

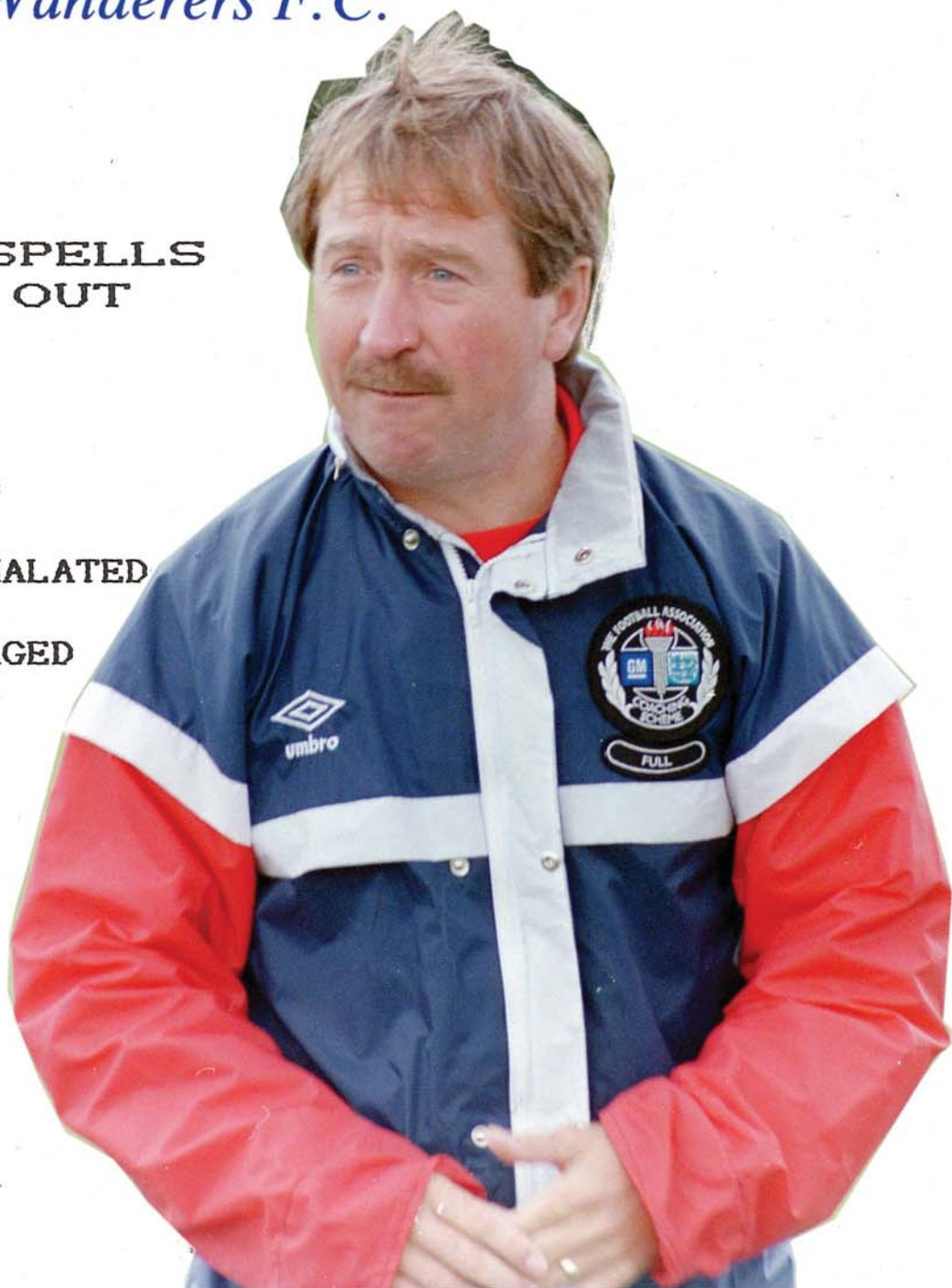
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Wycombe Wanderers F.C.*

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EDITORIAL

Welcome back for a third season of CHAIRBOYS GAS. From our surprise entrance on the terraces back in October 1986 we've managed to increase our readership five fold - indeed we now even sell more copies than there are LeagueLine members. That's not the greatest honour in the world, I know, but WE still hope to add to your enjoyment for the forthcoming season and continue to increase the COMMUNICATION between supporters while still offering VALUE for money. CG will be available approx. every six weeks during the remainder of this season.

I almost forgot to apologise for the obligatory seasonal price increase. Our only justification is that we desperately need the money. Here follows the adverts.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you wish to subscribe to CHAIRBOYS GAS for the remainder of the season (5 more issues) and receive your copy by first class post, the cost is £2.50. Cheques or PO's payable to CHAIRBOYS GAS.

