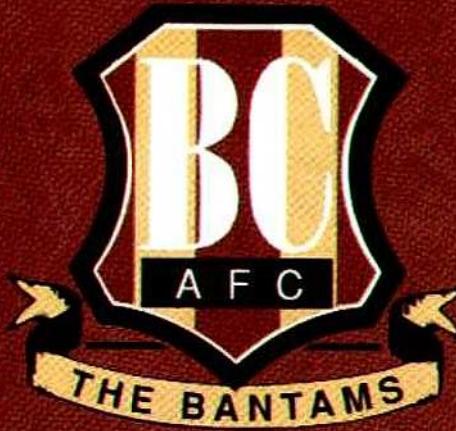


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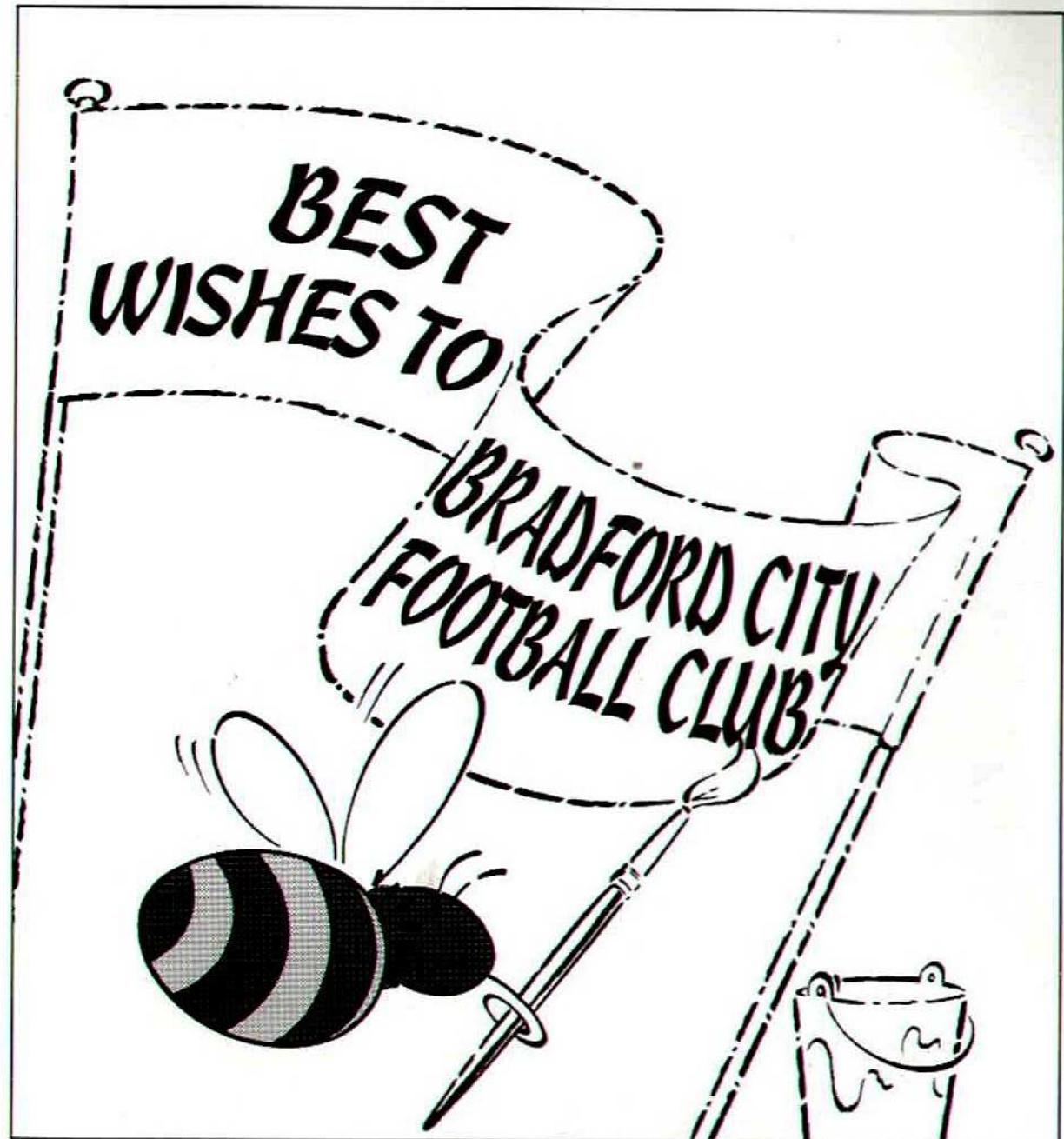
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Tonight will be a proud night for me if we manage to fill the stadium with Bradford City fans. From the moment I became Bradford's manager I have wanted to give you all something to cheer, and I am not quite there yet, but your efforts are certainly cheering me. Once again on Friday night the atmosphere was something else and I thank you for that on behalf of myself and the players.

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At the end of the season I think it should be customary for me to thank the Chairman for his support, the players for their efforts, my backroom staff for their help, the supporters for being what they are - supportive - the office staff for being very efficient, and I would also like to thank Farnells of Bradford for the super Land Rover Discovery that they kindly let me run around in, and with all the games I go to see I certainly clock up a few miles!

As a manager, I know that results are the be all and end all, but please, I ask you to give the players a great reception for their efforts this season. Thanks in anticipation.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to Swindon Town.

The season, with two League games to go, is very much alive. Following our win on Friday and the results on Saturday, we know that 3 more points guarantees a play-off position.

Pressure does amazing things to people. Chesterfield could not handle it and as a result have only won one game from their last 10. Blackpool, who looked certainties for automatic promotion a few weeks ago, seem unlikely to join tonight's visitors in the second automatic promotion spot as a result of it.

Professional sport, at times when success is near, is about being able to handle the pressure. Greg Norman with a six shot advantage in the final round of the US Masters blew up and handed the title to Nick Faldo.

You may well ask "Why can't a professional sportsman handle pressure?" The best illustration that I have ever heard is as follows:-

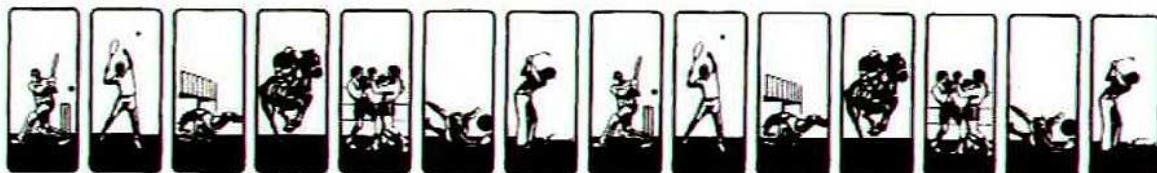
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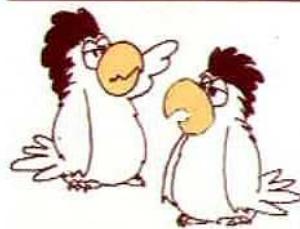


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Remember at the start of this season when the latest 'fashion' amongst footballers was to dye their hair blond in Robbie Fowler and Paul Gascoigne? Over the years we've had all sorts of hair styles. First we had Bobby Charlton and Ralph Coates who desperately fought a losing battle to hang on to their final few strands of hair, sweeping it across their heads trying to cover up an ever-increasing expanse of bare scalp.

