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"WE'RE GONNA EUROPE....
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... (WELL, SOME OF US ARE!!)"

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SUMMER IS HERE, AND HOPE SPRING'S ETERNAL !! SOON ANOTHER SEASON WILL BE WITH US AND THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF THE LAST WILL BE BLOWN AWAY BY THE NORTH BANK WINDS. BUT THERE ARE DARK TIDINGS. THE OTHER NIGHT I DREAMT THAT I WENT TO THE OPENING GAME OF THE SEASON FULL OF HOPE, ONLY TO FIND DUDLEY PLAYING FOR THE OPPOSITION. SURELY THIS CANNOT BE TRUE ! ALAS, WE KNOW THAT IT IS NO DREAM, FOR DUDLEY HAS TAKEN THE MONEY AND RUN TO HUDDERSFIELD. SO TOO ALAN DAVIES TO JOIN THE WHO SHALL NOT BE NAMED AT BRADFORD (OH THAT WE SHOULD DRAW THEM IN THE LITTLEWOODS CUP). AND THE NEWCOMERS, STILL WE WAIT WITH BAITED BREATH TO SEE WHO SHALL WEAR THE COVETED LILY WHITE JERSEY THIS SEASON. SPECULATION IS RIFE BUT AS YET UNCLE DOUGLAS HAS NOT PARTED WITH ANY DOSH, (SOUNDS FAMILIAR).

FOR THE LONDON SWANS THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES !! ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH. 1989 AT 5 P.M. AT THE WHITE SWAN, NEW ROW, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, (NOT HARROW BORO) WE WILL HOLD OUR FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL MEMBERS ATTEND AS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING CRUCIAL ISSUES FOR THE COMING SEASON. A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO EACH MEMBER BEFORE THE MEETING GIVING MORE DETAILS. ON THIS DATE WE WILL TAKE DEFINITE BOOKINGS FOR THE OPENING LEAGUE FIXTURE AT HUDDERSFIELD (AUGUST 19TH.) AND FOR ANYONE WISHING TO TRAVEL TO GREECE FOR THE EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP FIRST ROUND TIE AGAINST PANATHINAIKOS (SEPT. 13TH.).

MEANWHILE THE LONDON SWANS F.C. HAVE BEEN IN ACTION AGAIN, FIRSTLY ON JUNE 18TH., IN THE A.P.S.C.I.F.L. 5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT AT HARROW LEISURE CENTRE. WE PLAYED THREE GAMES IN OUR GROUP, V. COVENTRY CITY LOST 1-2, V. HEARTS DREW 3-3, V. BLACKPOOL WON 2-1. WE NARROWLY FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE KNOCKOUT STAGE OF THIS 32 TEAM TOURNAMENT, BUT TOOK GREAT SATISFACTION FROM THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE, PARTICULARLY IN BEATING BLACKPOOL WHO WERE THE HOLDERS AND WHO FINISHED TOP OF OUR GROUP. THEN ON JULY 9TH. WE LOST 1-4 TO A LONDON WELSH XI (CONTAINING ONE TRAITOROUS LONDON SWAN) ON THE ASTROTURF AT MARKET ROAD, ISLINGTON.

ONCE AGAIN MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT CONTRIBUTIONS. AS YOU WILL SEE I HAVE TRIED TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE LIKE A FANZINE, AND I FEEL THAT THE STANDARD OF CONTENT CERTAINLY EQUALS THAT OF MANY OTHER FANZINES ON THE MARKET. I INTEND PUBLISHING THE NEXT ISSUE FOR THE START OF THE SEASON I.E. MID AUGUST, SO CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE BY THE END OF JULY.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING THE LONDON SWAN. SEE YOU ALL AT THE A.G.M. !!

YOURS IN SPORT

D.C.

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THE '89-90 SEASON

1989	1990
Aug 19 Huddersfield A	Jan 1 Shrewsbury A
26 Northampton H	6 Leyton Orient (5) H
Sept 2 Birmingham A	13 Northampton A
9 Chester H	20 Huddersfield H
16 Fulham A	27 Chester (4) A
23 Reading H	Feb 3 Reading A
26 Mansfield A	10 Fulham H
30 Notts County H	13 Birmingham H
Oct 7 Crewe H	17 Blackpool (5) A
14 Bristol City A	24 Bristol Rovers H
17 Bury A	Mar 3 Leyton Orient A
21 Tranmere H	6 Notts County A
28 Walsall A	10 Mansfield (6) H
31 Rotherham H	17 Crewe A
Nov 4 Bolton A	20 Bristol City H
11 Preston H	24 Bury H
18 F A Cup 1	31 Tranmere A
25 Bristol Rovers A	Apr 7 Walsall (89) H
Dec 2 Blackpool A	10 Rotherham A
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16 Wigan A	16 Cardiff A
24 Cardiff H	21 Wigan H
30 Brentford H	24 Brentford A
	28 Preston A
	May 5 Bolton H
	12 F A Cup Final

A WINTER '88/'89 TALE - OR MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

a play in three acts

by

MR. EDWARD SIMS

Dramatis Personae

<u>Roberto James:</u>	A dashing sportsman, now bulging around the waist
<u>Thomas of Hutchinson:</u>	An elder statesman
<u>Terence Yorath:</u>	A traitor
<u>Douglas Sharp:</u>	The Merchant of Swansea
<u>Ian Evans:</u>	The new Governor of Swansea, a half-wit
<u>Dudley Lewis:</u>	The last true defender of the Citadel

...and a whole host of others, mostly now with more successful clubs.

ACT I, scene i

Three witches assembled upon the blasted wastes of Swansea Bay.

Witch 1: Sprig of parsley, touch of dill,
Ginger wig of Alan Knill,
Heel of old boot, lace of trainer,
Silly moustache of Paul Raynor.
Witch 2: Leaf of oak and bark so rough,
Rugged looks of David Hough,
Voice like Sharon, mind of Tracey,
Feline keeping of Lee Bracey.
Witch 3: Piece of ancient bacon rind,
Alan Davies' length behind.
But nothing else will count as much
As grizzled beard of Tommy Hutch
All: With these we will complete our dream
To build a perfect football team.
Assembled in our steaming pot
'Til Ian Evans sells the lot

ACT I, scene ii

Enter Terence of Yorath and Thomas of Hutch, on horseback. Both look grim.

Terence: So foul and fair a season I have not seen

Re-enter witches (they've had a hard night)

Witch 1: Hail Terence, Manager of Swansea City

Terence: Alright love. Recognise me do you?

Witch 2: Hail Terence, Manager of Wales

Thomas: (aside) Can one man yet hold two positions at once?
Methinks he had enough problems with the one!

Witch 3: Hail Terence, Manager of Bradford City

Terence: Yes, well, I think Thomas and I were just going...

Thomas: What can these tidings mean Terence? Can these harpies
speak true?

Witches: You think that at the Vetch he'll stay
But Swansea Terence will betray.
Call us harpies once more Hutch
And locusts will infest your crutch.

Thomas: Stay a while you creatures of the night. Tell me more
of my fate. Will I follow the same path of glory as my
flaxen-haired chum?

Witches: Poor Tom, you were a manager once
A wretched failure for the nonce
Of your fate we'll say no more
You will play yet at eighty-four

Witches disappear in a puff of smoke, leaving faint traces of tacky perfume

Terence: Crazy sense of humour those witches

Thomas: I fear this prophecy Terence. Something is rotten in
the state of Swansea. All that glisters is not gold.
Everything that began so well may yet end in home
defeat by Wigan.

Terence: Sorry about all that Tom, but the missus has got to
come first. Give my love to Robbie and the boys.
Might see you in the Second Division some time - like
1997, har, har.

Exit Terence.