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LOAKES PARK - SUMMER UPDATE 1988

With regards to Wycombe Wanderers, writing about the events since the end of last season is considerably more encouraging than twelve months previous. The annual accounts released by the Club during the summer revealed that the players wage bill rose dramatically to £110,795, compared to £30,880 the previous season and compared to just £7,631 during the Gola League season of 1985/86. The financing of that wage bill came largely from the supporters. Gate receipts were up 91% to £46,312 and the Blues Club donated £28,034 to the Parent Club. In comparison sponsorship and ground adverts brought in a combined total of only £23,057, the development fund generated £44,771 (down 42%) and LeagueLine donated £7,820. Over the season the Club made a loss of £25,813 compared to a profit of £32,389 the previous season.

Speculation of players moving to and from clubs is a popular pastime with some football supporters, often fuelled by the press. Before last season was over we had the trio of Noel Ashford, Anton Vircavs and Graham Bressington banded around by the local press. At least another dozen names were mentioned of which about half eventually signed. I'm sure the Bucks Free Press also had good reason for running the 'GARY'S BACK' headline, after all it's not often that a regular from last season turns up for training the following season!

On the subject of Gary Lester, he has been the rather unfortunate victim of circumstance. He was going through an indifferent spell when Jim Kelman took over in January and ex-Millwall 'keeper John Granville took his place. However, Gary returned in April when John was injured and completed the season back between the posts. Now with the impressive ex-Man City youth 'keeper, Steve Crompton, captured during the summer it appears that Gary is set to leave the Club after a nine year spell at Loakes Park. Gary joined the Club from Chalfont St Peter in December 1979 and now stands just a handful of games short of 500 appearances. It would be unfair to pick one performance as his best but one memorable occasion was at Enfield on 25th January 1986 where if it had been a boxing match the referee would have stopped the game well before the end. Gary stopped everything that was fired in his direction and like every good fairy tale we scored twice in last minute to win 3-2. Gary went on to claim the Player of the Season award and as luck would have it, we were relegated.

Gary's loyalty to Club over the years has been outstanding and should be rewarded with a parting that leaves no ill-feeling between both parties. The £4,000 to £5,000 asking price is unrealistic for a non-League 'keeper in his 30's - surely nearly nine years of continued service deserves an amicable ending.

A couple of players to have already left the Club since May are Andy Graham (who has joined Alan Gane & Co at Staines) and Kirk Corbin (who has joined Wealdstone in the Beazer Home League).

Andy Graham arrived at Wycombe at the start of the 1986/87 season having been a member of the Wealdstone 'Double' side of 1984/85. I think it would be fair to say that Andy was not in the mould of the typical footballer - yet he still managed to score a remarkable amount of goals from his central forward role. Heading was his speciality and his last minute goal at Hitchin in May 1987 sealed the Championship for us that season. In the Conference the going got tough but he still managed the odd goal - and 'odd' goal it was when a cross from far out on the left wing found it's way into the net against Maidstone back in January.

Kirk Corbin's stay at Loakes Park was also a relatively short one having joined Wycombe in December 1986 after a long stay at Wokingham Town. After making his debut as substitute at Hendon, Kirk made a mockery of his squad

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member status, as he made the right-back position his own. Kirk was responsible on so many occasions for clearing up errors at back, that I hate to think where we would be now without him. Kirk missed the run-in to the Championship season when he injured his leg against Carshalton at Loakes Park in April 1987. He fought his way back into the side last season but never really regained his form of the previous season.

One abiding memory of Kirk was at match that he didn't even play in - The Berks & Bucks Final of 1987 at Wolverton against Aylesbury. Kirk was making his way (on crutches) from the changing rooms behind the goal to the dug out prior to kick-off. The Wycombe fans massed behind the same goal gave Kirk a standing ovation as he hobbled pass - an incident that summed up the respect and gratitude that the Wycombe supporters held for Kirk.

Another departure in the close season was that of Club Sponsors Trend Communications who suprisingly ended their three association with the Club. Luckily for the Club, VERCO, a local furniture company stepped in at the last minute to offer their services. Verco have strong sporting connections locally, including previous sponsorship of the Chiltonian League - real Chairboys.

