead at the top by one point after drawing 2-2 at Bury. Carlisle's 0-0 draw at Chester was enough to give them second spot over County, who moved to third on goal difference. Bury and Walsall are fourth and fifth on the same points as Carlisle and County. This week I go back to the 23rd October and County's 3-2 defeat at Lincoln. County made two changes from the team that beat Chesterfield 1-0 the previous week. Lee Marshall replaced Paul Barrow at full-back and Gavin Allen came in for Richard Landon. County were unlucky after 10 minutes when Phil Johnson run through the Lincoln defence saw his shot go just past the post. Aide Mike forced a good save from Lincoln

keeper Andy Leeming with a header from a Brian Croft cross. Croft then forced a corner after a Tony Dinning free kick picked him out and his cross was pushed over the bar by Leeming. Lincoln took the lead after 25 minutes when first Phil Johnson and then Matthew Bound blocked shots before the ball fell to David Johnson to score. County put pressure on Lincoln and Marc Lloyd Williams shot was turned for a corner by Leeming after a through ball from Gavin Allen. Minutes later Allen was obstructed by Paul Wanless when in full flight heading towards the Lincoln goal. Aide Mike made a run down the left and his cross found Lee Marshall whose shot went over the bar. Marshall was unlucky when another shot hit Barnett on the arm with the ball rebounding to Leeming. Successive crosses from Brian Croft and Michael Oliver saw Leeming making good saves from Aide Mike and Marc Lloyd Williams both with headers. Despite all the pressure County went into half time 1-0 down. The second half started with Phil Daley receiving a yellow card for a foul on Martyn Chalk. Brian Croft set up Gavin Allen whose pass found Aide Mike and his shot went over the bar. Lincoln went further in front after 52 minutes when a free kick found Jason Barnett at the back post to score with a low shot. Another fluent move started by Phil Johnson who found Brian Croft and his centre found Gavin Allen to force another save from Leeming. Lincoln nearly got a third but Matt Dickens was at his best who saved from David Johnson after a long throw from Jason Barnett. Aide Mike was unlucky with a header following a cross from Allen. Steve Brown became the second Lincoln player to be cautioned after running away with the ball after a free kick had been awarded. County pulled a goal back after 65 minutes when Gavin Allen headed home a Brian Croft centre. Martyn Chalk was unlucky with a shot which whistled past the post. County made a double substitution with YTS Ryan Honeyman and Lee Atterton replacing Martyn Chalk and Brian Croft. Lloyd Williams forced another save from Leeming after being put through by Michael Oliver. Lincoln got their third after 75 minutes when David Johnson found Jason Barnett to score at the back post. County made their third substitution with another YTS, Paul Jones, replacing Michael Oliver. Two minutes later Aide Mike scored County's second with a header from a Lee Marshall cross. Lincoln was reduced to ten men with Phil Daley receiving his second yellow card and being sent off following a foul on Marc Lloyd Williams. Five minutes from time Aide Mike limped off and County also finished the game with ten men.

Teams: **Lincoln:** Leeming, Barnett, Stead (sub Dilnot), Wanless, Dixon, Daley, Williams (sub Gibson), Brown, D. Johnson, Robinson, Mudd. Sub not used - Bartlett.
County: Dickens, Marshall, P. Johnson, Allen, Dinning, Bound, Chalk (sub Honeyman), Oliver (sub Jones), Mike, Lloyd Williams, Croft (sub Atterton).

PONTINS LEAGUE

FIXTURES FOR SEASON 1995/1996

Aug	16	Wrexham	A	3-1	Dinning (pen), Allen, Jeffers
	23	Doncaster Rovers	H	1-0	Mike
	30	Rochdale	A	4-2	Allen, Landon, Mike, Dinning (pen)
Sept	6	Scunthorpe Utd	H	3-0	Landon, Oliver, Lloyd Williams
	27	Darlington	A	2-0	Lloyd Williams 2
Oct	4	Chester City	H	3-2	Croft, Landon, Lloyd Williams
	11	Bury	A	2-4	Lloyd Williams, Oliver
	18	Chesterfield	H	1-0	Dinning
	25	Lincoln City	A	2-3	Allen, Mike
Nov	15	Walsall	A		
	22	Wigan Athletic	H		
	29	Chester City	A		
Dec	6	Shrewsbury	A		
	11	Darlington	H		
	20	Scarborough	H		
Jan	3	Carlisle Utd	A		
	10	Wrexham	H		
	17	Doncaster Rovers	A		
	24	Rochdale	H		
	31	Scunthorpe Utd	A		
Feb	21	Walsall	H		
	13	Carlisle Utd	H		
	20	Scarborough	A		
	26	Chesterfield	A		
April	10	Bury	H		
	24	Wigan Athletic	A		
May	1	Lincoln City	H		