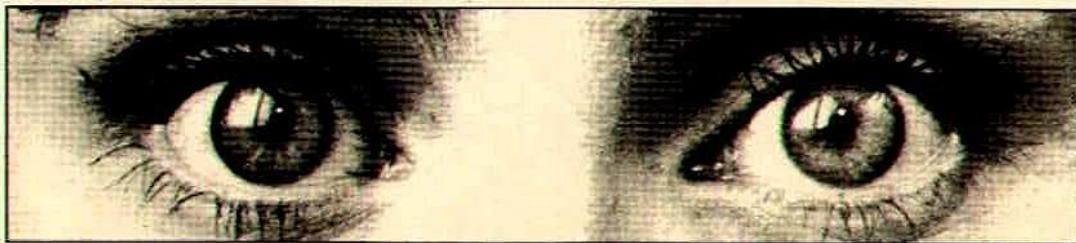
Also, during the 1970's those blessed with rather more hair decided, like Bryan Robson for instance, to have it permed. There were also those players who took to the field with huge sideburns i.e. Malcolm MacDonald and City's own Graham Oates.

More recently we have the pony tails of Ricky Otto and Jason Lee flopping about as they run up and down the field. We then have the dreadlocks of Gullit, Blinker and a few others. Then there is the crew cut brigade which includes Vinnie Jones and Dennis Wise who would look more at home in a U.S. convict's uniform, in fact, some U.S. convicts may be more innocent than these two. Who knows, they may eventually sign for Q.P.R. or Reading, so they will finally earn their 'hoops' rather than 'stripes'.

Going back to different coloured hair, David James of Liverpool once dyed his hair BLUE and recently I read a report on 'teletext' which described Jamie Cureton of Norwich as 'GREEN haired'. Will any City players dare to turn out next season with CLARET AND/OR AMBER hairstyles? We'll have to wait and see.

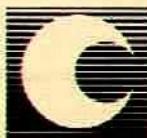
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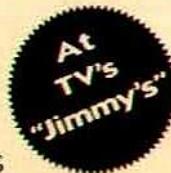
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CITY NEWS

Good evening and welcome to The Pulse Stadium tonight for the visit of Division Two Champions Swindon Town who have led the table for the majority of the season, losing only four games to date. This is, of course, the third date for this fixture with the first on the 17th February being cancelled due to our visitors' involvement in the F.A. Cup and the re-arranged date of 12th March being postponed due to the adverse weather conditions we have been subjected to for most of the winter. Copies of the programme of the 12th March which never took place are available as a Limited Edition at the cost of £5 each from the Club Shop and will now be a very much sought after item for the programme collectors.

In the Auto Windscreens Schools' Shield our representatives St. Bede's were beaten 1-0 by Stockport County's representatives Priestnell School in the qualifying round.

Tonight's game is all about qualification for the play-offs at the end of the season and should we be successful then watch the local media for ticket details and availability. The first leg at home would be on Sunday, 12th May, 1996, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Talking of promotion we would like to offer our congratulations to local official Gary Kellett who is the 4th official here on many occasions, who has been promoted to become a Football League linesman.

There will be a one minute silence before the game tonight in memory of those who lost their lives in the Bradford Fire Disaster with this being the last home game of the regular season. There is also a collection being taken in aid of the Burns Unit.

In closing, the 'impossible' dream is still alive and I'd like to personally thank all the contributors to the programme this year who have made it possible and to the printers Tony and Janet for their understanding.

Have a safe journey home!

SHAUN HARVEY, Secretary.

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SECOND GLANCE

Saturday's Second Division programme was dominated by the riot at the Goldstone Ground, which caused the Brighton v York game to be abandoned after just 16 minutes. No doubt the implications of those happenings will rumble on for some time. More importantly, just about all the results elsewhere went in Bradford City's favour!

Wrexham crashed 2-0 at home to relegation threatened Burnley, for whom Liam Robinson and Kurt Nogan netted before half-time. Chesterfield also lost 2-0, their third successive reverse, as Bournemouth's Steve Robinson and Steve Jones netted at Dean Court.

Play-off contenders Stockport County did manage to win on Saturday, 2-0 at home against Bristol Rovers, another side still with promotion aspirations.

The outcome of all those results (and The Bantams' 2-1 victory over Brentford here on Friday night) is that if the worse comes to the worse, and Swindon win tonight, Bradford City will still have their own destiny in their own hands when they visit Hull City on Saturday. Looking at matters more positively, only a near impossible goal avalanche by Stockport or Chesterfield will deprive The Bantams of a play-off place if Swindon are beaten here tonight!

Having wrapped up the title last Tuesday, Swindon followed up with their thirteenth away win, at Shrewsbury, on Saturday. Kevin Horlock and Shaun Taylor netted for the Robins, while Darren Currie replied for the Shrews.

With one match to play, Oxford United have climbed into an automatic promotion place. Despite having Stuart Massey sent-off, Denis Smith's side collected a splendid 2-1 win at fellow contenders Crewe. Oxford took a 2-0 lead through Paul Moody and Joey Beauchamp before Steve Macauley replied late on for the Alex.

Blackpool dropped down to third spot after crashing 2-1 at home to Walsall. It was only the shaky Seasiders' fourth home defeat of the campaign. Fourth placed Notts. County maintained their outside chance of gaining promotion automatically with a 4-0 defeat of Swansea City at Meadow Lane. Jan Molby's side will join Hull and Brighton in the basement next season.

The one remaining relegation berth is between Carlisle United (one game left), who lost 4-0 at Wycombe on Saturday, and York City (3 games left including the replayed Brighton fixture). The Minstermen have a three point advantage and require just one point to send Mervyn Day's side down.

DAVID POWTER.



DIVISION 2 UPDATE

LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

Blackpool 1	v	Walsall 2
Quinn 41 (p)		Butler 15
Att. 9,148		O'Connor 55
Bournemouth 2	v	Chesterfield 0
Robinson 32		
Jones 63		Att. 4,483
Bradford 2	v	Brentford 1
Ormondroyd 43		
Duxbury		Att. 6,803
Bristol C. 4	v	Rotherham 3
Partridge 15		Jemson 14
Agostino 46, 48		Berry 68
Khul 78		McGloshen 88
Att. 6,101		
Crewe 1	v	Oxford 2
Macauley 76		Moody 11
Att. 4,605		Beauchamp 62
Notts. Co. 4	v	Swansea 0
Murphy 47		
Agana 63		
Martindale 71		
Finnan 77		Att. 5,051
Peterborough 3	v	Hull City 1
Power 25		Allison 87
Farrell 70		
Charley 89		Att. 6,649
Peterborough 0	v	Bristol R. 0
		Att. 4,884
Shrewsbury 1	v	Swindon 2
Currie 35		Horlock 30
Att. 4,233		Taylor 56
Stockport 2	v	Bristol R. 0
Armstrong 10		
Dinning 64		Att. 6,935
Wrexham 0	v	Burnley 2
Att. 6,664		Robinson 26
Wycombe 4	v	Nogan 44
Crossley 35		Carlisle 0
Williams 53		
Farrell 62, 75		Att. 3,964