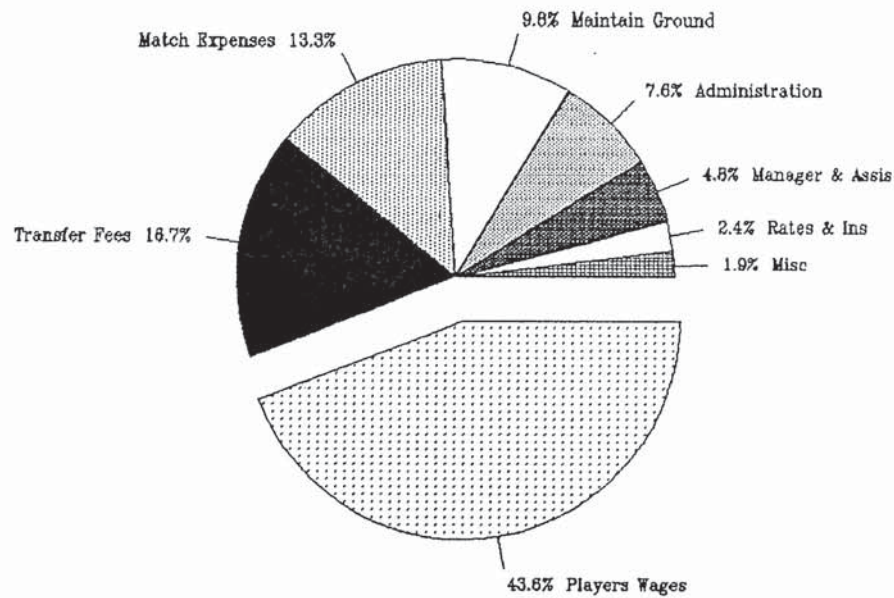
So what of the coming season? I'm not going to be drawn into any crazy optimism but the Club is now on a much sounder base on the playing side and much credit must go to Jim Kelman. As promised he has introduced a Youth Team and a mixture of Youth and First Team players will play in a re-organised Capital League. The Youth Team, coached by Alan Hutchinson, will play in the Pages East Berks League along with AFC Maidenhead, Binfield, Bracknell Town A, Britwell Boys Hawks, Cherry Pickers, Cox Green, Met.Office, Running Horse, Slough Youth Centre Old Boys, South Ascot, Waltham St Lawrence and Windsor Great Park. Home games will be played at Shelley Road (to the rear of Loakes Park, at the top of Tom Burts Hill). The Capital League has now been expanded to 13 clubs and will now be home AND away. Clubs this year are Aylesbury United, Brentford, Cambridge United, Colchester United, Barnet, Enfield, Gillingham, Leyton Orient, Southend United, Wealdstone, Welling United, Wokingham Town and Wycombe.

Off the field Ivor Beeks has taken over from Brian Lee as Club Chairman. Brian Lee had been Chairman since 1981 and has been connected with the Club since taking over as Manager in 1968. Lee, who has had his fair share of critics since he became Chairman, has always shown a total dedication to the Club and to football in general even if some of his opinions have been a little hard to swallow. He will remain as a member of the Board and will now be the Director responsible for over-seeing the move to the new-ground at Hillbottom Road. The plans for the new ground are currently available for public viewing (Ref W88/6582) at the local council offices with the planning meeting date set for September 14. Work at Hillbottom Road is due to start in late Autumn 1988 with a target completion date of April/May 1990.

This is very much a transistional period for the Club, players will come and go, directors will come and go, managers may even come and go, but supporters will hopefully go on for life. At non-League level clubs are very much voluntary run, and Wycombe is no exception. Wycombe is lucky in many ways, as it has a wealth of 'workers' doing a bloody good job, right through from the Secretary to the tea-bar staff. They receive little or no reward, apart from the satisfaction of giving a good service. Big ideas, sound organisation, and good business sense from the 'new blood' are all very well but need positive action and continual commitment to achieve their objectives. Football Clubs are based on a complex network of strong traditions, allegencies and history with ideally a healthy link with the local community. You upset that network at your peril - the damage could be irreversible.

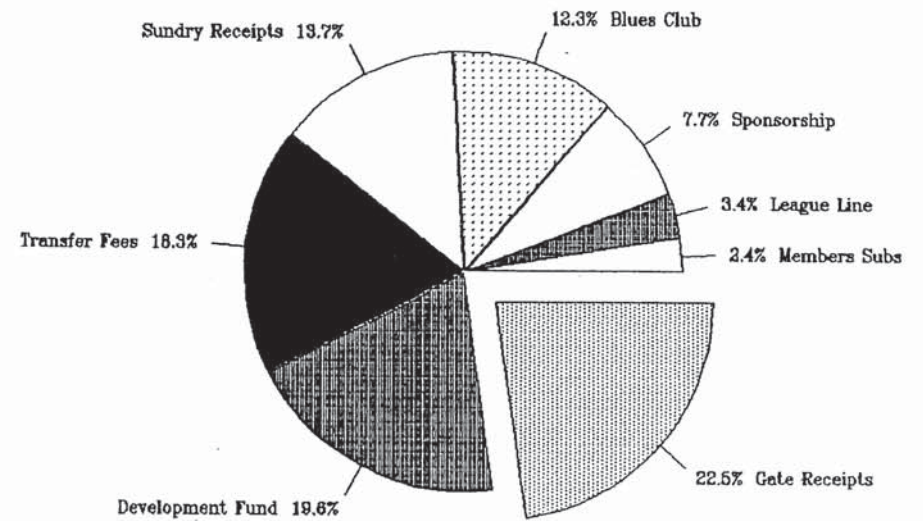
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WWFC EXPENDITURE 1987/88