APPEARANCES

	A	Gls
G. Allen	7+1	3
L. Atterton	0+2	0
P. Barrow	4	0
M. Bound	7	0
M. Chalk	6	0
B. Croft	4	1
M. Dickens	9	0
T. Dinning	9	3
J. Eckhardt	3	0
M. Hoe	1	0
R. Honeyman	0+2	0
J. Jeffers	2	1
P. Johnson	9	0
P. Jones	2+1	0
R. Landon	5	3
L. Marshall	7	0
A. Mike	7	3
M. Oliver	9	2
S. Smith	0+1	0
P. Ware	1	0
M. Lloyd Williams	6+1	5
D. Yonge	1	0

PONTINS LEAGUE

As at 9/11/95

Wigan Athletic	10	6	2	2	23	14	20
Carlisle United	10	5	4	1	17	4	19
Stockport County	9	6	1	2	21	14	19
Bury	11	6	1	4	20	16	19
Walsall	10	6	1	3	17	14	19
Shrewsbury Town	9	5	3	1	24	12	18
Doncaster Rovers	10	5	3	2	20	10	18
Wrexham	10	5	1	4	25	16	16
Chesterfield	10	3	3	4	18	14	12
Lincoln City	10	3	2	5	12	21	11
Scarborough	11	3	2	6	12	26	11
Rochdale	10	2	3	5	18	22	9
Darlington	11	2	3	6	12	23	9
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A break is as good as a rest

Introducing Danny Kilduff



With no game for the 'A' team at the weekend, they took the opportunity to watch the first team take on Lincoln. It is beneficial sometimes to have a break like this and it gives us the opportunity to do more work towards the end of the week.

Normally we wouldn't do too much on a Friday before a League match, but when there is no game we can work for the whole week. Training can be very intensive so a rest can be very important, particularly

to the first years who are still adjusting to their new routine. The second years have already adjusted so it is not as imperative for them. The under sixteens continue to make good progress, although they lost last Sunday's conference match against Blackpool. We played well in stages, and used the option of playing the match in three thirds rather than two halves. This is within conference rules and gives both clubs the opportunity to throw different players on and assess them in various positions.

As I have mentioned before, we have been working very hard with our School of Excellence players on the importance of passing and keeping possession. Ideally we would like to be able to instill these fundamental aspects of the game at a much earlier age, eg. 9 or 10, but this is not possible at present.

At present we have fourteen under16 players and nine under 15 players and hopefully we will be able to start developing our under 14 age group next season. As ever though we face the stumbling block of facilities - or the lack of them - but the club are working hard to try and increase provision in this area.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to introduce to you another one of our first year youth trainees - DANNY KILDUFF.

Danny is a local lad from Offerton who joined us in the summer and worked extremely hard. He plays as a centre back and is already a fairly regular member of the Lancashire League team.

Danny has made reasonable progress since he joined us in the summer as a centre of defence and he definitely has the correct attitude and the required will to win. As long as he can maintain his work rate he should continue to make the necessary progress during his time here.

Aug	19	Carlisle Utd 'A'	H	0-1	
	26	Chester City 'A'	H	2-1	Miles, O'Driscoll
Sept	2	Manchester Utd 'B'	H	1-1	Baker
	4	Chorley (FA Youth Cup)	H	3-0	Carden, Honeyman, O'Driscoll
	9	Marine Youth	A	6-2	Honeyman 4, Yonge, O.G.
	13	Hall Road Rangers (FA Youth Cup)	A	2-2	Tarpey 2
	16	Preston NE 'B'	A	0-3	
	20	Hall Road Rangers (FAYC)	H	0-2	
	23	Rochdale 'A'	A	0-5	
	30	Oldham Ath 'B'	A	3-5	Ansell, Atterton, London
Oct	7	Everton 'B'	H	2-1	London 2
	14	Oldham Ath 'B'	H	1-1	Atterton
	21	Burnley 'B'	A	0-3	
	23	Crews Alex	A	1-6	Atterton
	28	Bury 'B'	A	2-2	Lewis, Atterton
Nov	4	Liverpool 'B'	H	0-4	
	18	Blackpool 'B'	H		
	25	Wigan Ath 'A'	A		
Dec	2	Open			
	9	Manchester City 'B'	A		
	16	Crews Alex 'A'	H		
	23	No Fixtures			
	30	No Fixtures			
Jan	6	Bolton 'A'	A		
	13	Manchester City 'B'	H		
	20	Carlisle Utd 'A'	A		
	27	Marine Youth	H		
Feb	3	Manchester Utd 'B'	A		
	10	Bury 'B'	H		
	17	Tranmere Rov 'B'	H		
	24	Everton 'B'	A		
Mar	2	Bolton 'A'	H		
	9	Liverpool 'B'	A		
	16	Blackburn Rov 'B'	H		
	23	Preston NE 'B'	H		
	30	Wigan Ath 'A'	H		
Apr	6	Tranmere Rov 'B'	A		
	13	Burnley 'B'	H		
	20	Blackpool 'B'	A		
	27	Chester City 'A'	A		
May	4	Rochdale 'A'	H		