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO as at 29/4/96

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	44	25	15	4	70	33	90
Oxford	45	23	11	11	72	39	80
Blackpool	45	22	13	10	65	40	79
Notts. Co.	45	21	15	9	63	38	78
Crewe	44	21	7	16	74	57	70
Bradford	44	21	6	17	67	66	69
Stockport	45	19	12	14	61	47	69
Wrexham	45	17	16	12	75	55	67
Bristol R.	45	19	10	16	55	59	67
Chesterfield	44	18	12	14	54	51	66
Walsall	44	17	12	15	55	43	63
Wycombe	45	15	15	15	62	57	60
Bristol C.	45	15	15	15	54	58	60
Bournemouth	45	16	10	19	51	68	58
Rotherham	45	14	14	17	54	61	56
Brentford	45	14	13	18	41	49	55
Shrewsbury	45	13	14	18	57	68	53
Peterborough	44	13	13	18	58	60	52
Burnley	44	13	13	18	53	64	52
York City	43	12	13	18	55	69	49
Carlisle	45	11	13	21	55	71	46
Swansea	45	10	14	21	41	78	44
Brighton	44	10	10	24	44	64	40
Hull City	45	5	16	24	34	75	31

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IN THE WINGS

JUNIORS

Last Saturday we played a re-arranged game from earlier in the season. Both ourselves and Newcastle had young sides out and it was interesting to see how we compared.

We started quite lively and after about ten minutes Airdrie did well down the right, rounding the full-back and cutting along the by-line to pull the ball back for McDonald who hit it first time but it flew over the bar. Then Briggs should have scored when a good cross from the left from McLean came onto his head with space in the box but he failed to make good contact. Shortly before half-time Shields should have done better when he pounced on a loose ball in the box but his shot went way over the bar from a good position. We should have gone in at half-time with a goal to our name, but 0-0 was the scoreline with Brown in our goal having very little to do.

In the second period we were again on top for long periods but couldn't capitalise on this with goals. Airdrie had a couple of good efforts but his final finishes were just off target. We were looking quite comfortable at the

back and gave Newcastle very few opportunities and again Brown had very little to do. But our approach play in the second half let us down a bit when we got into good positions, and our final ball wasn't all it should have been from time to time. In the end the game ran out a 0-0 draw but it was quite an open game with both sides trying to play and pass the ball. It was our final finishing that let us down, and we had enough chances to have won the game comfortably.

We have one game left now next Saturday at home when we entertain Middlesbrough who look as though they will finish top of the League this year the way things are going.

STEVE SMITH,

Youth Team Manager.

RESERVES

ASTON VILLA 1 v BRADFORD CITY 0

A much improved performance down at Aston Villa but unfortunately we came away with a 1-0 defeat. Richard Aldous from Sheffield Wednesday was in goal for us and Carl Cunningham from Derby County was up front. Both sides played some good attractive football on a greasy surface. Aldous brought off a fine save early on from a 20 yard shot. Andrew O'Brien played well in midfield for us, but shot over after a good move down the right involving Midgley and Huxford. Mohan was unlucky when he hit the post with a header from a Bullimore corner. Villa scored when we lost possession in midfield, they broke down our left and crossed to the far post, Richard Huxford, who was under pressure, tried to clear but unfortunately the ball hit his shin and trickled in. Paul Jewell had a shot well saved, then he crossed for Cunningham whose header flashed just wide.

Aldous then tipped over from a goal bound header. Bullimore shot just wide from 25 yards after being set-up by Midgley. Villa then hit the outside of the post from a fierce 25 yard shot. A pleasing performance but a disappointing result.

Team:

R. Aldous
R. Huxford
N. Grayston
A. O'Brien
N. Mohan
D. Brightwell
C. Midgley
W. Bullimore
C. Cunningham
P. Jewell
P. McDonald

Subs:

I. McLean
G. Edwards
J. McClelland
CHRIS HUTCHINGS.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Wed	Aug 16	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	0-3
Wed	23	Middlesbrough	A	0-5
Wed	Sep 6	Blackpool	A	1-0
Mon	11	ASTON VILLA	H	1-2
Wed	20	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	4-1
Wed	27	Port Vale	A	1-3
Thur	Oct 5	COVENTRY CITY	H	1-2
Wed	11	Burnley	A	2-2
Wed	18	MANCHESTER C.	H	3-0
Mon	23	Hull City	A	2-0
Thur	Nov 2	BURNLEY	H	0-3
Wed	8	YORK CITY	H	1-1
Tue	14	Sunderland	A	2-3
Wed	29	HUDDERSFIELD T.	H	2-1
Mon	Dec 4	Mansfield Town	A	5-3
Mon	11	PORT VALE	H	1-5
Tue	19	Rotherham United	A	3-0
Mon	Jan 8	Leicester City	A	2-1
Tue	16	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	2-3
Thu	25	Grimsby Town	A	3-2
Thu	Feb 1	BLACKPOOL	H	2-5
Wed	28	Preston N.E.	A	0-6
Wed	Mar 5	York City	A	1-0
Wed	20	ROTHERHAM U.	H	1-2
Thur	28	Manchester City	A	1-1
Wed	Apr 3	BARNESLEY	H	0-1
Thur	11	SUNDERLAND	H	2-3
Mon	15	Barnsley	A	1-5
Wed	17	HULL CITY	H	0-3
Mon	22	Aston Villa	A	0-1
Thur	25	Coventry City	A	0-1
Tue	May 2	LEICESTER CITY	H	
Fri	7	Huddersfield Town	A	
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OUT & ABOUT

Swindon Town's fully deserved capture of the Second Division title caps a hectic four seasons for the Wiltshire club. It comes hard on the heels of two relegations which followed the club's one season first taste of top-flight football in 1993-94. In fact Swindon have changed Divisions six times in the last eleven seasons. That does not include 1989-90 when, under Ossie Ardiles' stewardship, they gained promotion to the old First Division via the play-offs only to be 'relegated' two flights because of financial irregularities. Then, finally placed back in the Second Division after an appeal.

However, Swindon have only been making up for lost time as, after being founder members of the Football League's Third Division (in 1920-21), it was not until their 36th campaign that they finally won their first promotion in 1962-63 (to the old Division Two). The Robins' first relegation came two years later and this term's promotion is their sixth, in contrast to five relegations (in 69 campaigns). Meanwhile Bradford City's changes of status have been a more evenly spaced six promotions and seven relegations (in the 81 seasons before this one). City won promotion to the top-flight at only their fifth attempt and only once have changed Divisions in successive seasons, when they fell straight back to the Fourth Division in 1977-78.

Swindon were involved in one of the most exciting games that I have ever attended when they threw away a 3-0 lead before beating Leicester City with a late penalty in the 1993 Play-Off Final for a place among the elite. That match was actually put in the shade by another 7 goal thriller in the equivalent Wembley final last season, when I witnessed Bolton edge out Reading. However, I hope the memories of both those nerve-wreckers will soon be usurped by another glorious Wembley occasion in a month's time, when Bradford City make it 7-7!