Total Expenditure 254,192 pounds

WWFC INCOME 1987/88



Total Income 228,379 pounds

SOURCE - Wycombe Wanderers F C Limited Annual Accounts 1987/88



BARNET have been installed once again as favourites for the Conference title. Bookmakers William Hill put them at 3-1, with Maidstone as second favourites at 11-2. Barnet Manager Barry Fry has not made any additions to his squad over the summer and there is still no confirmation of any of his current squad departing. Wimbledon Manager Bobby Gould has expressed an interest in Robert Codner and Nicky Bissett while Newcastle and Gillingham have made offers for former Welling striker Gary Abbott.

Second favourites MAIDSTONE UNITED will play throughout the coming season at Watling Street, home of Dartford FC. As reported last season, MFI took up their option to move into Maidstone's London Road Stadium and with United still not any closer to finding a suitable site for a new ground, they have been forced to share with Dartford for the foreseeable future. On the playing side, Manager John Still captured the prize possession of Noel Ashford from Barnet for a reported record fee of £30,000. Still also spent out £16,000 for Mark Golley from Sutton United and has brought former Charlton Athletic defender Les Berry on a free from Gillingham.

The rest of the odds are 10-1 TELFORD UNITED (despite the loss of prolific scorer Steve Norris to Scarborough for £50,000), 11-1 WEYMOUTH and ENFIELD, 14-1 KIDDERMINSTER, BOSTON UNITED and MACCLESFIELD, 16-1 SUTTON UNITED, 20-1 NEWPORT COUNTY, KETTERING and RUNCORN, 25-1 STAFFORD RANGERS, 33-1 ALTRINCHAM, FISHER ATHLETIC and AYLESBURY, 40-1 CHELTENHAM, YEOVIL, NORTHWICH and WYCOMBE, and 80-1 CHORLEY and WELLING UNITED.

BOSTON UNITED have announced record season ticket sales for the forthcoming season. Manager George Kerr has been busy over the summer and included in his signings is Martin Hardy a £10,000 buy from NPL side Worksop Town. Also joining Kerr at Boston is Ron Reid who resigned as manager of Stafford Rangers at the end of last season to take up the post of assistant manager to Kerr.

Replacing Reid at STAFFORD RANGERS is Brian Chambers who was with Worksop Town in the NPL last season. Following Chambers from Worksop to Stafford are Everton March and Phil Greaves. Also new at Marston Road this season is former Birmingham City, Notts Forest, Leeds United, Derby County and Scotland defender Kenny Burns, who was also playing at Worksop last season.

Last season's late runners KETTERING TOWN lost Manager Alan Buckley to Fourth Division Grimsby Town during the close season. Former Kettering player Arthur Mann has joined Buckley at Grimsby as Reserve and Youth team coach. New Manager at Kettering is Peter Morris.

RUNCORN also have a new manager following the resignation of John King at the end of last season. Replacing King is former Runcorn player Barry Whitbread. Whitbread has considerable injury problems entering the new season with Gary Anderson (shoulder) and Dave Pugh (broken ankle) both missing the opening part of the season. Top scorer Mark Carter also has a foot injury but should recover for the start of the season.

Another Cheshire side NORTHWICH VICTORIA paid £10,000 for the much sought after Malcolm 'O Connor - top scorer with Hyde United last season in the NPL with 34 goals. Also moving to the Drill Field is Paul Maguire who was signed from Port Vale and once commanded a fee of £262,000 when he moved from Shrewsbury Town to Stoke City in 1980.

Another team busy in the transfer market over the summer has been MACCLESFIELD TOWN who forked out a Club record fee for striker Phil Derbyshire from Stafford Rangers. Paul Kendall, a centre-back from Halifax and a member of the promotion winning side at Scarborough, has also been signed by Manager Peter Wragg. Macclesfield, who were unbeaten in their 5 pre-season friendlies, have also plucked former Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers and Scottish international, Eric Parlane out of retirement to try his luck in the Conference.