Thomas: My eyesight's dim, my hearing's poor, my hair is
long-since grey
But I'll take these tidings back to Doug before the
end of May

Exit Thomas

ACT II, scene i

A bridge near Swansea Leisure Centre

Enter Roberto, former hero, sporting Jason Donovan hairdo and Frank Carson waistline. Approaches Douglas, merchant of Swansea, who is attempting to look deep in concentration.

Douglas: Ducats, ducats, oh lovely, lovely ducats

Roberto: What count you there oh learned merchant?
Could it be the fat transfer fees, as yet unspent
Of former comrades, Pascoe, Phelan and McCarthy?
Could it be first payment on our beloved home,

The Vetch

Soon to be converted into 15 floors of Toys "R" Us?

Or perhaps it is indeed a princely sum advanced

From some First Division empire clamouring for my hand

Douglas: Would that I could sell you Robbie,
Based upon each pound of flesh you bear,
For surely could I then buy me a stadium,
New players and have cash to spare.

Enter "Young" Dudley, red of face and weak of knee

Dudley: Brothers, come close and hear what news I bring
Refrain I beg from gushing tears of pity
How Terence couldn't manage by shoe-string
He's gone to try his luck with Bradford City

Roberto: Dudley, methinks it doth seem wondrous strange
To see you run with arrow-like precision
Forsooth, I would that you had done the same
Whilst we did struggle in the First Division

Douglas: (aside) This news at first seemed truly dire indeed
But through the courts I'll aim to spur my greed.
Instead of buying Holdsworth, Wilmot, Puckett
I'll sue Bradford and hang on to the ducats

Exit Douglas, chuckling malevolently.

Roberto: Dudley, come close, take comfort in our grief.
Let us clasp hands, send prayers forth to the heavens
"Oh Lord, we've been devout in our belief,
We don't deserve the likes of Ian Evans."

Exeunt Roberto and Dudley. A large fork of lightning bursts through the dark, brooding cloud over the Vetch Field. Sounds of heavenly giggling are heard.

ACT III, scene i

A graveyard. Thomas and Roberto sit in deep gloom. Thomas is nursing a skull, with faint wisps of flaxen hair still attached.

Thomas: Alas, poor Yorath. I knew him Roberto.
There was a time when he's watch every game we played
But now we sit here in the graveyard of our season
Desultory, deserted, dejected and betrayed

Roberto: When I look back upon a time that promised much,
I rue and curse the oft' occasions when
We lost at home to hapless teams like Wigan
But worse - a draw 'gainst Cardiff, with ten men!

A tinkling of bells is heard. Enter Ian Evans, court jester, garb'd in motley hue and an unfeasibly silly three-pointy hat.

Evans: Good morrow chums, hey nonny, nonny
Gadzooks, but Robert's hair looks bonny
But why sit here and look so sad
When japes and jest are to be had?
Let's to the Vetch for fun and frolics
To watch the usual load of bollocks

Thomas: (aside) As manager I'd choose Rolf Harris
Before this fool from Crystal Palace

Roberto: Methinks it seems unerring true
The Swans won't reach Division Two

Enter Douglas, triumphant

Douglas: May's here at last, the football season's done
So many lost and drawn with so few won
While soon abroad the Swans are taking wing
Not one of you will hear all Europe sing
I've sold the Vetch, the team and made much bounty
You're on the dole alongside Newport County.

Enraged beyond all human endurance Thomas, Roberto and Evans turn on Douglas and give him a splendid kicking. Sadly, this proves the most strenuous exercise the three have had all season and soon all players lie prostrate around their Chairman.

FINIS

EPILOGUE

Football fans from all ends of this nation
Observe the moral in these sorry tales:
Do not dismiss supporters of fair Swansea,
Don't patronise the football fans of Wales.
We must not let the game we love die slowly,
Above all else, be true to just one target,
Trust not foul Colin Moynihan, the midget
Behave thyself - beware the I.D.s of Margaret

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY !!

CONGRATS TO "SOARAWAY" ED SIMS ON HIS FLEET STREET CONNECTION !!



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Mr E. Sims
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Dear Mr Sims

Your work reminds me of Shakespeare... the well known Walsall left-sided midfielder player. Seriously, thanks for letting me enjoy it and also for your kind comments about The Independent. Best wishes to all London swans.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Barclay
Football Correspondent

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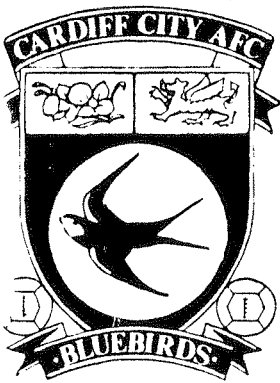
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Evans, phlegmatic and not given to the histrionics displayed by his evergreen winger, must nevertheless have been delighted as this win can only have helped him in his quest for acceptance at Swansea.

A wave to the fans when they call during a game might also help Evans in this regard. It may only be a small point but once or twice the supporters were disappointed by his lack of reaction yesterday. He could learn much from Frank Burrows.

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MOONLIGHTING ?

THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES -
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Russell Thomas — Swansea 2, Liverpool 0

James has revenge

Swansea City served the strongest possible reminder to the First Division hierarchy that they still have genuine title ambitions by defeating Liverpool in a magnificently contested match at the Vetch Field last night. Liverpool, who manufactured many chances of their own, may complain about the outcome, but surely not about the quality of the Swansea finishing power provided by Leighton James and Curtis in the closing 16 minutes.

The occasion was collectively sweet for Swansea, crushed by Liverpool in the FA Cup last month, and personally for Leighton James, who celebrated his 29th birthday not only with his goal—a free kick of extraordinary power—but with a late demonstration of classic wing play. Somehow, suddenly, Liverpool's season has gone doubly sour. First the FA Cup humiliation by Chelsea; now a defeat that may severely endanger their championship challenge.

Bob Paisley responded to Saturday's humiliation by naming the team that suffered at Stamford Bridge, and his men returned the compliment by adhering faithfully to Liverpool's playing formula of controlled passing and good movement on and off the ball.

Swansea's initial response was to examine the left side of Liverpool's defence, where Stanley and Curtis roamed with intent. Stanley's first cross, in fact, was met by a flicked header from Charles that Grobbelaar did well to hold.

Too many of Swansea's better movements down the flanks were spoiled by crosses that found Hansen's head, and Liverpool emphasised the value of their more controlled build-

ups when Rush, out manoeuvred a defender, broke into the penalty area and produced a shot that Davies could only push aside. But Dalglish, following up, was off balance and struck the ball narrowly wide of the far post.

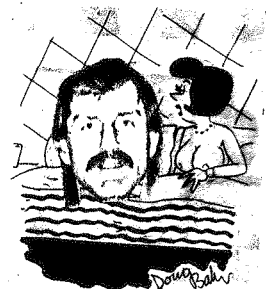
The teams maintained the tempo to trade blow for blow after the interval. Dalglish saw one shot diverted by Marustik and another deflected on to the bar by Irwin. Swansea, in turn, saw the lunging Charles just fail to connect with a Leighton James cross—and then Ray Kennedy miskicked Stanley's immediate return into the area.

Even then, there was little hint of what was to happen in the 76th minute. When Hansen fouled Curtis 30 yards out, Leighton James commandeered the ball, placed it, and after a fast bowler's run-up produced a delivery of stupendous pace which beat half the Liverpool wall and Grobbelaar at the near post.

Liverpool countered immediately, Dalglish twice being denied, before Curtis added a last-minute goal of the highest quality, accelerating away from three defenders and placing a 16-yard shot inside the far post.

Swansea City: Davies; Stanley, Marustik, Irwin, R. Kennedy, Rakovic, Curtis, R. James, L. James, Thompson, Charles.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar; Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Referee: V. J. Callow (Salford).



Evans knows what he wants and he's equally determined not to allow negotiations with dissatisfied players to interfere with pre-season preparations.

Eight have been offered new two-year deals, but some have already indicated that they are unhappy with the terms offered.