DAVID POWTER

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At the Brentford match last Friday, you may have seen a photocall for the presentation to Lee Dent, (11 years old, who attends St. Anthony's School, Shipley and lives in Thackley) of the **HAVEN** Holiday voucher. Lee won the raffle drawn by Chris Kamara at the Apperley Bridge Easter Coaching Course, and this lucky lad can now have a **free** weeks holiday for 7 people at any one of Haven's holiday parks in Great Britain. I hope Lee and his family have a great holiday. As we are currently coaching at St. Anthony's School, Lee **not** attending last week - "his friends"? at the school said I should say that Lee might want to invite his girlfriend! - I think the name **KIRSTY** was mentioned. (SORRY LEE but love is a wonderful thing!)

Tonight's game sees the two finals of this season's pre-match and half-time entertainment provided by local school children. **Both** competitions have very kindly been sponsored by **YORKSHIRE BANK**. Many thanks to ANDREA SCAIFE and STEVEN MIDGLEY who will be presenting the trophies, medals and gifts to the winners and runners-up; and also to PAUL CHELL (Yorkshire Bank, Shipley's MAD KEEN CITY SUPPORTER).

As the other semi hasn't been played yet at the time of writing THE YORKSHIRE BANK U-9's 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION will be held prior to the game between ST. OSWALD'S PRIMARY (Guiseley) and either NEW LAITHES PRIMARY or THACKLEY FIRST.

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DAVID'S DIARY with David Markham

Whatever the result of tonight's match against Swindon - or, for that matter the last match of Hull City on Saturday - the fact that Swindon City have gone into the last week of the season on the verge of a play-off place reflects great credit on manager Chris Kamara and the players.

They have shown ambition and spirit in the last six weeks to put pressure on the teams above them as they gradually hauled themselves back into the top six.

After the 2-0 defeat at Oxford on Saturday, March 9th, few would have given City much of a chance of a top six place.

Since then, though, they have won eight of their 11 matches and, with the help of other clubs who have faltered in the run-in to the end of the season, City have earned themselves a great chance of reaching the play-offs for the first time since they were relegated from the old Second Division at the end of the 1989-90 season.

Three times since then they have been on the verge of the play-offs, but they have always fallen short and this is the first time they have gone into their last two matches with their destiny in their own hands.

The teams they play have had contrasting seasons. Swindon, the best side in the division, are worthy Champions and deserve to go back to the First Division at the first attempt.

On the other hand, Hull have had a miserable season and their relegation fate is already sealed.

It goes without saying that City will need to be at their best to beat Swindon tonight and fulfil Chris Kamara's wish for his side to clinch a top six spot in front of their own supporters.

So confident have Swindon been that they go into tonight's match having lost only four of their 44 League matches.

Even though they made size of the line by winning 3-1 at Chesterfield last Tuesday, they still won 2-1 at Shrewsbury on Saturday in a match where there was nothing at stake. That's the true measure of a good team.

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Tonight we welcome the divisional Champions to what is bound to be a passionate, noisy and tense Valley Parade; what we would give to be in Swindon's shoes, their season as good as over, the Championship in the bag and First Division football guaranteed. But at least our fate is in our own hands as victory tonight and at Hull on Saturday will ensure a play-off place.

If the matches against Chesterfield and Brentford are anything to go by then this evening will be another rollercoaster through every emotion possible. Against the Spireites we came from a goal behind, whereas in the Brentford match we managed to miss two penalties, still go two up, concede late on and set-up a tense finish. But that's the beauty of the play-offs, from floundering in mid-table we've suddenly appeared on the rails to mount a challenge for a top six spot; rather this tension and anxiety than last season's dreary run-in watched by a disinterested few thousand.

Any sort of result tonight will spark a mass exodus down the M62 to Boothferry Park on Saturday. The City-Tigers derbies have always been fractious affairs, more so since Terry Dolan brought in a large number of ex-City players, however, the derbies have lacked the edge of the mid-eighties encounters. This season's match at Valley Parade epitomized the nineties meetings between the clubs: one sending off, a twenty one man punch up in the back of the Kop goal; a poor 1-1 draw; a few hundred fans from Humberside and a total attendance of only 5,830. Far removed from the heady days of 1984/85 when 15,000, which included around 4,000 travelling fans from Bradford, saw a keeperless City triumph 2-0 at a packed and passionate Boothferry Park. Doubtless a similar number will travel the hour or so down the motorway, they will probably be met by a near empty Boothferry Park as Hull are long relegated, however, I'm certain that Terry Dolan will have his men fired up to be the party poopers.

A City Gent end of season update will be on sale tonight, although not a full edition it's still forty pages for 50p. Copies of City Gent 62 are still available, of course, it is the usual one hundred pages for £1.

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TRANSFER NEWS

It appears that Middlesbrough were visitors to Valley Parade on Friday night to watch Brentford full-back **Ijah Anderson**. Boro are also keen on Danish forward **Michael Beck**, who starred against Scotland recently. They will face competition from Glasgow Rangers for his signature. West Yorkshire neighbours Leeds United could be facing a difficult summer. It is reported that **Gary McAllister** will quit Leeds if the club does not spend in the close season, he is a target for Arsenal. This departure on top of probable exits of **Gary Speed** to Everton and **Tomas Brolin** to who knows where will concern Leeds supporters. However, £2m rated **Andy Booth** at Huddersfield is a possible target for Elland Road. Leeds also fancy **John Beresford** at Newcastle as a replacement for injury prone Tony Dorigo, but promoted Derby might have a say in things, as might the player, who prefers Sheffield United. Another Newcastle player under scrutiny is **Warren Barton** who interests Arsenal. Manchester City keeper **Andy Dibble** is being lined up for a move to Sheffield United to replace **Alan Kelly** who seems certain to join Everton. If Joe Royle at Everton does not get Gary Speed, expect a shock move for **Ian Woan** at Forest. Frank Clark is reluctant to sell but needs the money for a striker, which does not seem good news for **Kevin Campbell** who has disappointed since his arrival from Arsenal. If Crystal Palace make it back to the Premier League, Campbell may get an opportunity to move back to London. The confirmed relegation of Bolton and Q.P.R. will have alerted a number of clubs to the fact that **Alan Stubbs** at Bolton and **Trevor Sinclair** at Q.P.R. will not want Endsleigh League football next season. The quality of these relegated sides has been seen at times this season and is a benchmark as to where our visitors Swindon and hopefully The Bantams will need to aim next season. These are only two sides out of a number, such as Wolves, Sheffield United and Crystal Palace who may have strong financial clout in an attempt to gain the ultimate prize - promotion to the Premier League. Consolidation would suffice I think for Swindon or Bradford City.