AYLESBURY UNITED begin their first ever campaign in the Conference aided by at least three ex-Wycombe players. A club record fee of over £4,000 captured Rowan Dodds from Windsor & Eton while a fee of around £3,500 has taken former Northampton, Bath, Altrincham and Newport striker Adrian Mann from Loakes Park to Buckingham Road. Completing the trio is Byron Walton who played for Wycombe during the first half of the 1986/87 season. Completing Trevor Gould's shopping spree is midfielder Adrian O'Dowd who has joined from Kidderminster Harriers.

The Conference team in the spotlight over the summer, of course, has been NEWPORT COUNTY. With the Club having previously announced that they would be taking the ambitious step of remaining full-time, on the 4th August 1988 baliffs move into their Somerton Park ground due to rent arrears of £23,000. Shortly afterwards Manager Eddie May resigned and former Welsh international John Mahoney took over. Despite the uncertainty of Newport's future, the consortium which took the Club over last season is still hopeful that football will continue in Newport. Newport are due to make their first visit to Loakes Park for 15 years on Tuesday 27th September. Their previous visit to Loakes Park resulted in them becoming the first ever Football League side beaten by Wycombe in the F A Cup.

GMVC attendances rose by 36% during the 1987/88 season to reach the highest level since the Alliance Premier was formed in 1979/80. A total of 578,535 spectators (over £1m worth) attended Conference matches last season, breaking the previous record by more than 115,000. 17 of the 22 Conference clubs boasted a rise in attendances, with those most significant at newly promoted MACCLESFIELD TOWN (+147%), Champions LINCOLN CITY (+86%) and WEYMOUTH (+67%). The average GMVC gate rose to 1,252 with 55% of matches attracting crowds of a thousand or more.

GENERAL MOTORS VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

Final Table 1987/88

Pos		PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Crowd
1	Lincoln City	42	24	10	8	36	48	82	3762
2	Barnet	42	23	11	8	93	45	80	2645
3	Kettering Town	42	22	9	11	68	48	75	1382
4	Runcorn	42	21	11	10	68	47	74	699
5	Telford United	42	20	10	12	65	50	70	1480
6	Stafford Rangers	42	20	9	13	79	58	69	1231
7	Kidderminster Harriers	42	18	15	9	75	66	69	1345
8	Sutton United	42	16	18	8	77	54	66	681
9	Weymouth	42	18	9	15	53	43	63	1494
10	Macclesfield Town	42	18	9	15	64	62	63	1200
11	Maidstone United	42	18	9	15	79	64	63	979
12	Enfield	42	15	10	17	68	78	55	776
13	Cheltenham Town	42	11	20	11	64	67	53	1332
14	Altrincham	42	14	10	18	59	59	52	1349
15	Fisher Athletic	42	13	13	16	58	61	52	592
16	Boston United	42	14	7	21	60	75	49	1596
17	Northwich Victoria	42	10	17	15	46	57	47	805
18	Wycombe Wanderers	42	11	13	18	50	76	46	1460
19	Welling United	42	11	9	22	50	72	42	873
20	Bath City	42	9	10	23	48	76	37	598
21	Wealdstone	42	5	17	20	39	76	32	761
22	Dagenham	42	5	6	31	37	104	21	527

ENGLAND — INVASION OF AYLESBURY 1988

*Chairboys Gas reporters on the scene,
Simon Burrage and Paul Lewis*

A bit like Haleys Comet - it took a long time coming, everyone struggled for a view, then after a bit of stargazing it was all forgotten. Not the ideal comparison, perhaps, but searching for an intro for a review of Aylesbury United v England without referring to roasting, sitting, stuffing, etc, is a difficult pastime - not that the national media worried - Stephen Bierley of the Guardian managed a headline of 'THE STUFFING OF A SITTING DUCK', called the club 'Aylesbury Town' and transported Aylesbury into 'Hertfordshire' all in the space of one report!



The match, billed by Aylesbury as a European Championships 1988 Practice Match, came about with the help of Frank McGhee (famous sportswriter for a couple of years back in the early seventies) and also a friend of Bobby Robson and Aylesbury United Chairman Charlie Doherty.

Aylesbury had put the much publicised and criticised price of £6 to stand or £10 for a seat in their 400 capacity main stand for this 'prestige' match. United justified the prices by claiming that the game would finance their first ever season in the GM Vauxhall Conference. Prior to the game they had already invested £10,000 to £15,000 on adding terracing to enable acceptance into the Conference. There was a time, early in this century, when Football Grounds were built with one basic priority - to allow as many people as possible to be inside the ground whilst giving each spectator a good view of the pitch. However, inspection of this 'terracing', on arrival at Buckingham Road, revealed the addition of three steps of 'terracing' behind each goal - each step approximately six feet deep and raised six inches. Not really terracing at all and constructed, presumably, so that three rows of people can stand at the same level!