APPEARANCES

	App	Total League & Cup Goals
G. Ansell	7+1	1
L. Atterton	11+3	4
A. Baker	2+9	1
P. Barrow	15	0
F. Bennett	10+5	0
S. Carden	8+4	1
J. Cross	5+5	0
A. Gillette	0+1	0
K. Gray	6	0
R. Hare	9	0
M. Hoe	2	0
R. Honeyman	14+1	5
P. Jones	16	0
P. Kenny	2	0

APPEARANCES

	App	Total League & Cup Goals
D. Kilduff	14+1	0
J. King	0+2	0
R. London	2	3
G. Lewis	14	1
R. MacDonald	7	0
A. Mika	1	0
P. Mirtew	2	1
M. Nunn	0+1	0
B. O'Driscoll	8	2
J. O'Connor	1	0
L. Shearer	0+1	0
S. Smith	12	0
D. Tarpey	3+1	2
D. Yonge	5+8	1
O.G's		1

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Oct 28	Chesterfield	3.00	Mayfair Car Sales	Queens Arms New Mill
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Dec 30	Wrexham Utd		Robinson's	Jackson & Moores
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Jan 20	Walsall	3.00	Carlsberg Tetley	Midland Hatters
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Apr 27	Bristol Rovers	3.00	Hillgate Group Plc.	S.C.F.C. Supp. Assoc.

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Rooney Tunes



What a refreshing breath of fresh air last Saturday!

Just when there seemed to be very little light at the end of a very dark tunnel, up steps Jeff Eckhardt to come to County's rescue. A stand in makeshift striker by his own admission "Jigsaw" as he's known to his team mates (because he normally goes to pieces in the box) demolished poor Lincoln with an exhibition of finishing that we've not seen for a long time. And just as importantly that took a lot of pressure off Alun Armstrong who actually seemed to be enjoying it all and who played with a renewed confidence the likes of which we've not seen since he arrived at the start of last season, and his driving header for Stockport's fifth and final goal was a fitting reward for a tremendous performance.

All in all it was a display that County had been threatening on several occasions earlier in the season and one that in recent weeks had looked increasingly unlikely. As we all know, one swallow doesn't make a summer and Stockport will come up against far more formidable opponents than Lincoln this season, but a thumping win really does get the weekend off to a good start.

Mystic Dick

Another weird, wonderful and probably wrong prediction from Ricardo Petrolengo

With Saturn doing somersaults around Jupiter and a Mars a day helping you work rest and play, its going to be an all action clash this afternoon. Swindon won't exactly be here for a point and County are in hungry mood after rediscovering how to score goals last week. There will be a few yellow ones knocking about (cards I mean) and may be even a red one. Having polished all of my crystal balls I can clearly see a County win.

PREDICTION

County 2 (Armstrong, Jigsaw Jeff)
Swindon 1

P.S. Tonights winning Lottery numbers won't be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 with 7 as the bonus ball

On this day in soccer

**A SELECTION OF RESULTS FROM THIS DATE
18th November 1933**

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 3 Stoke City 1
Blackburn Rovers 2 Aston Villa 1
Everton 1 Wolves 2
Manchester City 2 Huddersfield T.2

DIVISION TWO

Blackpool 3 Manchester United 1
Fulham 3 West Ham United 1
Lincoln City 2 Bradford P.A. 1
Southampton 0 Plymouth A 1

DIVISION THREE (North)

Barrow 3 Barnsley 4
Chester 7 Rochdale 1
New Brighton 3 Darlington 2
Stockport Co. 5 Hartlepool 2
Walsall 5 Accrington Stanley 0

DIVISION THREE (South)

Aldershot 0 Crystal Palace 4
Clapton Orient 4 Cardiff City 2
Q.P.R. 0 Reading 0
Swindon Town 1 Exeter City 1
Torquay United 1 Coventry City 3



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More half time action from our Juniors

Hello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park. Today we extend a warm welcome to our friends from Swindon Town Juniors who are here as our guests. Before today's match a series of football matches have been held at the Ballpark Centre before lunch and then onto this afternoon's match. We hope all you Junior Robins have enjoyed your stay and we trust you have a safe journey home.

Last Sunday we held our regular monthly meeting here at the ground which was very well attended as it was also Remembrance Sunday. My thanks to our regular visitor Jim Cannon and also to Adie Mike, who was making his first visit to our meeting, for joining in with our members making it a very enjoyable day. We held the final two penalty shoot-outs at Pitz last Sunday. Congratulations to our two winners, Dawn Leeming and Katie Rowell, who will receive their trophies at our Christmas Parties. Katie in fact showed our so-called male stars how to take penalties by not missing one, something I'll not let the lads forget! My thanks again to Andrew Sheridan for coming along as our goalkeeper. Congratulations also to David Moulson who, having got through the heats of the Pepsi Cola Talent competition at Haven Holidays Ty Mawr in North Wales, came a very creditable second in the Final. Well done David. That's all for this time.