But by the time the players report back on July 12 the date for the draw for the Cup Winners Cup—Evans wants all comings and goings to resolved.

Safeguard

"I don't want things to drag on and on. By then I only want players who are totally committed to the club," he said.

DATELINE JULY 12TH....
DEALINGS SO FAR....
SOLD TWO, BOUGHT NONE !!



"Thanks lads !! I'm off to Huddersfield with the trophy."
 (Thinks) ... "I wonder who we'll draw in the Yorkshire Cup... Bradford perhaps!"

Dependable Dudley tops!

DUDLEY Lewis has a few around Vetch Field who would argue if the club nominated the popular defender as their player of the season.



DUDLEY Lewis collected another award from an admiring public this week — testimony to the defensive skills of this popular Swansea City player.

It's a reminder of the massive contribution Lewis has made in a season which promised much and sagged only when Terry Yorath left.

Lewis' performance wavered only briefly during Swansea's fall from the play-off stakes which produced a dismal sequence of results when the club failed to score and win matches.

Marshallled

Apart from two five-goal beatings by promoted Wolves and Sheffield United, the defence marshalled superbly by Lewis has rarely looked in trouble.

He's always read the game

well, as many Third Division strikers would agree, and there are few around Vetch Field who would argue if the club nominated him as their player of the season.

The London Swans certainly think so. The 40-strong branch of the Supporters Club voted Lewis tops and handed over a trophy before this week's game at Brentford.

Nearer home Lewis is regarded just as warmly, especially by Dudley Lewis Appreciation Society run by Christian Hole, son of former Swansea and Wales international Barrie Hole.

Factsheet

The society, set up to "celebrate and make popular the career of Dudley Lewis" produces a monthly factsheet.

Meantime, the newly-formed London Swans hold

their first annual meeting on August 13 at Harrow where the manager Keith Chamberlain has enlisted as a member.

"He was impressed by Swansea when they played Harrow in a friendly and became a member on the strength of that," said retiring secretary Nigel Dreen.

He's moving back to Wales to work but will retain his membership of the supporters arm he helped to found.

● Swansea's youth team were celebrating this week after winning the National Youth League's seven-a-side competition at Newton in Mid Wales.

Simon Davey and Jason Bowen got the goals in Swansea's 2-0 defeat of Newton in the final. Twenty-four teams entered the competition.

THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN HARDING

IT'S FUNNY HOW YOUR PLEASURE LEVELS CAN CHANGE! IF I'D HAVE GONE TO A FORTUNE TELLER LAST AUGUST AND BEEN TOLD THAT THE SWANS WOULD FINISH 12TH. IN THE LEAGUE FOR 88/89, I'D HAVE BEEN OVER THE MOON. HOWEVER, TODAY, SOME TEN MONTHS LATER I CAN ONLY LOOK AT 12TH. POSITION WITH DISAPPOINTMENT.

WHEN I RECALL THE HIGH FLYING PRE-XMAS SWANSEA CITY, I JUST HAVE TO SHAKE MY HEAD AND ASK - "WHAT WENT WRONG?". ADMITTEDLY, I REMEMBER AGREEING WITH A NUMBER OF FELLOW LONDON SWANS, WHEN IT WAS SAID THAT 3RD. OR 4TH. PLACE WAS A FALSE POSITION, BUT WE WERE WINNING AND DOING IT WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF STYLE.

SO WHY THE DROP? IAN EVANS CAME ALONG TO REPLACE TERRY YORATH AND IT SEEMS TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE THAT THAT WAS WHEN THE TROUBLED TIMES BEGAN. NOW I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE SHOULD HAVE KEPT YORATH, BECAUSE GETTING RID OF HIM WAS THE BEST MOVE MADE BY THE SWANS FOR A LONG WHILE. WHAT I AM SAYING IS - "WAS EVANS REALLY THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE JOB?"

SECOND IN CHARGE AT CRYSTAL PALACE MAY SEEM A HIGH POSITION, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT ALL THE GOOD THAT HAS BEEN DONE AT SELHURST PARK, BUT IS IT REALLY THE STUFF THAT PEDIGREES ARE MADE OF?

I AM OF THE OPINION THAT IAN EVANS, AS NICE A GUY AS HE IS (WHICH CERTAINLY COULD NOT BE SAID OF YORATH), JUST ISN'T UP TO IT. PERHAPS HE CAME CHEAP (MOST OTHER OPTIONS TAKEN BY UNCLE DOUGLAS SEEM TO BE) OR PERHAPS HE INTERVIEWS WELL. WHATEVER IT WAS, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE VERY MAGICAL NOW.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE STRING OF MANAGERS THAT SWANSEA CITY HAVE HAD SINCE TOSH, YOU FEEL LOATHE TO CHANGE YET AGAIN, BUT IF A CHANGE ISN'T MADE WE MAY FIND 4TH. DIVISION FOOTBALL RETURNING TO THE VETCH.

I REALLY HOPE THAT IAN EVANS MAKES A GO OF IT AND PROVES ME WRONG, BUT I'M AFRAID HIS EARLY EFFORTS HAVE DONE VERY LITTLE FOR ME OR SWANSEA CITY.

THINGS THEY SAID , BUT DIDN'T MEAN !

TERRY YORATH (MANAGER'S PROGRAMME NOTES V. STOCKPORT COUNTY 23.8.86)
"MY WIFE...AND CHILDREN...HAVE TAKEN AN INSTANT LIKING TO SWANSEA, THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, THE BEAUTIFUL BAYS AND GOWER COAST, AND WILL BE SOLIDLY BEHIND ME IN MY DETERMINED EFFORTS TO PUT SWANSEA AND WELSH SOCCER BACK ON THE FOOTBALL MAP."

Fans best I've ever seen ...

SIR, — As a Sheffield United supporter who has followed his team for 20 years, I feel that I must write to you following the Swansea City match at Bramall Lane.

The behaviour of the Swansea supporters at the game was to be truly admired, as was their great sportsmanship.

Despite a poor performance by their team, they applauded all United's goals and best moves in a way that have seldom seen, and at the end of the game it was a privilege to witness the ovation they gave to both the United team and supporters.

When I left the ground the Swansea supporters were outside their coaches shaking hands with United fans and

and swapping scarves. The whole atmosphere was truly marvellous.

What a pity that not one paper reported the exceptional scenes and not one Government or Football Association representative was present to see the friendly face of football.

I have never written to a club before, but that Saturday your supporters were the best I have ever seen!

I wish you good luck for next season and look forward to the day our towns will meet again, hopefully in Division One.

C. Tyers

Woodcross End,
Morley,
Leeds.

Swans fans a credit

SIR, — After returning from the Sheffield United v Swansea City game I felt I had to write to say your supporters who came to Bramall Lane were a real credit to Swansea and football.

While we were all celebrating it was great to see both sets of fans shaking hands at the end of the match. I hope next time we meet we will both be in the First Division.

Ian Featherstone,
West Yorkshire Blade
P.S. Good luck for next season.

ENOUGH SAID.....

A LITTLE PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE !!

LET'S HOPE WE CAN LIVE UP TO IT !!

Truly marvellous

SIR, — Having watched the match between my club, Sheffield United, and Swansea City, I would like to congratulate Swansea's supporters on their behaviour before, after and during the match.

After the final whistle there was a pitch invasion by the home fans who ran on to celebrate the end of the season and hopefully, promotion to the Second Division. Swansea supporters joined in to make it a truly marvellous occasion.

After a heavy defeat and

facing a long, tedious journey home, I thought the Swansea fans sportsmanship was absolutely outstanding.

I hope your club soon finds the success the supporters deserve, and I hope, too, to have the pleasure of seeing another match between the two sides.

I attended the game at the Vetch Field earlier in the season and was very impressed with the friendly reception received.