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Tue	15	BLACKPOOL (CCC 1,1)	H	2-1	3670	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Showler 1
Sat	19	Brighton & H.A.	A	0-0	5471	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Showler
Tue	22	Blackpool (CCC 1,2)	A	3-2	4553	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Mohan
Sat	26	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	3-1	5017	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Hamilton 1
Tue	29	Notts. County	A	2-0	6168	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Hamilton
Sat Sept	2	WYCOMBE WAND.	H	0-4	9974	Ward	Huxford §§	Jacobs	Hamilton
Sat	9	Wrexham	A	2-1	3268	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Hamilton
Wed	13	Swindon Town	A	1-4	8203	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mohan
Sat	16	BRISTOL CITY	H	3-0	5165	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Tue	19	NOTTS. FOREST (CCC 2,1)	H	3-2	9288	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell §§§
Sat	23	Peterborough United	A	1-3	4509	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Mitchell
Mon	25	Doncaster R. (AWS 1 (1))	A	1-1	1014	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Mitchell
Sat	30	BLACKPOOL	H	2-1	6820	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Wed Oct	4	Notts Forest (CCC 2,2)	A	2-2	15321	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Sat	7	Swansea City	A	0-2	2207	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Sat	14	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2-3	5817	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Tue	17	CARLISLE UTD (AWS 1 (2))	H	1-1	1287	Ward	Huxford	Jacobs	Mitchell
Sat	21	Carlisle United	A	2-2	6274	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Mitchell
Wed	25	Norwich City (CCC 3)	A	0-0	11649	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Robson §§§
Sat	28	BURNLEY	H	2-2	8356	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Mitchell
Tue	31	WALSALL	H	1-0	4310	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Mitchell 1
Sat Nov	4	Chesterfield	A	1-2	5490	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Mitchell
Tue	7	NORWICH C. (CCC 3 R)	H	3-5	8655	Ward	Huxford §	Jacobs	Mitchell
Sat	11	BURTON ALB. (FAC 1)	H	4-3	4920	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs §	Mitchell
Sat	18	HULL CITY	H	1-1	5830	Harper	Huxford	Grayston	Robson 1
Sat	25	Brentford	A	1-2	4237	Ward	Huxford	Liburd §§§	Mitchell
Sat Dec	2	PRESTON N.E. (FAC 2)	H	2-1	7602	Ward	Shutt §§	Jacobs 2	Robson
Sat	9	PETERBOROUGH U.	H	2-1	4605	Ward	Shutt §§§	Jacobs	Youds
Sat	16	Blackpool	A	1-4	4581	Ward	Liburd §	Jacobs	Youds
Sat	23	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-0	4637	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Youds
Tue	26	York City	A	3-0	5218	Ward	Liburd	Jacobs	Brightwell
Sat Jan	6	BOLTON W. (FAC 3)	H	0-3	10265	Ward	Mitchell §§	Jacobs	Youds
Wed	10	Stockport Co.	A	2-1	6030	Ward	Mitchell	Jacobs	Youds
Sat	13	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	1-3	5139	Ward	Mitchell §§	Jacobs §§§	Youds
Sat	20	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-3	3628	Ward	Liburd	Mitchell	Youds
Tue	23	Rotherham United	A	0-2	3052	Ward	Liburd	Grayston	Youds
Wed	31	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-1	4095	Ward	Liburd	Huxford	Mitchell
Sat Feb	3	Shrewsbury Town	A	1-1	3405	Ward	Liburd	Huxford	Brightwell §§
Sat	10	STOCKPORT CO.	H	0-1	5290	Ward	Huxford	Liburd	Mitchell
Sat	24	Bristol City	A	1-2	5400	Ward	Liburd	Brightwell	Kernaghan
Tue	27	WREXHAM	H	2-0	3804	Ward	Liburd	Brightwell	Kernaghan
Sat Mar	2	YORK CITY	H	2-2	5208	Ward	Liburd	Brightwell	Kernaghan
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THE COOP' REPORT

I never thought time travel was possible until last Friday evening, when City played Brentford. The atmosphere was absolutely electric, and I thought I had gone back to the near miss season of 1987-88. Non-stop singing and chants of encouragement all night, particularly after the second penalty miss, made for an unforgettable evening.

The players responded in the right fashion; most of the side wouldn't have experienced it here before, and I think an even better night's in prospect this evening, with us likely to have the largest crowd of the season. Having the Midland Road side open has helped, and we can only imagine what it would be like with a full house once the new stand is built.

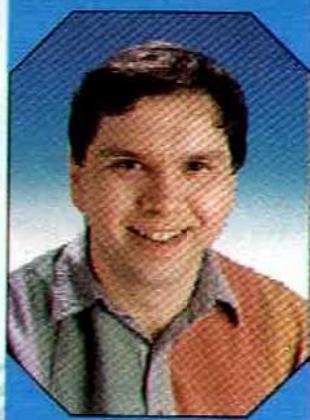
Those of you listening to Pulse Sport on Saturday afternoon will know I had sent reporters to the other key games at Wrexham, Stockport and Bournemouth, and I could not believe how everything went just right. How ironic that the sides playing away from home in the Premiership dogfight all won, whilst those supposedly having had a decent season looking for the play-offs all lost.

Such is the unpredictability of football, and we now know that victory this evening will be enough to see us in the play-offs. As you know from 1988 it is a fraught, and emotional experience, but that just makes the rewards all the more pleasurable, particularly with the prospect of the club's first ever appearance at Wembley.

Finally, congratulations to Swindon on winning the Championship; we hope to see you here again next season!

Enjoy the game.

CHRIS COOPER, Sports Editor, The Pulse.



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VISITORS ON VIEW

The Robins were formed in 1879 before turning professional in 1894, previously members of the Southern League, they were elected to Division Three in 1920 and found themselves in Division Three (South) from 1921 to 1958. What went on after 1958 hardly bears comparison to more recent events. It would be fair to say that the last ten seasons have been the most eventful in the club's history. Ten tortuous seasons in which Swindon moved up from the Third Division; won promotion to the old First Division in 1989-90 after beating Sunderland in the Play-Off Final before a Wembley crowd of 72,873 only to be demoted to the Second Division by the Football League for illegal payments to players; won promotion to the Premier League in 1992-93 only to drop back to their present position in Division Two in the last two successive seasons. That depressing run has ended this campaign with the claiming of the Second Division Championship. The role of honour before this latest triumph was a Division Four Championship in 1985-86 as well as a League Cup Final victory in 1968-69 (and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970).

Before tonight Swindon had lost only four out of forty-four games played and have the best defensive record in the division with thirty-three goals conceded. Huddersfield-born Wayne Allison is leading scorer in the League campaign with fifteen, he has been ably assisted by among others Steve Finney, Peter Thorne and of late Kevin Horlock. Success this season has seen The Robins as the best supported club in the division with an average attendance of 9,828 - compared to The Bantams' 5,416.

Steve McMahon (player-manager) - Appointed player-manager at the end of November, 1994 following John Gorman's departure. An associate schoolboy with Everton, he was deeply hurt when they overlooked him when handing out apprenticeships - but he battled back and soon impressed enough to make his League debut at 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 U-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 U-21 Championship winning side in 1984. With Villa Steve 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 land him in his first major deal for Liverpool in September, 1985. McMahon filled the position vacated by Graeme Souness and played his first game for Liverpool at Oxford. By the end of the season he had League and Cup medals to flaunt as Liverpool clinched the 'double'. Further trophies were added to his collection as Steve shared in Anfield's phenomenal success, while at international level Bobby Robson drafted him into the 1990 England World Cup squad as cover for Bryan Robson. He was capped 17 times. On Christmas Eve 1991 Manchester City paid £900,000 for his registration and until his move to Swindon, McMahon has continued to demonstrate his agility at the highest level.