Ian Butterworth
County Juniors

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas Parties this year will be held on Sunday 10th December at the Students Union Building, Stockport College. Due to numbers we have again split the parties into two with the under 12's being in the afternoon from 2.30 till 5.30pm. Disco, food and a visit from Father Christmas and County player will be along to join you. The cost this year will be £1 for members. Parents are welcome to stay during the afternoon. In the evening starting at 7.30 till 11.00pm will be a disco for our older members. The cost again for this will be £1 each, during the evening we will be holding a large free raffle for members only on production of their membership card. County players will again be in attendance. All members should receive details of both these parties in the post over the next couple of weeks.

COUNTY MASCOT

Would you like the chance to lead the team out before a match in January? We are again running a draw for a chance of being a mascot the cost per ticket will be £1 per member and will be drawn at our Christmas parties. Again all members should receive details through the post over the next couple of weeks.

MEETINGS

Please note there will be no County Juniors meeting in December due to our Christmas Parties being held on December 10th, our normal meeting date. Meetings for the start of 1996 are:
Sunday 14th January, Sunday 11th February,
Sunday 10th March

MCDONALDS MINDBOGGLER ANSWERS

Answers to last month's competition to name the 12 Derby matches are as follows:

- 1 Man United v Man City
- 2 Chester City v Wrexham
- 3 Stoke City v Port Vale
- 4 Rangers v Celtic
- 5 Aston Villa v West Brom
- 6 Chelsea v Fulham
- 7 Sheffield Wed v Sheffield Utd
- 8 Sunderland v Newcastle
- 9 Falkirk v Motherwell
- 10 Liverpool v Everton
- 11 Notts Forest v Notts County
- 12 Ipswich v Norwich

Winner

The winner of our last competition about local Derbys was David Moulson. David answered all the questions correctly and can now pick up his prize from the Club Shop.

MCDONALDS MINDBOGGLER

This month's Mindboggler is a set of 12 questions on football. My thanks to Dawn Leeming for supplying me the questions this month.

- 1 What do Coventry City supporters call their club?
A The Shy Blues B The Red Devils C The Green Meanies
 - 2 Can a free kick be passed backwards?
 - 3 Which side used to play at Ayresome Park?
A Middlesbrough B Southampton C Aston Villa
 - 4 How many British teams were in the 1994 World Cup Finals?
 - 5 How many League games did Jack Charlton play for Leeds United?
A 534 B 629 C 687
 - 6 Which other London side has Wimbledon captain Vinny Jones played for?
 - 7 Scoring a goal against this side would mean getting the ball past players named Jakob, Erland and Domitri. Which team?
 - 8 Who is Wales most capped player?
A Ian Rush B Neville Southall C Mark Hughes
 - 9 Which country scored the most goals in the 1994 World Cup Finals?
A Sweden B Germany C Nigeria
 - 10 Which team did Gerry Francis manage before he moved to Tottenham last season?
 - 11 Where is the biggest football stadium in the world?
A Italy B Uruguay C Brazil
 - 12 Alan Shearer scored his 100th League goal last season. Who was it against?
- Send your entries to:-
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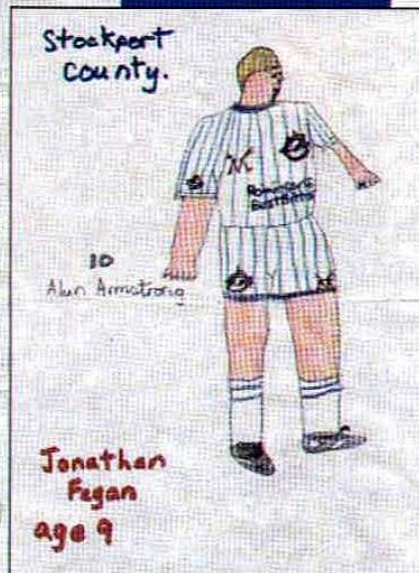
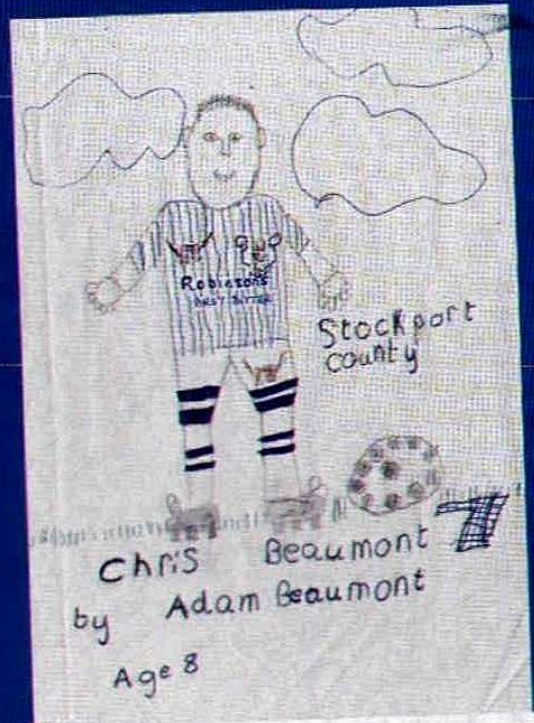
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Question Time!