Those who knew the score got there early for their usual pitch side position. Meanwhile the Club's tannoy announcer blandly droned on over the loudspeakers about how nice it would be if, just like the good old days, the adults at the front allowed youngsters to take up places at the pitch perimeter wall - a splendid idea of course, only he failed to acknowledge the reason why so many adults had felt it necessary to be in that position in the first place. With a crowd approaching 6,000 inside Buckingham Road, late arrivals were attempting to perch themselves precariously on the ground perimeter wall, and not even the warning that the top of the walls had been freshly painted with black paint to prevent that very activity could discourage those desperate for a view. By kick-off time nearly all these 'executive' wall seats were taken.

As for the game itself, it was not played, as some Fleet Street hacks had suggested, in a 'carnival' atmosphere, but in an atmosphere of silent curiosity and apathy interspersed only by the occasional hooligan howlings of a small section of the crowd grouped under the covered standing area.

For England's part, they put out their so called 'best' eleven for the opening 45 minutes (Shilton, Stevens, Sansom, Webb, Watson, Wright, Robson, Waddle, Beardsley, Lineker and Barnes) and took just 7 minutes to open the scoring through Peter Beardsley. With little over half an hour gone the score was 4-0 and could well have been 14 if anyone on the England team had cared. Aylesbury had their moments, however - Duggan and Hercules combined to make the English defence look like fools from a free-kick and Cliff Campbell, playing his last game for Aylesbury and a carthorse in his own time, constantly made Mark Wright look the same (so what's new?).

With England leading 4-0 at the interval, only Chris Waddle, Mark Wright and Dave Watson remained for the second half side (Woods, Anderson, Dorigo, Steven, Reid, McMahon, Hoddle and Hateley being added). By now however the crowd were getting restless - the bodies packed under the Aylesbury 'cowshed' jostled with the police while a streaker did his best to give England the slip. England made do with ten men (including Hateley) for most of the second half as Trevor Steven retired injured and were down to nine men at one stage as Chris Waddle gave up trying to cross the ball into the car-park. Peter Beardsley returned for the last 15 minutes and scored his fourth and England's seventh as the demolition was completed. The game was finally ended (abandoned?) with three minutes remaining as several spectators encroached the playing area - the referee, probably acting under instructions from the police, ushering the players towards the tunnel and into safety.

This match was the ideal opportunity to view the full England team at close quarters - a unique and exciting prospect. For many this match was their first (and probably last?) visit to Buckingham Road. What a pity that for just as many that their most vivid memory will be looking at the back of someones head for two hours.



photo: Paul Lewis

Lincoln songs of praise echo round cathedral

LINCOLN Cathedral, that medieval masterpiece on the right of Sincil Bank's new £800,000 stand, may have seen more riotous and bawdy May Day fracas than City's 2-0 victory over Wycombe Wanderers yesterday, but few of such parochial significance.

The Red Imps, dumped from the Football League a year ago, won back their place by becoming GM Vauxhall Conference champions before a league-record 9,432 crowd who for the most part were too terrified to cheer, until the end of the match, for fear of tempting fate.

The vital goals came from Mark Sertori, after 25 minutes, and Phil Brown two minutes after the hour, manager Colin Murphy then doing a triumphant jig around his dug-out. Lincoln are not the most subtle of teams — they favour the long, high ball — but they represent a proud club.

When Lincoln, unluckily, were demoted last May, they continued building the stand and refused to go part-time. The club of Bill Anderson, Andy Graver and Graham Taylor will be welcomed back. It has been a profitable year, too, both attendances and

DEREK HODGSON reports on the restoration to League status of the Sincil Bank club who never lost their faith

receipts exceeding those of their last two seasons in the League.

Yet for all Murphy's insistent professionalism, there remained a refreshing amateur air about yesterday's events. All the programmes were sold by midday, kids scrambled on surrounding banks to watch this historic occasion, and the press-box believes it

HOW THEY FINISHED

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln City	42	24	10	8	86	48	82
Barnet	42	23	11	8	93	45	80

to be part of their duty to offer nuggets of advice such as "Get rid of it, you big prat".

The win also means a return for one of the League's few women football reporters, Julie Sherborn of the *Lincolnshire Echo*, who was banned from City's coach last season.

Wycombe, in their slate blue, were not quite sacrificial lambs but were rarely in a position to trouble Nigel Batch. Lincoln spirited, depressed when 20-goal John McGinley limped off with a ham-

string, were lifted five minutes later when his replacement Sertori scored with a back-header. Brown's goal was put neatly away after Wanderers had dithered in clearing a throw-in.

Murphy was realistic: "It's been a long 42 games after we had whizzed in a dozen players in six weeks. I believe in dignity and credibility, and we'll let 81 points do our talking for us. We were the only club who had to win. It was no good finishing second."