E. Osborne
Parsley Hay Road,
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Terry admits: I nearly quit Wales



BY KARL WOODWARD

TERRY Yorath almost resigned as Wales team manager because he felt he wasn't getting full support from all the players, was revealed yesterday. Influential senior international loyal to sacked former manager Mike England, admitted they had not readily accepted Yorath. And Welsh FA secretary Alan Evans revealed the Association abruptly announced a new contract for the manager before Wednesday's match with West Germany — "so that players who might not want to play for Terry could know he was still going to be in charge in three years time

and make up their minds what they wanted to do."

Cardiff-born Yorath confessed his misgivings about staying in command after the goalless draw with the Germans at Cardiff Arms Park.

"I was contemplating resigning because results weren't going so well and I didn't think I had the 100% backing of the players. My wife talked me out of it," he said.

"But there has been a good spirit in the team this week. One of the things I complained about in the past was a lack of pride and passion. I compared that with the time I played for Wales

which maybe was a little bit false because times change and so do footballers, like everyone else."

It has taken 39-year-old Yorath eight internationals to win over the players. Now, although Welsh hopes of reaching the World Cup Finals in Italy next year were dashed by Wednesday's draw, he has earned their confidence and respect.

"All the lads are happy for Terry to be given a three year contract," said Ian Rush.

"Results haven't gone our way but Terry has done really well since he took over. It was difficult for him having to follow Mike England because a lot of the players felt, as I did, that Mike should not have been sacked.

"But now Terry is accepted by the players. His approach has been very positive and we're just waiting to see if he can lead Wales to the Finals of the European Championship. Realistically that must be our aim now."

Progress

Secretary Evans added, "I can well believe there was a Mike England group in the squad. When Terry took over I told him he needed to be certain he was picking players who were loyal to him.

"He always gave me the impression he was confident he could deal with that situation and he is a strong enough character anyway. Terry didn't want us to release the news of his new contract until after the match.

"But Jack Evans, the chairman of our senior international committee, and I agreed it was important for the players to know before the game that they had a manager who had the full

confidence of the association. Although we have only two points from three World Cup ties, Terry is doing an excellent job.

"Our performances against Holland and Germany have been first class, as good as most countries could hope to do, and we are confident we have three years of progress to look forward to under Terry Yorath."

As manager, Yorath believes it may be time to give international players greater cash rewards for success — "though personally I never needed that kind of incentive to play for Wales. It was the greatest honour.

"Most countries have bonus schemes drawn up before they even start to play qualifying games and if some Welsh players need a cash carrot dangled to motivate them so be it."

The Welsh FA hope to make a net profit of at least £250,000 from staging the historic match at the home of Welsh Rugby, which proved an overwhelming success.

"All the players were absolutely delighted to play at such a magnificent stadium. The pitch was perfect and the crowd superb. We want to play all our big matches there," added Yorath.

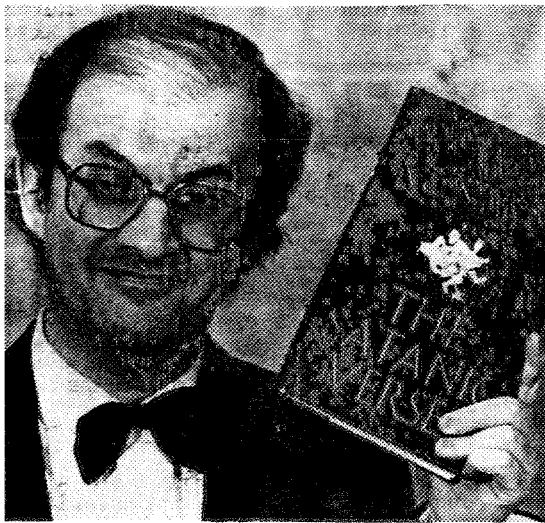
Subject to permission from the Welsh Rugby Union, Wales hope to repeat the exercise, though Mr Evans said there was no likelihood of them switching the next home World Cup match against Holland on October 11 from Wrexham because the date is just three days before Cardiff's Rugby clash with New Zealand at the Arms Park.

But he warned that the Dutch game could be transferred to another venue if Wrexham were unable to fulfil promises to upgrade their Racecourse ground in time.

What will be Mrs. Yorath's next career decision for our Terry?!! Answers on a postcard to Mr. J.C. Tordoff, Chairman of Bradford City, Valley Parade, Bradford, BD8 7DY.

SALMAN RUSHDIE

speaking for the first time



IN HIDING: Author Salman Rushdie with his book

Rushdie condemns 'lurid' interview



SALMAN RUSHDIE - AN APOLOGY

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE REGRETS TO ANY SWANSEA CITY FANS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN OFFENDED BY MY ARTICLE ISSUED PREVIOUSLY, "THE DIVINITY OF IAN EVANS - A CRITICAL AND TANGENTIAL ANALYSIS". I REALISE THAT THESE WORDS HAVE CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF DISTRESS TO SOME SECTIONS OF YOUR FANS. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO RETRACT THIS ARTICLE. I NO LONGER BELIEVE THAT IAN EVANS IS THE NEW MESSIAH WHO HAS COME TO SAVE THE SWANS. AFTER THE DRAMATIC MIDSEASON LOSS OF FORM RESULTING IN AN END OF SEASON MEDIOCRE MID-TABLE POSITION I NOW HAVE NO FAITH IN HIM, EVEN FOR THE FORTHCOMING SEASON. HE HAS NOT EXHIBITED ANY ASSERTIVE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP OR GAINED THE RESPECT OF THE PLAYERS. I HOPE EVERYONE WILL ACCEPT THIS APOLOGY.



D. SHARP

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THE POLICE URGENTLY WANT TO INTERVIEW THE ABOVE MAN. THEY HAVE PROVIDED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNSURE OF HIS CORRECT LIKENESS. HE IS KNOWN LOCALLY AS DOUGLAS SHARP AND IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIME KNOWN AS HYPOCRITOSIS. HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN TO COURT A CASE REGARDING A MR. T. YORATH OVER A BROKEN CONTRACT AND PAYMENT FOR COMPENSATION DUE AND THEN TO REFUSE TO PAY ANY GENUINE REMOVAL EXPENSES PROMISED TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, MR. ROBERT JAMES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE ABOVE NUMBER.
TOGETHER WE'LL GET HIM!

10 Things Cardiff City And Their Fans Won't Need For 1989.

- 1) The R.A.C Guide To Europe.
- 2) A passport.
- 3) The dates of the second division play-offs.
- 4) Ian Walsh and "Speedy", indeed we could have informed them of this if only they had asked us.
- 5) A new trophy cabinet, if indeed they require or posses one.
- 6) A copy of Queen's hit single, "We are the champions".
- 7) Tickets for next year's Welsh cup final, not to mention any other competition they might well have had the "nerve" to enter.
- 8) An open-top bus...
- 9) A new pitch, the existing one must be in first class nick bearing In mind the amount of compost played on it every week.
- 10) A brain, God forbid if they did Indeed either posses one, or have access to one they would no longer suppourt Cardiff City and all become Swans!

Harry Harris.

The Daily Mirror.

SWANS TOP 10 (SUPPLIED BY RADIO VETCH FIELD)

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|---------------------------|--|
| 10. TOMMY HUTCHISON | - "WHEN I'M 64" |
| 9. CHRIS COLEMAN | - "EBONY AND IVORY" |
| 8. PAUL RAYNOR | - "I MISSED AGAIN" |
| 7. TERRY YORATH | - "NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY GOODBYE" |
| 6. ALAN DAVIES | - "I WILL FOLLOW" |
| 5. STEWART PHILLIPS | - "STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT" |
| 4. DOUGIE SHARP | |
| & THE GET RICH QUICK CREW | - "MONEY MONEY MONEY" |
| 3. THE NORTH BANK | - "THERE'LL BE BLUEBIRDS OVER THE WHITE
CLIFFS OF CASWELL (...OVER MY DEAD BODY)" |
| 2. IAN EVANS | - "THANK EVANS FOR LITTLE GOALS..." |
| 1. ROBBIE JAMES | - "FROM A JACK TO A KING" |

D A I L Y S W A N

LONDON SWANS CRASH ON COMMON

Four late defensive errors sent the London Swans crashing to defeat in their first ever game against London Leicester City on a hard bumpy pitch on Wandsworth Common today.