Have you got a question you would dearly like to ask County boss Dave Jones? If you have, then, next Wednesday you will be given the ideal opportunity because the official supporters club will be staging another fans forum here at Edgeley Park.

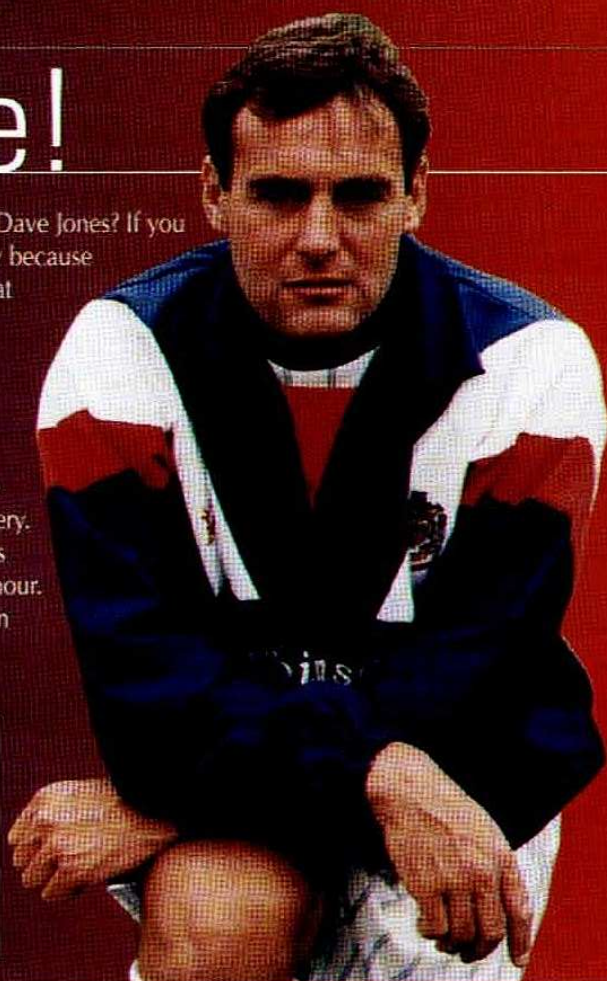
The Question and Answer session will take place in the Executive Lounge next Wednesday at 9.00pm, immediately after our reserve game against Wigan Athletic.

Only 100 supporters will be allowed to participate because of fire regulations and entry will be on a first come first served basis. Dave Jones will be joined by other club officials to answer your every query.

The evening will be chaired by matchday announcer and supporters club chairman Ken Boxshall, and is expected to last for around an hour.

So why not take a look at the reserves and then join in our very own Question Time at 9.00pm. Next Wednesday 22nd November.

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BACK TO LEAGUE ACTION AGAIN TODAY AFTER LAST WEEKS EXCITEMENT IN THE CUP. SWINDON ARE THE DIVISIONS TOP SIDE AND A WIN TODAY WOULD BE A REAL BOOST.

Again today we will be boosted by having numerous school children cheering the lads on as part of our extensive community campaign so its a warm welcome to Cheadle RC, Fir Tree, Hazel Grove, High Lane, Ladybrook, Brookside, Lane End, Norris Bank, St. Elizabeths primary schools. We also have Heaton Moor Crusaders, our ever increasing Saturday club, the youngsters who take part in our community projects and finally a school close to my heart as we have superb links with them, Ladybarn House. I hope Mr Atkins enjoys the game and the more cultured approach to football in this division! The children are sport mad at this school and I'm sure they will have a good day. It is of course an indication as to how much commitment the club has to encouraging children to come to Edgeley Park. I know we should be proud of our scheme as it truly is one of the very best. Somebody else to say hello to is a young man who had a birthday party at the club last week Adam Warsley and also many happy returns to James and Matthew Venables who are at todays Saturday club.

News now of the refuge schools 6-a-side competition which will take place in January 1996. The competition to decide who will represent County in the Northern Area finals will hopefully be as exciting as last year when Brookhead eventually beat Cheadle R.C. on penalties in the final. Brookhead then went on to do the club proud in the next phase but sadly didn't manage to progress to the regional finals. Any schools wishing to enter a team should do so by ringing our office and asking for an application form and more details. It is sure to be a really good tournament and something not to be missed.