Paul Bodin (defender) - Welsh international now in his second spell at The County Ground. Paul was initially signed from the now defunct Newport County for £25,000 in March, 1988. Three years later he was transferred to Crystal Palace for a fee of £550,000 but was unable to command a place at Selhurst Park and just ten months later he returned to Swindon.

Shaun Taylor (defender) - An ever-present in the team again last season for the second consecutive year. Shaun was signed from Exeter City in July, 1991 for £200,000. He came into professional football late, signing for The Grecians from Western League Bideford Town at the age of 23. He played 233 first team games for Exeter before he joined Swindon Town. He has signed a new contract which will keep him at The County Ground until 1997.

Mark Seagraves (defender) - Big strong central defender signed from Bolton Wanderers for £100,000 in June, 1995. Mark forms a solid defensive partnership with Shaun Taylor. 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 season's side who gained promotion to the Premiership.

Kevin Horlock (defender) - Northern Ireland full and U-21 international, Kevin was signed from West Ham United on a free transfer in the summer of 1992 and made his League debut in the 3-1 defeat at Portsmouth that year after injury sidelined regular full-back Paul Bodin.

Wayne O'Sullivan (defender) - Full-back Wayne made his debut for Swindon Town in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie against Oxford United at The Manor Ground in September, 1992. A former trainee with the club he made his League debut as substitute in the first game of the 1994-95 season at home to Port Vale and started a League game for the first time in the following 1-0 home win over Watford. Has since progressed and become a regular first team member and was selected for the Eire U-21 squad to play Latvia in Galway in October, 1995.

Frank Talia (goalkeeper) - Blackburn Rovers signed Frank from Sunshine George Cross in Australia during 1992 and spent some time on loan at Hartlepool that season making 15 appearances. Unable to break into the first team at Ewood Park, Frank signed for Swindon in November, 1995 having spent a month on loan earlier in the season.

Alex Smith (defender) - Signed on a free transfer from Everton in January, 1996 where he was a former trainee. Whilst he had not played in the Premiership Alex has played in Everton's European Cup Winners' Cup campaign this season.

Mark Robinson (defender) - Signed as an apprentice for West Bromwich Albion on leaving school in June, 1985 and made his Football League debut against Sheffield Wednesday in April, 1986. Surprisingly he was not offered a contract at the end of his apprenticeship and was picked up by Barnsley but had to wait until 1989 before earning an extended run in the first team. In March, 1993 he was transferred to Newcastle United for £450,000 but injury and the vast squad at St. James' Park prevented Mark from getting an extended first team run. In July, 1994 he moved to Wiltshire for a then Swindon Town club record of £600,000.

Martin Ling (midfield) - A former Exeter City apprentice, Martin is another in his second spell at The County Ground. He 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 League appearances, scoring 31 goals. Whilst at Roots Hall he spent some time on loan to Mansfield Town and indeed at The County Ground. In the summer of 1991 Glenn Hoddle acquired his services for a mere £15,000.

Lee Collins (midfield) - Signed in November, 1995 for a fee of £15,000 from Scottish Division Three side Albion Rovers after impressing in trial games for Swindon Town reserves. Made his first team debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield defeat by Hereford United at The County Ground at the end of November.

John Drysdale (defender) - A former England Youth international Jason signed in at The County Ground on transfer deadline day in 1995 for a fee of £340,000 from Newcastle United. A former trainee with Watford where he won an F.A. Youth Cup winners' medal, Jason made 160 appearances for The Hornets scoring 13 goals once he signed professional forms in September, 1988. A fee of £425,000 in August, 1994 took him to Newcastle United but after less than seven months at St. James' Park Jason joined Swindon. Having not been able to command a first team place.

SWINDON TOWN



Back row (l to r): Wayne Allison, Paul Bodin, Shaun Taylor, Fraser Digby, Mark Seagraves, Andy Thomson (no longer with club), Peter Thorne

Middle row: Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Horlock, Jason Drysdale, Stephen Finney, Dean Hooper, Mark Robinson, Luc Nijholt (no longer with club), Ty Gooden, Edwln Murphy

Front row: Martin Ling, Wayne O'Sullivan, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Player-Manager), Ross McLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Jonathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Jamie Pitman, Ben Worrall

Paul Allen (midfield) - One of the renowned footballing Allen family, Paul was signed by Swindon Town on a free transfer in October, 1995 having been released from Southampton. Previously with West Ham United with whom he signed as an apprentice in August, 1979 and went on to make 197 appearances, scoring 11 goals. In June, 1985 a £400,000 move took him across London to White Hart Lane where he made 377 appearances for Spurs scoring 28 goals. In September, 1993 he transferred to Southampton for a fee of £550,000 but with the departure of manager Ian Branfoot, Paul was only to make 43 appearances for the Saints. During his time at The Dell he went on loan to Luton Town and Stoke City. Paul is an England 'B', U-21 and Youth international.

Ian Culverhouse (defender) - Signed from Norwich City at the end of December, 1994 for a fee of £250,000 decided by a Football League tribunal after Norwich's request of £900,000 was turned down by Swindon. Ian was a former apprentice at Tottenham Hotspur before turning professional and making his League debut as a substitute at Notts. County in October, 1985 for £50,000. He featured in The Canaries UEFA Cup successes last season but was unable to agree new terms at Carrow Road.

Wayne Allison (forward) - A Football League tribunal decided that Swindon had to pay £475,000 for the registration of Wayne from local rivals Bristol City, for whom he was top scorer last season, in July, 1995. Born in Huddersfield, Wayne started his career as an apprentice at Halifax Town before moving to Watford for £250,000 in July, 1989. The following year a £300,000 deal took him to Ashton Gate where he became a firm favourite with the fans.

Steve Finney (forward) - Manager Steve McMahon knew of Steve when they were both at Manchester City and took Finney on a free transfer from Maine Road during the summer. He scored his first goal for Swindon on the club's pre-season tour of Finland. Following an injury to Peter Thorne, Steve was given an unexpected run in the first team at the beginning of this season.

Peter Thorne (forward) - Young striker signed from Blackburn Rovers for an undisclosed fee in January, 1995. Was signed on as a trainee player at Ewood Park in July, 1989 before progressing to the professional ranks in the 1991 close season. First team opportunities were restricted because of the form of the likes of Alan Shearer, Chris Sutton and Mike Newell and Peter relished the chance of a move to Swindon with the opportunity of regular action. His only first team appearance for Blackburn was when he came on as substitute in the Charity Shield at Wembley against Manchester United.

Steven Cowe - This Gloucester-born twenty-one year old signed permanently from Aston Villa in a £100,000 deal during transfer deadline week. The midfielder did not get a first team opportunity at Villa Park where his career started as a trainee.

David Preece - This influential midfield player joined on loan from Derby County last month. His career started as an apprentice at Walsall in 1980 and he went on to make over 100 appearances for them before signing for Luton in 1984. Almost 400 games later he moved on to Derby but had limited opportunities under Jim Smith, this led to the loan move to The Robins. A tenacious ball-winner, David operates mainly down the left side. An excellent passer of the ball.