After conceding a very early goal, the Welshmen settled down to play a fairly tight game where chances were few for either side. After a very scrappy start when neither team had conquered their nerves. Leicester took the lead after only two minutes when a hard hit right foot shot from all of twenty yards rocketed into the top corner of the net despite a salmon-like leap from the Swans keeper, Calvin .

Despite the set back, which would of demoralised a lesser team, the Jacks unruffled their feathers and began to play attractive football passing the ball, albeit a little stutteringly, out from defence which was marshalled gallantly by Andy. The midfield battled against the more skillful Midland outfit and the ball began to find itself out to the left and right wings and, perhaps a little more frequently, down the middle. Jeremy chased and harried but found the going hard against the men in blue. Referee Jenkins gave him a stern warning when, out of sheer frustration more than anything else, Harding was heard to swear. Just before half time Leicester turned on the pressure and the Swansea goal-mouth led rather a charmed life. The half time whistle came as a welcome sound to both sides - especially to the breathless London Swans - who evidently lacked match fitness and whose cheeks matched the colour of their jerseys.

Half time score London Leicester 1 v London Swans 0.

Several substitutions and a more vociferous support from the crowd of 6 all of whom were Swans supporters lifted the standard of play. The fans were a credit to their club. Women and children stood on the sidelines but there was not one arrest reported all afternoon.

After a short burst of fierce tackling and fairly accurate passing by the Swans, Leicester played a more inventive and flowing game of football. Calvin had to make one or two brave saves to keep his side in contention. He appeared to be injured after one challenge but he carried on bravely despite nursing a painful finger.

The London Swans had their strongest 10 minute period of the game in the middle of the second half but Leicester's well drilled defence caught the Swans in an off-side position on more than one occasion. Harding was lucky not be sent off for angrily disputing the referee's decision but amazingly the man from the valley merely reprimanded the striker when perhaps a red card should have been shown.

The last 16 minutes were disastrous for the Welsh Exiles. They conceded a second goal in the 74 th minute after some poor tackling by the defence. A third goal was scored in the 76th minute when a Leicester striker dribbled the ball past two statuesque defenders and slipped the ball neatly past a diving Calvin. Two more inevitable goals were scored in the 80th and 85th minutes as the Filbert Street outfit plucked the feathers of the dying Swans.

Full time score London Leicester City 5 v London Swans 0.



GOALMOUTH BATTLE . . . Swansea's Robbie James fights it out with Bristol City keeper Ian Bracey

Spot the THREE mistakes above!

DAILY SWAN
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CIRCUS IN WORMWOOD SCRUBS.
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Despite a 'Big Top' performance by the London Swans, defeat stared them in the face after Ipswich's first goal after 15 minutes in a friendly match on a sun-baked afternoon. The London Swans scored two goals in the last 5 minutes of the first half but they were already trailing by three fine goals as the Suffolk team quickly tamed their opponents and were determined to take no prisoners.

The London Swans roared back to trail by just one goal at 6-5 with only 13 minutes left of play but two goals in the last 3 minutes finally put the issue beyond any doubt.

There was a great improvement by everyone in this London Swans team and everybody including the 6 fans and the trainer are to be congratulated.

(Injuries: JEREMY-knee-it came into contact with the hefty goalkeeper;

DENNIS-winded-collided with the same goalkeeper;

STEPHEN-black eye-obtained by celebrating Jeremy's goal;

JOHN-pride - let in eight goals.)

(Scorers; Jeremy, Dai (pen.), Eddie, Dennis, Stephen.)

RESULT: LONDON IPSWICH 8 v LONDON SWANS 5.

WHYTELEAFE YOUTH v SWANSEA YOUTH.
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The Swansea Youth Team accompanied by Ron Walton played a Whyteleafe Youth Team in Church Road on Friday 12th May. The game was a trial for Stephen Walker and for two boys from a local school. The Swansea team included Ian Marsh, Des Trick and Simon Davey. A high standard of play was witnessed by the small crowd which included representatives of the London Swans - Bill and Jean Walker, Eddie, Clare, Derrick, Ann, Hilary and Geraint. All the trialists played well and we await to hear from Ron Walton as to his opinion of the players.

We express our thanks to Ron Walton for bringing the team up to Surrey and we would also like to thank Steve Kember (the Whyteleafe Manager), Steve Garland (the Whyteleafe youth team manager), Alan Howland and all at Whyteleafe Football Club for their help and hospitality.

RESULT: WHYTELEAFE YOUTH 5 v SWANSEA YOUTH 2.

Free installation 'nonsense'

NOT one company on the Football League shortlist of 10 ID-card suppliers will install the system for free — contrary to the assertions of Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister, writes Martin Thorpe.

He has continually countered arguments that the cost of the system could put clubs out of business by stating that companies would install the technology free in return

for marketing use of the ID-card membership list. "The first question we asked the companies was whether they would install the system for free," said the League's commercial director, Trevor Philips. "They all said no. The minister is talking nonsense. There is going to be a significant cost to football — up to £40 million — and there is a danger that some clubs could go out of business."

Wales draw with India

"ANOTHER GREAT PERFORMANCE BY THE LADS...."
COMMENTED WALES MANAGER TERRY YORATH.



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Ten Things You Never Knew About Robbie James !

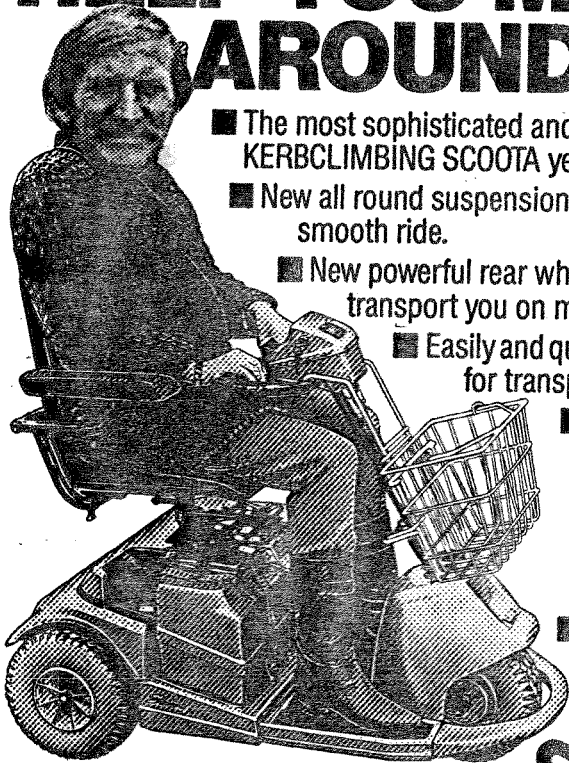
- 1) Robbie was born in Swansea on the 23 March 1957 .
- 2) Robbie is 5 feet 11 inches tall and "claims" to maintain a neat 13 stones during the footballing season .
- 3) He is of course an Aeries , although not particularly known for his heading prowess in front of goal .
- 4) He does much unpuplicised charity work, mainly for research into obesity and also the Alcohol Education Trust - to promote sensible drinking and a healthier, fitter body .
- 5) Robbie is no relation to that past genius of comedy Sidney James , of "Carry On" fame , although he has watched him many times on television .
- 6) Did you know if Swansea City had purchased "King" Robbie from your local friendly neighbourhood butcher at £1.87 a pound , the national average for stewing steak , he would have cost the club only £240.34 , as opposed to the £35,000 + paid to Leicester City Football Club . (in fairness to Mr Doug Sharpe this is easily enough said with the benefit of hindsight and should in no way detract from an otherwise shrewd purchase .)
- 7) Although nicknamed "King" , Robbie has never been a fan of Elvis Presley, and indeed holds no stock in the unfounded rumours of his being alive and well .
- 8) Although sharing the same christian name , and the same slight tendancy to portlyness Robbie is no relation to the comedian Robbie Coltrane of "Tutti- Frutti" fame .
- 9) Robbie's favourite T.V programme is the B.B.C Diet Show .
- 10) If he hadn't have become a professional footballer Robbie would have liked to have been either a steeple chase jockey , or an Aerobics Instructor - " FIT FOR life "!