Funny how distant the summer seems now the weather has changed for the worse. Stood in the freezing cold, wet and tired at 5 o'clock when its' virtually dark is when the community lads really do a fine job and I would personally like to thank the boys for their efforts recently. Although suffering from both broken bones in his leg and his wrist Marc Heath has still limped in every day showing a great attitude, even refusing time off. So hats off to my staff. Hop along Heath, Daryl Atkinson, Simon O'Conner, Mike Smith and Chris Swinton. Daryl and Simon are both here on a voluntary basis and the assistance is greatly appreciated. Soon we are to be joined by students of North Area college who will be of great help and will ensure the community project grows even bigger.

Plenty of player talks to keep us busy with Chris Beaumont playing the starring role at Broadstone Hall on Tuesday afternoon we have plenty more lined up for the coming weeks at the following schools Banas Lane, Thame Valley, Mellor North Heaton, North Reddish and Marple hall High school.

Another piece of good news regarding the staff was the results of the couple of exams recently taken. Mike Smith has produced an excellent effort to gain his NVQ level one in sport and will surely follow this by passing level two. Chris Swinton will join Mike in completing level two after his referees exam at Preston the other week with an 88% pass. Congratulations lads!

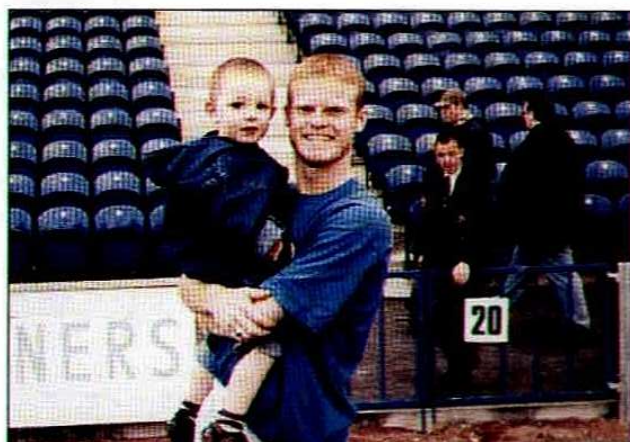
Well that's just about enough waffle from me for today. Be vocal in a positive way for the lads today as it will be a tough test for us. See you back at EP for the Blyth Cup match. Enjoy the game.

Neil Mather



Remember the summer?

Tom Bennett lines up his teams wall during the summer soccer schools



Sean Connolly meets one of our younger fans Lewis Heath, son of community coach Marc Heath