STEVE BARTHOLOMEW.

PLAYER PROFILE

LEE DUXBURY



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City's dynamic midfield man had the guts the other night against Brentford to take a second penalty after the first had been missed.

On a tension filled occasion that was not an easy responsibility and I was glad for Lee he scored our vital second goal after his penalty effort hit the Brentford crossbar.

Since our local born player has returned from his brief spell with Huddersfield he has looked a different player, even better than the one who originally departed.

The aggression is controlled and a kind of thoughtfulness that wasn't always evident. I asked Lee if that was a fair comment?

"All I know is as you become more experienced you learn how to cope with situations and I believe you never stop learning. Also, the way we are playing at the moment you cannot help but be almost permanently hyped up as the level of determination in the squad is lethal".

What in Lee's opinion was the reason for the recent run that has put the club in with a real shout of a play-off place? "Our home form as come good and to be successful you have to win your home games. If we do manage to gain promotion I've no doubt our squad will be good enough for the First Division and that is with the benefit of seeing Town play at that level, and look how well they've done".

Lee Duxbury has been with the club for almost a decade and although he had a loan spell at Rochdale and his year out with neighbours Huddersfield Town he is very much a Bantam man.

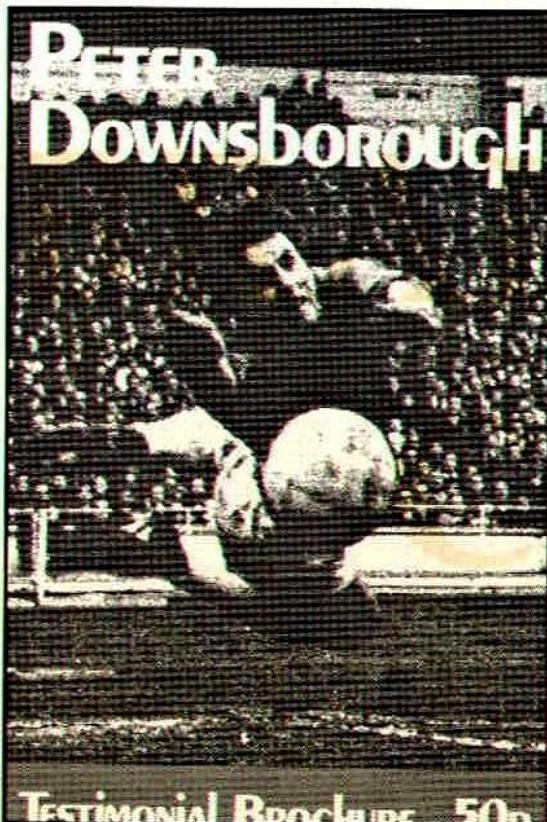
A point Lee was quick to acknowledge. "The move to Town was right at the time but once Brian Horton came there was never going to be the same opportunities as he never really gave me a chance. As it happened City came in for me and who better to join than the club I've known since I was an apprentice?"

Lee Duxbury has proved time and again what a good acquisition he's been, but there again we always knew what he was capable of.

KEVIN MITCHELL.

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If there is a former player held in equal affection by both City and Swindon fans it has to be Peter Downsborough. Halifax-born Downsborough made a total of 650 League appearances including 148 for Halifax Town, 274 for Swindon, 3 for Brighton (on loan) and 225 for City between 1973 and 1979. He was the hero of Swindon's League Cup victory over Arsenal in 1969 but is also well remembered for his part in City's F.A. Cup run 20 years ago that took The Paraders as far as the sixth round. Peter Downsborough was also a hero of City's promotion winning team of 1977. His testimonial against Huddersfield in May, 1980 came shortly after City had narrowly missed promotion following defeat in the last game of the season; the disappointment of a bad day in Peterborough probably accounted for why only 1,026 attended Peter's benefit game.

JOHN DEWHIRST

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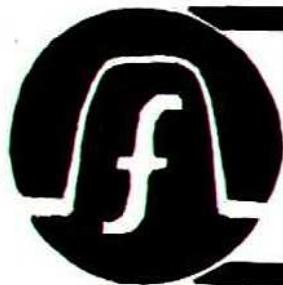


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CITY CHAT LINE

When you look through the Endsleigh League's Divisions One, Two and Three, City have fewer drawn games than anyone.

The statisticians will correct me if I'm wrong but I cannot remember a team being promoted, if that ends up being the case, with as many defeats as City have suffered.

Since the introduction of three points for a win the importance of winning rather than going for the draw has never been more highlighted than in our case this term.

That can only be for the good of the game and as a spectacle for the fans who would always rather witness attacking football.

Which brings me to the subject of how The Bantams' season has all of a sudden done an about turn.

Whatever happens tonight or next Saturday we must pour credit on the management team and the players. There was always quality in the squad but now the team are playing with confidence.

If you consider the pressure of playing on a beach of a pitch, high expectancy from the fans, and a squad that cost a lot of money for our division the margin for error was always going to be nominal.

We've had to sack the manager to regain lost confidence and once the new manager was installed he loses his new choice as assistant in the space of a few weeks.

On top of that we've all been crying out for a top striker, yours truly included.

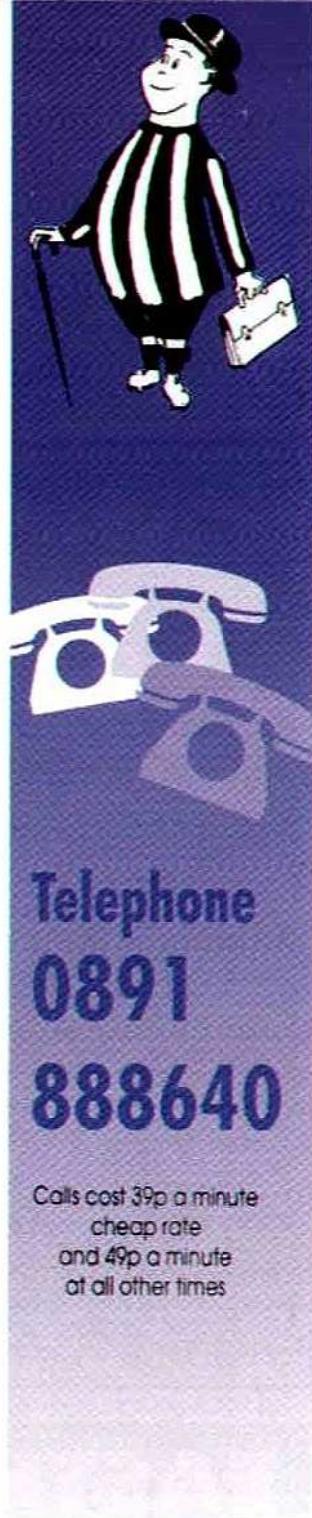
I'm not saying a prolific goalscorer would not be needed in the future but what I do think is, that old word character has shone through like a beacon in recent weeks throughout the club.

Perhaps it's unfair to single out people but I, and many fans I know, really appreciate the effort that has been made to get City into a position we currently find ourselves.

Whatever happens lads, I think the level of determination we have witnessed recently has never been bettered in my 30-odd years of watching the club.

Well done lads.

KEVIN MITCHELL.