His captain, Trevor Matthewson, added: "Whatever else we might do in the game, it will be hard to match today."

Murphy rebuilt the side almost totally and will be welcomed back for one other reason. Not one of the current 92 managers can equal his programme notes.

Lincoln City: Batch; Evans, Nicholson, Clarke, Matthewson, Buckley, Casey, Cumming, Brown, Smith, McGinley (Sertori, 24min). Substitute (not used): Simmons.

Wycombe Wanderers: Lester; Corbin, Norman, Crossley, Barrett, Taylor, Greenaway, Boyland (Young, 45), Mann (Roderick, 45), West, Durham.

Referee: M Thompson (North Shields).

Sporting

TODAY you hear a lot of bad about football supporters, so I would like to thank Wycombe Wanderers supporters for their behaviour at Lincoln.

Whilst leaving the Lincoln City Ground in their coaches after the game, they applauded the Lincoln City supporters on their club's successful season in the G.M. Vauxhall Conference.

Best of luck to Wycombe Wanderers and their supporters in the coming season.--
F. L. Phillips, Westminster House, Ermine Estate, Lincoln.

A LOAD OF CLAP - Bucks Free Press 13 May 1988

The Directors' View Of 1987/88 "A Season of Contrasts"

Followers of the Club enjoyed, sometimes endured, plenty of action both on and off the field during last season. We started the season with the amiable Alan Gane, briefly free-wheeling with the deep thinking Peter Suddaby and finished, thankfully, with the ultra dedicated Jim Keilman as Team Manager. The statistic of 54 different players seen in a Blues shirt tells its own tale. Two favourites departed - Noel Ashford and Graham Bressington - but other crowd pleasers joined us. Off the field Allan Robson took over the role of Commercial Manager and Alan Mayes joined as his assistant, now regarded as a full time post. The end of the season saw the start of another era as Brian Lee stepped down as Chairman, but to remain as a Director, to be replaced by the previous Vice Chairman, Ivor Beeks. An added bonus was the granting of planning permission to build our new stadium at Sands.

So what now? There is so much activity in so many areas of the club's involvement that anything that is written here could be out of date by the time it reaches you but we'll try anyway!

The Team

Jim Keilman has travelled thousands of miles checking out information given to him by his Scouts headed by John Reardon. He has talked to so many players it is highly likely that he will have his ideal team in place by the start of the new season. Pre-season training begins on Tuesday 12th July. Watch the local papers for news of players who have signed contracts.

Reserve & Youth Teams

Derek Jones/Simon East and Alan Hutchinson have been appointed as reserve and youth team managers respectively and the board are delighted that Jim Keilman has taken this step. Jim intends to run teams in the Under 10 to Under 16 age groups as well, probably starting in the 1989/90 season.

Commercial

There is a lot happening here. The team manager keeps spending the money so more activity is the order for Allan Robson! The budget for raising funds off the field has been doubled for the new season and a special idea has been formulated. Bucks Superloot is just being launched now. We are working hard to increase League membership and a special Sportsman's Dinner is to be held in November to promote the scheme. Also, mascots, autographed match balls, etc. will be organised for each match. You can help the club as well as Alan by supporting our activities generously!

Did you see the note in the Daily Express on 12th May that the G.M. Conference has approached Channel 4 regarding T.V. coverage should

League Football be off our screens again next season? That should do wonders for our income from sponsors and advertisers if it happens. Due to the increasing cost of buying players to build a better team every area of income is being studied closely to see if we can raise more money. This could well involve raising some admission prices next season, but buy a season ticket before the season begins for a reduced price.

Can anyone help us to write a Blues song?

Board

Ivor Beeks now Chairs the Board so Gordon Richards takes over as Blues Club responsibility. Bill Cloere remains as Blues Club Chairman. Much of Gordon's previous role has been transferred to Allan Robson. Brian Lee will concentrate his efforts on the planning and development of the new stadium.

New Stadium

Initial plans have been drawn up and it looks very good. The scheme is to build a continuous roof all the way round the ground but it is an expensive option so we are looking at ways to raise the money. There will be a good and steep covered terrace for the home supporters behind the South goal. About 1,000 seats will be available in the main East stand and further terracing West and South will bring the immediate capacity up to 6,000. Success on the field will dictate whether any additional capacity is ever needed but it would certainly be practical on this site.

Turnstiles, tea bars and W.C. facilities will be provided separately for each of the four areas. The pitch will be grass and Wembley sized i.e. 115 x 75 yards with 4 metres between the touch lines and the perimeter fence so it will have a very spacious feel to it.

There will be a Blues Club bar, of course, along with a 30 Club and Sponsors bar. Also in this plan is a conference/function suite which will seat 400 at tables. The object of this is to make the buildings work to earn money on non-match days. The commercial department will have good offices at last unless they are so attached to the Portacabin that they will take it to Sands. The Club shop will certainly not operate out of a shed either!