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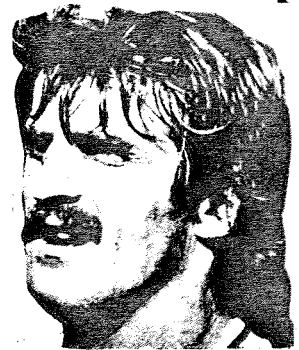
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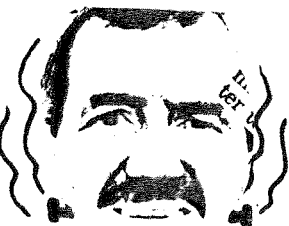
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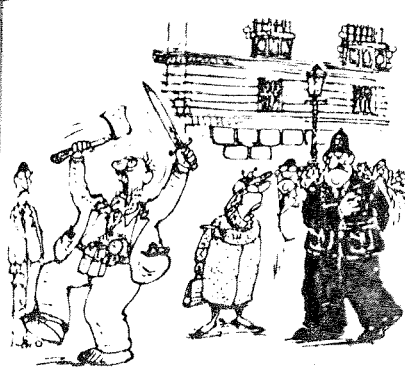


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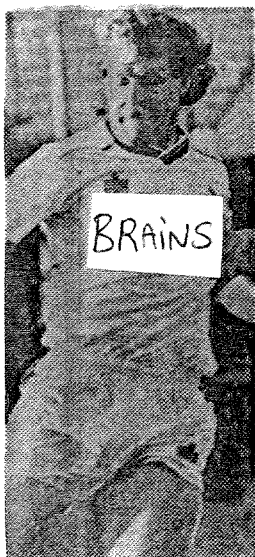
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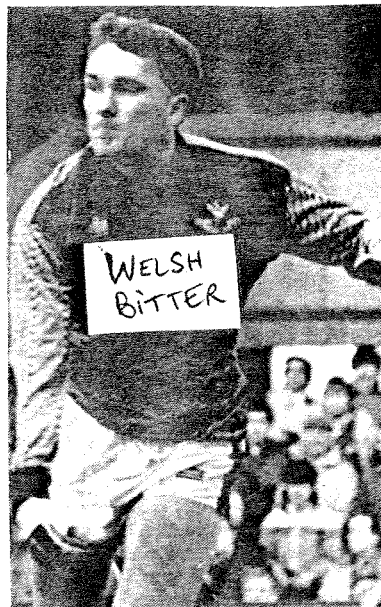
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MY TEN YEAR SEX ROMPS WITH KINKY DOUG!

Sizzlingly sultry Pamela Bordes told yesterday how Swansea City chairman Douglas Sharpe went wild for sex after sniffing a love drug, only weeks after her affair with Swansea City star Peter Bodak was exclusively revealed. She said he would grab her and they would romp on the floor while she wore only a pair of out-sized shorts belonging to an un-named member of the Swansea City side.

"We never had full sex in the whole ten years I knew him", she stressed. "I wouldn't-and he couldn't".

Pamella, 28, said she was a part time secretary in 1979 when she applied for the position of Mr Sharpe's Personal Assistant. He wrote back and invited her for an interview at the Great Western Railway, Paddington, on the Friday prior to the Swansea City v West Ham fixture.

"But he more interested in getting me into bed than he was Swansea City into the first division", revealed Pamela.

"He said it's not what you know love, it's who you know".

Even though he had offered her the job Pamela was still unsure of him and it's at this point he invited her down to Swansea for the weekend, and it was here they shared their first passionate kiss. After this they met on a regular basis.

"He always insisted I wore the Swansea City away kit-because he said he was playing away from home anyway.

"I teased him because he always wore white Y-fronts and a string vest. He used to chase me around his office shouting, HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO!!! Eventually he would catch me and I had to promise never, ever, ever to ask for my personal expenses".

Pam said Sharpe inhaled from a small bottle of the love drug amil nitrate. She added, "He'd go wild after using it. He'd put a ghetto blaster on his shoulder and dance around to all the latest hits wearing nothing other than an old jock-strap once owned by Wyndham Evans".

Sharpe gave Pamela an allowance of £6.40 per week, plus one free 5 minute off peak local telephone call, as well as a holiday in Barry Island before they split last year.

"He said if I ever told anyone about us he would get some heavies onto me and find men such as Peter Bodak who would claim they slept with me-I no longer give a toss".

Mr Sharpe refused to comment unless we paid him £50,000 for a ten minute interview, however other members of the Swansea club and public were not so ~~compliant~~. **RELOUTANT.**

"I don't believe all these scandalous stories of Mr Sharpe throwing his chopper and his wallet about in such seemingly obvious disregard to both his personal safety, and that of the young lady in question", said Rabbi

Arfon Cohen Griffiths, of Swansea Synagogue where Mr Sharpe spends most Saturday afternoons.

"I don't believe it, I just don't bloody well believe it, first he cocks-up my expenses, and now this bird causes him a right old cock-up! I'm sorry I just don't bloody well believe it". That was the shocked reaction from Wales and Swansea star Robbie James when we confronted him today.

The only person with the slightest suspicion was Mr Sharpe's banker, Mr David Davies,

"I knew something was wrong obviously, but confidentiality forbade me from saying anything. Mr Sharpe was withdrawing in excess of £7.00 a week from Swansea City funds, untouched since the days of John Toshak long gone. But I just couldn't pinpoint exactly what was going on".

Mr Sharpe has refused to resign and will it seems persevere with his short term plans of converting the Vetch into Europe's largest "Toys R Us" superstore, and playing all of Swansea City's games at a new purpose built super stadium in Caersws, with easy access and exits to the A5 and Shrewsbury-only 80 miles from Swansea city centre.

Harry Harris-Man Of The People.

Vinny Jones joins Tories



VINNY JONES HAS JOINED THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN A BID TO "SMARTEN UP" HIS PUBLIC IMAGE, THE LONDON SWAN CAN EXCLUSIVELY REVEAL. THE 24-YEAR OLD FORMER HOD CARRIER, WHO RECENTLY SIGNED FOR LEEDS UNITED FOR £650,000 FROM WIMBLEDON SAID "I AM A THATCHERITE! ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE! I BELIEVE IN THE PHILOSOPHY THAT HARD GRAFT GETS ONE TO THE TOP. HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK I MADE IT FROM THE BUILDING SITE TO ONE OF EUROPE'S PREMIER FOOTBALL CLUBS! YES, I GOT ON MY BIKE, RODE FROM WEALDSTONE TO WIMBLEDON AND SAID TO DAVE BASSETT 'ERE MATE! GISSA JOB! I CAN DO 'DAT! AND NOW MY TALENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED BY ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE COACHES IN THE GAME, HOWARD WILKINSON."

ON THE SUBJECT OF FOOTBALL I.D. CARDS, VINCENT IS EQUALLY OUTSPOKEN, "I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE MUST RID OUR NATIONAL GAME OF THIS INBRED VIOLENCE. FOR THIS REASON I FULLY SUPPORT MR. MOYNIHAN IN HIS EFFORTS. THE SOONER THE THUGS ON THE TERRACES ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, THE BETTER."