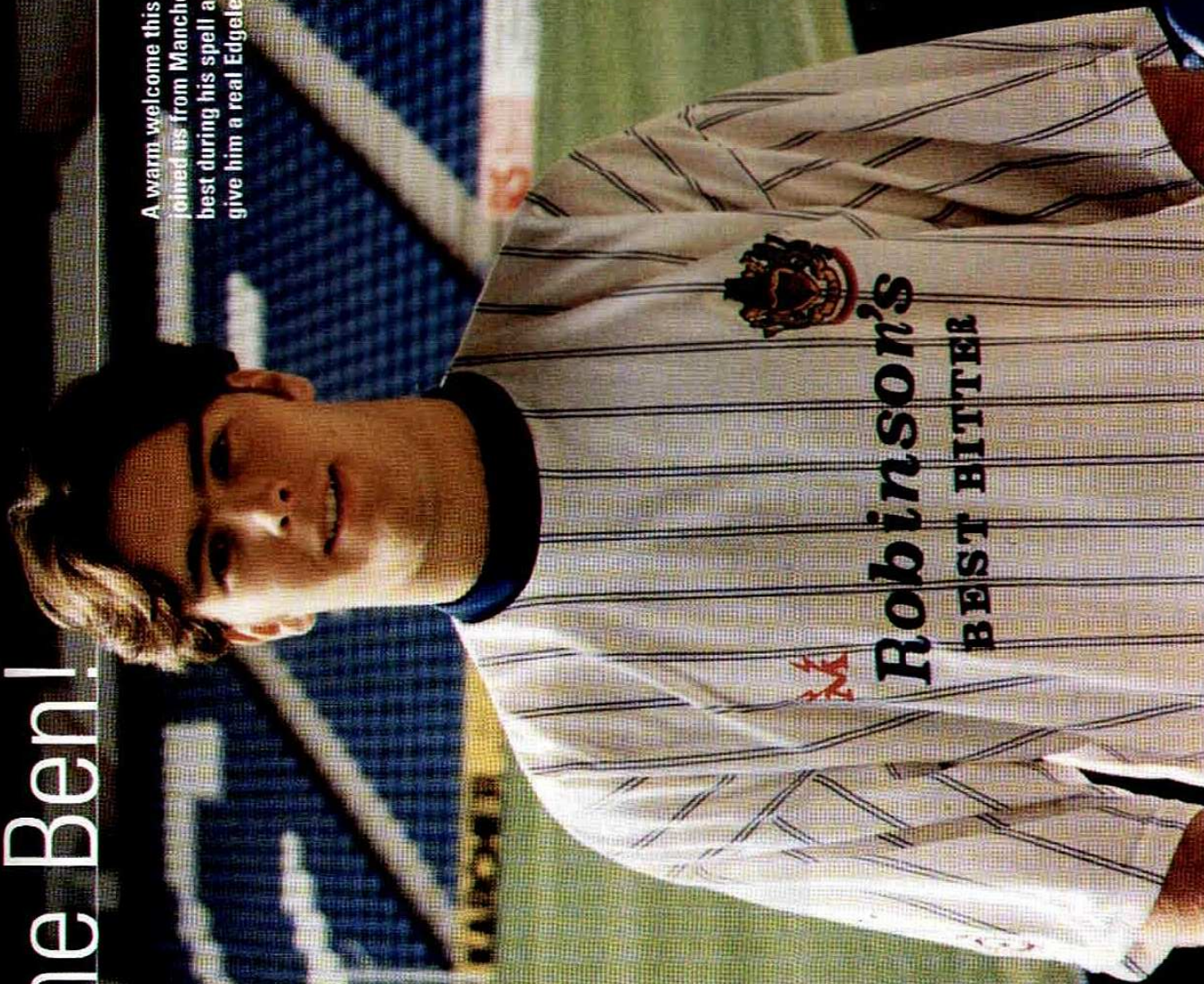
Class of '95

Ian Helliwell



Welcome Ben!

A warm welcome this afternoon to Ben Thornley who has joined us from Manchester United. We wish Ben all the best during his spell at Edgeley Park. I am sure you will give him a real Edgeley Park welcome.



Endsleigh Form Guide

SECOND DIVISION HOTSHOTS 1995/96 SEASON

	League	Cup	Total
Goater (Rotherham)	10	5	15
Barnes (York)	9	5	14
White (Notts County)	7	7	14
Nogan (Burnley)	8	5	13
Finnay (Swinson)	9	3	12
DeSouza	9	2	11
Jones (Bournemouth)	8	3	11
Showler (Bradford)	5	6	11
Stewart (Bristol Rovers)	5	6	11

MATCH MAGAZINE RATINGS 1995/96 SEASON LEADING AVERAGES

	Average	Star Man Rating
Neil Edwards	7.24	7
Mike Flynn	7.19	3
Chris Beaumont	6.95	5
Jim Gannon	6.95	2
Ian Helliwell	6.73	-
Lee Todd	6.71	1
Tom Bennett	6.62	2

Key: 6-Adequate, 7-Good, 8-Excellent

SECOND DIVISION ATTENDANCES AND LEADING LEAGUE GOAL SCORERS 1995/96 SEASON

	Total Att.	Highest Att.	Average Att.	1993/94 Average	Leading League Goalscorer
Blackpool	42523	7301	5315	4744	Preece 8
Bournemouth	38510	6352	4814	4512	Jones 8
Bradford City	50340	9748	6293	6154	3 players 5
Brentford	41362	7878	5170	6536	Taylor 3
Brighton & H.A.	45199	7808	5650	7560	4 players 2
Bristol City	49905	7734	6238	7989	Seal 4
Bristol Rovers	46012	7025	5752	5178	Stewart 5
Burnley	74629	10511	9329	12008	Nogan 8
Carlisle United	51908	8003	6489	7424	Reeves 6
Chesterfield	35868	5490	4484	3535	Law 5
Crewe Alexandra	27612	4512	3945	4240	Savage 7
Hull City	34957	6525	4370	4793	Abbott, Windass 3
Notts County	44642	8725	5580	7202	White 7
Oxford United	44249	7731	5531	6130	3 player 3
Peterborough United	37135	5618	4642	5056	Martindale 6
Rotherham United	25908	3754	3239	3285	Goater 10
Shrewsbury Town	22884	4019	2861	4021	Spink 5
STOCKPORT COUNTY	46849	8463	5856	4527	HELLIWELL 7
Swansea City	22266	3498	2783	3668	Torpey 6
Swindon Town	83229	13041	10404	9407	Finnay 9
Walsall	33056	4884	4132	4071	Wilson 5
Wrexham	28220	4296	3528	4080	Connolly 6
Wycombe Wanderers	37716	5637	4715	5844	DeSouza 9
York City	29371	4684	3671	3685	Barnes 9

STATISTICAL SHORTS

◆ Jeff Eckhardt's excellent treble last Saturday against Lincoln City is the first hat-trick by a County player since March 4th 1994 when Kevin Francis claimed the match ball in a home league fixture against Hartlepool Utd.