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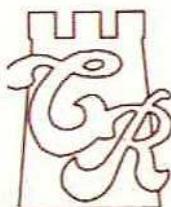
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Swindon Town visit The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade today in a strong position in the League table. In contrast, back in season 1960-61 both City and Town were struggling in the lower half of the table. Town eventually finished in 16th position on 43

points but City were unable to avoid relegation finishing third from bottom on 36 points, four points short of safety. City did manage to beat Town 2-1 with goals from David Jackson and Webb, Cliff Jackson replying for Town. Swindon had some names in their line-up which became well known in football circles. Mike Summerbee being the most famous and his exploits with Bell, Lee and Co. at Manchester City in the late sixties and early seventies helped bring many cups into the Maine Road trophy cabinet. David 'Bronco' Layne was centre forward and he later became a firm favourite at Valley Parade. John Trollope was a 17 year old full-back and became one of Swindon's most consistent performers playing in no less than 770 League games between 1960 and 1980. Also playing in only his second League campaign and still a teenager was Ernie Hunt who later played many times for Coventry City.



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The departure to television of Radio Leeds Sports Editor Derm Tanner leaves me with mixed emotions. Sad that a much respected colleague has left but delighted at what can only be termed as a step up the ladder for a man who knows his job.

Like most professions, journalism is competitive and a tough occupation. Broadcasting itself leaves the individual requiring obviously a thorough knowledge about his subject, confidence and a voice that the listener finds easy to the ear, Derm has the lot.

I have worked with several Sport Editors in my capacity as a broadcaster for Radio Leeds. My memories of them all are favourable and I've had some memorable moments.

MALCOLM SCOTT, Associate Director and BBC Radio Leeds Reporter.



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SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR - If any readers know of a Bradford City supporter who deserves the award of 'Supporter of the Year' would they please write to my address with their nomination and reasons why their nominee should receive the award. Please write to:- 46 Ainsty Road, Wetherby, LS22 7QS.

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HEATON AND NORTH BRADFORD BRANCH - On Cup Final day, May 11th, the branch traditionally play Newcastle supporters in an annual challenge game. Last year over £400 was raised for the Burns Unit, set up as a direct result of the Bradford City Fire Disaster. This year the format has been changed slightly and two Bradford supporters' teams representing Heaton and Craven Branches will meet Lincoln and Newcastle supporters in a seven-a-side tournament to be played at Scotchman Road all-weather pitch prior to the F.A. Cup Final. Lincoln City were Bradford's opponents on that fateful day (May 11th, 1985) so it is fitting Lincoln are involved as May 11th marks the 11th anniversary of the fire. The teams will compete for the Harry Holden Memorial Trophy.

Further details on branch activities from Mark Neale on 01274 545642.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL CITY - The cassette tape of City recordings will be available today from the back of the Kop or from the City Shop. Profits from the tape will go towards a Loop System which will provide matchday commentary for deaf and blind supporters at Valley Parade. The tape costs £2.50 or is available for £3.00 (inc. p&p) from John Watmough, 46 Ainsty Road, Wetherby LS22 7QS.

CAVEN BRANCH - The next meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd May at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton (8 p.m.). The guests will be Ian Ormondroyd and Paul Showler.

For details please contact Chris Smith (01756 799775) or Kevin Green (01756 791292) after 7.00 p.m.

SOUTH BRADFORD SUPPORTERS' CLUB - The branch are holding a meeting on Thursday, May 16th at Great Horton WMC commencing 7.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Trevor Cherry. An end of season auction will also be held and there will be a buffet. Admission is £1.50 for members and £3.00 for non-members. Everyone is welcome.

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Lorna Heginbotham unveils the plaque in remembrance of her late husband Stafford, the former Bradford City Chairman here at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade last week



Ian Fletcher and his guests of Fletcher Greenwood are pictured receiving an autographed football from Jon Ford after their matchball sponsorship versus Oxford

MEET TONIGHT'S MASCOTS



Matthew Craven is 7 years old and attends Hightown First & Nursery School. His hobbies are playing football, snooker, rugby, basketball and swimming. Matthew's favourite players are Paul Jewell and Lee Duxbury.



Richard Morrow is 8 years old and attends Killinghall First School. His hobbies are football and music (Queen). Richard's favourite players are Paul Showler and Neil Tolson.



David Cowie is 10 years old and lives in Ripley, Harrogate. He attends Ripley Endowed School. His hobbies are football, cricket and horse riding. David's favourite players are Eddie Youds and Mark Stallard.

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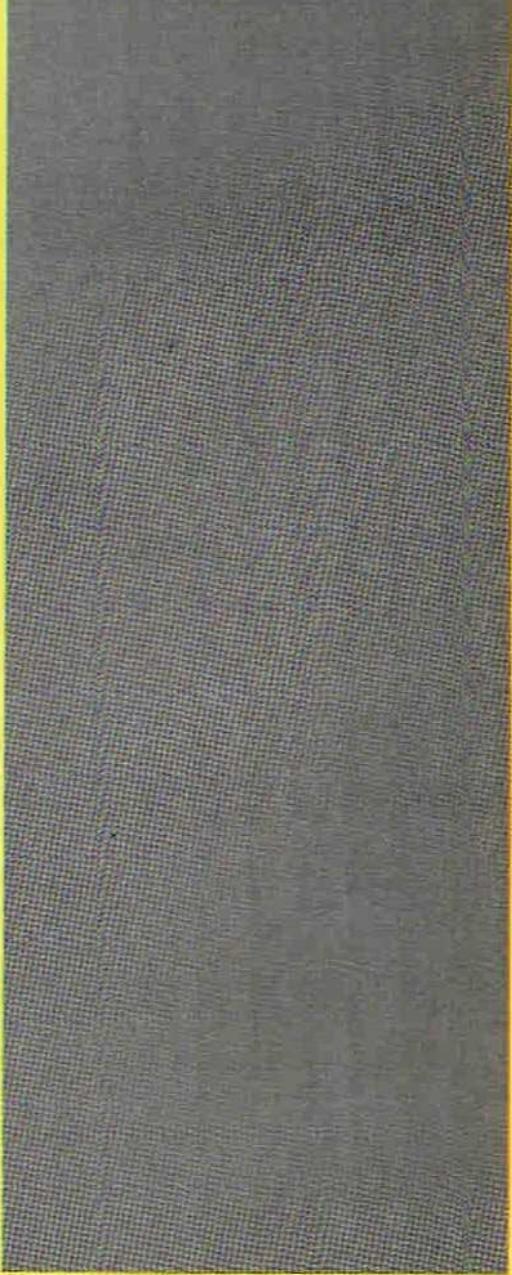
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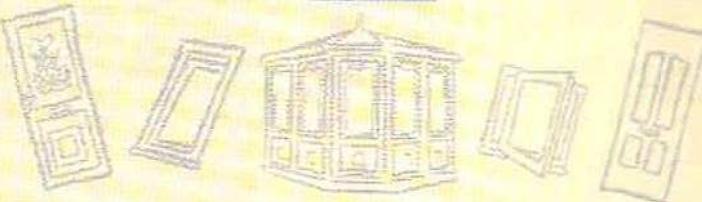
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