ON HIS PREVIOUSLY CONTROVERSIAL IMAGE, "MANY PEOPLE HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS TRYING TO HEAD-BUTT KEVIN RATCLIFFE, I WAS ACTUALLY TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO HIM HOW HE WOULD BE BETTER OFF WHEN THE POLL TAX LEGISLATION BECOMES LAW. BESIDES I WAS CONFUSING HIM WITH THAT OTHER 'RED' WELSH DEFENDER, KEVIN KINNOCK."

VINNY HAS MANY CONTEMPORARIES WITHIN THE MODERN TORY PARTY BUT ONE MAN STANDS OUT ABOVE THE REST, "IT HAS TO BE NORMO TEBBS, THE CHINGFORD SKINHEAD. HE'S MY MAIN MAN."

WE AT THE LONDON SWAN ARE SURE THAT THIS VENTURE INTO POLITICS COULD PROVE VERY SUCCESSFUL FOR VINNY JONES. AFTER ALL THERE ARE MANY AMONGST THE ELLAND ROAD FAITHFUL WHO ARE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR RIGHT WING VIEWS.

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 - Neither would Doug.
- ③ Deng likes to take Chinese rights away
 - Doug is partial to a Chinese take away too.
- ④ Deng believes in indiscriminate shooting.
 - Doug..... "Shooting?"
..... Don't be silly!"
- ⑤ Deng won't listen to the voice of the masses
 - Yawn!

Things They Never Ever Said.

"On the ground lads, keep it on the ground"-Bobby Gould.

"Sorry..."-Mark Dennis.

"Name your price"-Douglas Sharpe.

"Tonight's performance was diabolical, bloody awful, Bryan Robson was a F***ing disgrace and as for Peter Shilton i've always said he's past it anyway. Nothing positive at all came from this bunch of w*****s, futhermore I resign."-Bobby Robson.

"Leaving West Brom was the biggest mistake of my life"-Steve Bull.

"Im always willing to listen, and to forgive and forget..."
-Terry Yorath.

"When's the draw for the European Cup Winners Cup"-Frank Burrows.

"Aaaaaw, careful!"-Vinney Jones.

"Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau..."-Pat Van Den Hauwe.

"Pint of Guinness please"-John Aldridge.

"When do we start pre-season training boss?"-Robbie James.

"Leave it keeper's ball..."-Dai Davies.

"I've made some real cock-ups when it comes to strikers, Ian Wallace, Justin Fashanu, and Peter Ward to name but a few. But what really hurts are the ones that got away, Trevor Francis, Tony Woodcock, and one player who could have had it all, England caps, Golden Boot Awards, P.F.A. and Football Writers Awards, and International and domestic recognition, Paul Raynor-the one that got away..."-Brian Clough.

"Over 'ere on me head son"-Brian Flynn.

"How much do want for Stewart Phillips then?"-Johan Cryff.

"Have you heard the one about..."-Kenny Dalglish.

"Gin and slimeline, ice and a slice..."-Paul Gasgoine.

"At the end of the day it's only a game, and the wife and kids will always, always come first..."-Trevor Francis.

THE WHITE SWAN OF SNOWDONIA.

FRANKIE'S REVIEW OF SEASON 1988/89.

Hello Bluebirds and welcome to uncle Frankie's end of season review. Firstly let me thank you the loyal fans for your continued support, it's always good to hear the fans' own voice and that's why I'm particularly pleased that Cardiff City now has 4 "fanzines" devoted to the club, yes that's right one for each of you.

I expect you must all be delighted with the club's progress last season, so agonisingly close to the play-offs, 16 more points and 10 places higher up the league and we would have been there with a shout, oh well, never mind. The jewel in the crown must be our glorious Welsh Cup run which saw us reach round 5, sweeping aside all before us before narrowly losing 3-1 to those GIANTS of English football, Kiddeminster Harriers. Mark my words Bluebirds no one at Ninian was disappointed to go out to such a class outfit, they were definitely a class (or two) above us, and household names such as Bancroft, Shilvock, Jones, and Boxall tore us apart with such frightening ease. Let me tell you lads, I'm bloody pleased we don't have to play that outfit twice a season.

Looking at the playing staff I was delighted with the progress made by some of the lads. George Wood between the sticks has been re-capturing the form that made him and East Sterling such a force in the early 1970s, who'll ever forget his performance in the Anglo Scottish Cup against Doncaster Rovers? Special mention too goes to club captain Terry Boyle, who was only dropped twice this season, and cried only once, well- done Tel! It's goodbye though to Ian Walsh our star striker, Ian of course also played for Crystal Palace, Barnsley, Swansea, and Wales, and it's in recognition to his great contribution to British football that we've granted him a free transfer. It's goodbye as well to another ex-Welsh International, Nigel Stevenson, who's pace off the mark was sadly never to match his speed in leaving the Vetch. They will be sadly missed. Mark my words I'll be stalking the Vetch Field this summer for more class pros.

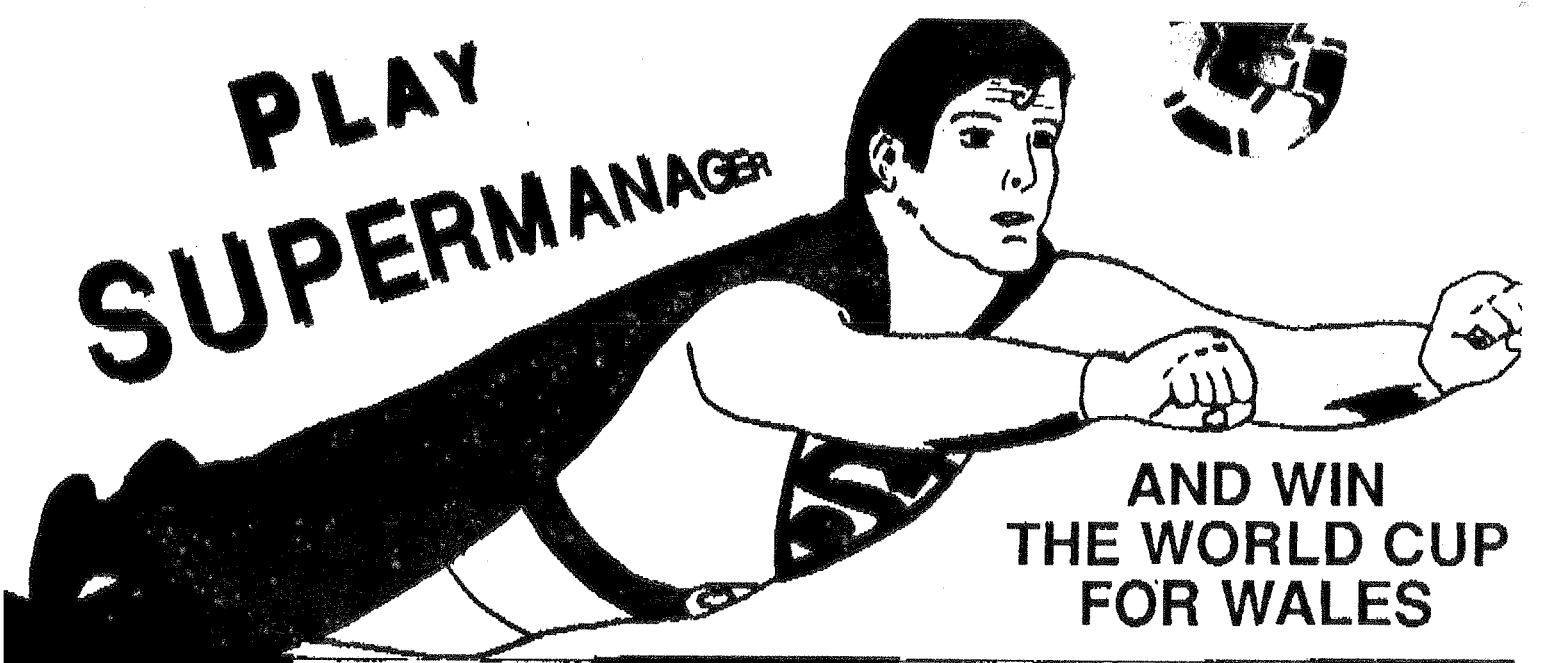
On a more positive note you'll be delighted to hear that the board have rejected a £16 bid from Connars Quay Nomads for the combined talents of Phil Bater, and Steve Lynex. This serves only to underline that no matter what over the odds silly money offered, this club will not part with its most prized assets. This speaks well for the future. Much has been made of Swansea's return to Europe, worry not my lovely boys for I am now busily negotiating a pre-season tour of Mongolia. A wonderful opportunity to study at close proximity the skills and technique which saw their National 11 so narrowly lose out on goal difference to Tibet B, and Locomotive Llanrwst in the Sherpa Tensing International Invitation Cup. Which incidentally was won by the North Wales team! There is no substitute for first class opposition and this club will never back down in its face.