◆ The Second Round FA Cup draw gives County the chance to gain revenge as Blyth Spartans claimed the scalp of the Hatters in the 1971/72 competition. It will be the fifth meeting of the two sides, and County's 4-1 win over Blyth in the 1934/35 after a replay was the start of our longest involvement in the competition when County made it to the fifth round before being edged out 5-0 at home to West Brom



Today's Visitors (League) 1995/96.....SWINDON TOWN

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	6	3	6	6	5	6	32
Goals Conceded	2	0	3	2	3	2	12

EDGELEY PARK GOAL SUMMARY (League & Cup) 1995/96

	Cheadle End	Railway End
For	11	6
Against	2	6

COUNTY GOAL TIMINGS (League) 1995/96

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
Goals Scored	2	4	4	4	0	4	18
Goals Conceded	2	2	2	3	2	3	14

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1995/96

	LEAGUE		CUP		COUNTY LEAGUE	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Gavin Allen	-	-	0(1)	-	-	-
Alun Armstrong	16	5	8	3	56(5)	19
Chris Beaumont	16	-	8	-	215(15)	39
Tom Bennett	16	-	8	-	16	-
Matthew Bound	-	-	-	-	14	-
Martyn Chalk	5(2)	-	6(2)	1	29(11)	6
Sean Connolly	16	-	8	-	90(4)	-
Brian Croft	0(3)	-	-	-	0(3)	-
Matt Dickens	-	-	-	-	11(1)	-
Tony Dinning	0(2)	-	0(3)	-	38(4)	1
Jeff Eckhardt	7(3)	1	4(2)	4	33(4)	3
Neil Edwards	16	-	8	-	134(1)	-
Mike Flynn	16	-	8	-	114(1)	3
Jim Gannon	16	1	8	1	227(6)	47
Ian Helliwell	12	7	5	1	29	11
Richard Landon	3(3)	1	0(1)	-	3(3)	1
Marc Lloyd Williams	7(2)	-	1(3)	-	7(3)	-
Lee Marshall	-	-	-	-	1	-
Adie Mike	0(2)	-	0(1)	-	0(2)	-
Michael Oliver	2(2)	1	2(2)	-	12(5)	1
Ben Thornley	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lee Todd	16	-	8	-	149(9)	2
Paul Ware	12(1)	1	5	1	29(4)	2
Own Goals	-	1	-	-	-	-

1995/96 SEASON DIVISION TWO DATABASE

Largest Win: Home 6-1 Peterborough Utd v York City (28/10)
Away 4-0 Wycombe at Bradford (2/9), Crewe at Bournemouth (16/9)
Highest Crowd: 13,041 Swindon v Oxford Utd (30/8)
Lowest Crowd: 1,988 Swansea v Bournemouth (21/10)
Penalty Scorers: 4 Law (Chesterfield), 3 Goater (Rotherham), 2 Seven Players
 14 Players
Total successful penalties: 38 (Home Team 26, Away Team 12)

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They have also been major sponsors for County for more than 7 years and boast some real stalwarts on their staff including former 'Supporter of the

Year' Fred Garner who has been following County home and away since 1947.

We all hope that John and all his guests have a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with us and we wish T.N. Robinson all the very best for the future.

THIS AFTERNOONS MAN IN THE MIDDLE - MR GRAHAM FRANKLAND

This afternoon we welcome Mr Graham Frankland to Edgeley Park, to take charge of this afternoon's fixture Graham commenced refereeing in 1987 in the local Cleveland, Stokesley and South Bank Leagues. He was granted class 1 status at the end of season 1988-89. He joined the linesmans list of the Northern Premier League for season 1990-91 and was promoted to the referees list two years later. He then became a football League linesman for last season and has moved to being a full referee for the first time, this season.

Graham is married and has two children Anthony who is 9 years old and James who is 7. He is also a partner in an office equipment company which along with his family, takes up most of his time, although he does have a keen interest in horse racing.

We hope that Graham enjoys his afternoon with us, and wish him all the very best for the future.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



CARL BATESON

Carl Bateson is 8 years old on the 23rd of this month. His hobbies include football, football and football. He dislikes his sister and he goes to North Reddish Junior School. Carl is a County fanatic.



ANDREW BAINES

Andrew is nearly eight years old and attends Norris Bank Primary School. Andy is a keen County supporter and has attended almost all their home matches in the last 2 years. He is also interested in most sports including cricket and tennis and enjoys cross country running. At home his favourite past time is playing with his Subbuteo set. He does however have to admit to having two sisters at today's game, who are United supporters. Andy's favourite players are Alun Armstrong, Lee Todd and Neil Edwards.



DANIEL MARK JONES

is aged 8 years and attends St. Elizabeths School in Reddish. His hobbies are football, Cubs and watching Stockport County. His favourite players are Alun Armstrong, Mike Flynn and Lee Todd.

VISITING MASCOT: PETER ADAMS

Peter Adams from Poynton, Cheshire is Swindon Town's lucky mascot. Peter who attends Vernon County School plays football for the Richmond Rovers and celebrated his 9th on 1st November. His hobbies are athletics, running but most of all football. He is a great Swindon Town supporter and his favourite player is Wayne O' Sullivan.

PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR, DIV 2.

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Saturday 9.30am to 12 noon (Extended hours on matchdays)

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