In closing, it's been a superb season and I see no reason whatsoever why 1989/1990 cannot be equally as successful-Kiddeminster Harriers permitting.

FRANKIE BURROWS

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AND WIN THE WORLD CUP FOR WALES

<p>You reach the World Cup finals and are drawn in the same group as Brazil, West Germany and Argentina. Throw a seven to win.</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Lose heavily to Luxembourg</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Pick a Welshman playing for a club in Wales</p> <p>18</p>	<p>You ask why the Welsh FA Council holds its meetings in Birmingham</p> <p>17</p>	
<p>Qualifying round of Sherpa Van Trophy deprives you of players for vital World Cup qualifier.</p> <p>15</p>	<p>New FIFA regulation makes entire Brazilian team eligible for Wales.</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Injury, illness, and kids' party leave you with 8 players for European Championship decider. You miss out on goal difference.</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Regular live soccer on TV; your weekly commitment is halved</p> <p>12</p>	
	<p>Welsh FA receives YTS grant - your wages are increased</p> <p>10</p>	<p>START HERE</p> <p>9</p>		
<p>To Start: Before starting the game you must satisfy the Welsh FA of your ethnic credentials (a holiday cottage, 3 Bonnie Tyler LPs, or next-door neighbour born in Shrewsbury) and ability to work closely with people of all</p> <p>5</p>	<p>To Play: Throw a zero to begin, then just roll the dice and move along the board. Rise up with superman, down where there's</p> <p>4</p>			



HOLLAND'S EXAMPLE - OUR ILLUSTRIOUS AIM

I HAVE ALWAYS CYNICALLY QUESTIONED THE INSULARITY OF THE BRITISH GAME AND THE GROSS DELUSION THAT WE HAVE THE BEST LEAGUE IN THE WORLD. DUE TO OUR VACUOUSNESS, THIS ATTITUDE HAS DEVELOPED AND GROWN BUT RECENTLY WHILST WATCHING THE GRACEFUL ARTISTRY OF A.C. MILAN IN THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL, MY CONCLUSION IS THAT WE MUST BANISH THESE ARCHAIC PERCEPTIONS TO THE FUNERAL PYRE.

THE CHANGE THAT IS NOW REQUIRED TO TRANSFORM THE DOUR BRITISH GAME INTO AN EXCITING, EXHILARATING AND ADVENTUROUS ONE MUST TAKE PLACE AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL. ONE CANNOT RELY ON THE FACELESS BUREAUCRACY THAT RULES OVER FOOTBALL IN BRITAIN TODAY. THESE MAVERICKS CAN REMAIN IN THEIR IVORY TOWERS AT LANCASTER GATE AND LYTHAM ST. ANNES. WE MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE OURSELVES AND BRING ABOUT A BLOODLESS 'COUP D'ETAT'. THIS IS OUR AIM WITH THE LONDON SWANS F.C.

OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER ENDED IN A 0-5 DEFEAT BY LONDON LEICESTER F.C. THIS WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING BUT ON OUR FIRST OUTING ONE COULD NOT EXPECT MIRACLE RESULTS. TEAM MATES WERE UNSURE OF ONE ANOTHER AND OF THE STYLE REQUIRED. NEVERTHELESS I FELT POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE SEEN IN OUR SECOND GAME AGAINST LONDON IPSWICH F.C. THIS WAS A FAR MORE ENCOURAGING DISPLAY

EXHIBITING FLAIR AND SKILL. ONE SAW UNSELFISH RUNNING OFF THE BALL, PLAYING THE BALL TO THE FEET, WEAVING INTRICATE PATTERNS THROUGH THE OPPOSITION DEFENCE ETC. ETC. I SUPPOSE ONE WOULD CALL THESE CRUDE FOOTBALL PLATITUDES TO USE. I WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE THIS STYLE AS 'TOTAL FOOTBALL'. THIS IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON AND ITS MEANING IS NOT EASILY TRANSLATABLE. I FEEL IT BASICALLY MEANS THAT EVERY PLAYER ON THE FIELD, EXCEPT THE GOALKEEPER, IS A POTENTIAL SCORER AND A POTENTIAL DEFENDER.

THIS PROGRESSION WILL CARRY ON WITH ARRANGED GAMES THROUGHOUT NEXT SEASON. HOPEFULLY OUR NEXT MATCH WILL BE AGAINST DERRICK'S LONDON WELSH SOCIETY. I WILL KEEP YOU ALL INFORMED. TO ACCENTUATE THIS TRANSFORMATION TO 'TOTAL FOOTBALL' I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO NOW SPEAK TO ME IN DUTCH ONLY, AND INSTEAD OF BEING CALLED MANAGER I WOULD NOW LIKE TO BE KNOWN AS TEAM COACH,

GODVERDOMME !

RINUS THOMAS.

THE JOHN MOTSON GUIDE TO THE F.A. CUP FINAL

CAN THERE EVER HAVE BEEN A MORE APPROPRIATE AND HEARTWARMING FINAL. THESE TWO FAMOUS MERSEYSIDE TEAMS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN MUTUAL SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR THE 95 DEAD AND THEIR RELATIVES. FOOTBALL IS SECONDARY, IT DOES NOT MATTER ANY MORE. THE SCORE IS IRRELEVANT. BY THE WAY, LIVERPOOL WON 3-2 AND ARE ONE STEP ON THE WAY TO THE DOUBLE. WHAT A TEAM! OH!.....AND SURELY GOD WAS THE SCRIPTWRITER TO BRING THESE TWO TEAMS TOGETHER IN A FITTING MEMORIAL. THE PEOPLE OF LIVERPOOL HAVE COME IN THEIR THOUSANDS ON THIS SOUTHERN PILGRIMAGE TO MOURN THE DEAD. NO MAN HAS GROWN MORE IN STATURE THAN KENNY DALGLISH. HE HAS COMFORTED THE RELATIVES AND BEEN A BEACON OF ALTRUISM.

LIVERPOOL - THIS AFFLICTED CITY, HAS BEEN MADE STRONGER. WHAT A POOR CITY IT IS, YET RICH IN SPIRIT. IT IS STRICKEN BY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND POOR HOUSING. AND NOW THIS TRAGEDY. WE PRAY FOR THEM ALL. THEIR SENSE OF HUMOUR IS WORLD FAMOUS. THEIR FANS ARE SOME OF THE BEST BEHAVED IN THE LAND. IT WAS RIGHT AND JUSTIFIED THAT THEY SHOULD WIN THE F.A. CUP. IT IS WHAT THE DEAD FANS WOULD HAVE WANTED.

QUIZ

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TO CREATE TWO EXPRESSIONS VERY CHARACTERISTIC OF LIVERPOOL :

- (1) STANLEY P__K
- (2) STANLEY K___E

KNIFE (2) PARK (1)

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