The Board's view is that the new Stadium will be a superb place to watch football. The quality of the football, however, will largely depend on our ability to raise funds off the field. Thank you for supporting League Line through the difficult period at the beginning of the season, it is much appreciated. Perhaps you can continue to assist by finding some new Members so we can break the 500 mark again.

See you at Loakes Park in August.

ROAST DUCK FOR BOXING DAY BLUES!

Soccer Special
By PAUL HUDSON

BLUES are hoping for a Christmas soccer feast with a crunch derby game against Conference new boys Aylesbury United.

Wanderers are still waiting for the full future list for next season. But the club has been pushing for the match against the Ducks to be played on Boxing Day. It would guarantee a sell-out crowd and bumper pay-off for the club - who are hoping to challenge for the title this time.

The Conference champions are automatically promoted to the Football League.

Blue's first match of the 1988-89 season is on August 20 away against another newly-promoted side, Yeovil Town.

Blue's first home game is on September 12th. Kick-off is 7.30pm.

That will be a tough one with Aylesbury United away from home.

Blue's first away game is on September 19th. Kick-off is 7.30pm.

Blue's first home game is on September 26th. Kick-off is 7.30pm.

Cheeky

DEAR residents of Sands, did you receive a letter from Sands News Agency called Bucks Superloot. If so read the print carefully at the very bottom of the letter.

It's for the Blues Development Fund. We fought so hard against the move of Wycombe Wanderers FC to Sands and now they insult us by asking us to support their development fund. Think again before signing. - Mrs S. Chivers, Lane End Road, Sands.

SUPERGRASS - Bucks Free Press 17 June 1988



EUROPE EUROPE '89

EUROPE EUROPE '89 has been launched by the FSA in order to enable ordinary football supporters to participate in activities and discussions on policy that will enable English clubs to return to European competition.

The FSA can not condemn strongly enough the activities of some of the people who followed the England team to West Germany. However, we still feel that it is in the interests of a long term solution to the problem of football associated violence, if English club sides are re-admitted to European competition, sooner rather than later. This is because it is our view that the ban has hindered the development of the policies required to deal with this sort of behaviour and may even have been the cause of the extent of the violence and vandalism that occurred. It is certainly the case that policy making has taken on a more insular form, with the introduction of membership schemes and close circuit TV being the main planks of government policy, despite the fact that they do not even address the problem of people following their team abroad. Indeed, they even ignore the fact that most of the violence associated with football occurs away from the football grounds themselves.

It appears to us that the government is more concerned with appearing to solve the problems than with developing policies that will tackle the problem on a long term basis. Their methods have failed, and their response is to represent their ideas in a more extreme form. We believe that we need new ideas and that supporters are the people whose experiences should be used to help develop a completely new approach.

BUT WHY LISTEN TO THE F S A?

Since the Heysel and Bradford disasters the FSA has worked tirelessly to build a network of supporters committed to 'reclaiming the game' for ordinary fans. By gathering information from supporters, and by helping them to organise, we have been proved right in our criticisms of existing anti-hooligan measures and have shown that we can channel the energies of supporters into more constructive activities and set new role models for younger fans. We said, long ago, that the ban on English clubs would increase the likelihood of violence when England played abroad. European games would become more of a novelty and the England fans would be given a reputation to live up to. Furthermore the possibility of attacks on English fans by people out to prove themselves could also not ruled out. We put our views to two successive Sports Ministers, both chose not to believe us.

WE HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THAT FANS CAN WORK TOGETHER.

The FSA were responsible for ensuring that the ANTI-MERGER campaigns involving QPR, Fulham, Wimbledon and Crystal Palace, brought together supporters of these clubs, and others, in a common campaign for the good of football. We showed that football supporters, supporting different teams, can get together in a trouble free atmosphere in order to protect the game from those they perceive as acting against its interests.

We established the 'LEFT ON THE SHELF' campaign in order to defend a historic piece of terracing at White Hart Lane. Again we brought together supporters of different clubs, at both meetings and demonstrations. These included a 40 minute peaceful demonstration inside White Hart Lane after Spurs' last home game of the 1987/88 season.

We have also contributed to the establishment of an ALTERNATIVE FOOTBALL NETWORK that now boasts a readership of well over 50,000 people. Faced with the inaccuracies and sensationalism of much of the popular press, supporters have begun to produce their own magazines and newsletters, many receiving national prominence. These are regularly exchanged between supporters of different clubs and have proved an invaluable source of communication.

HOW DO WE GET BACK INTO EUROPE?

The long term solution rests with the supporters themselves. Our organisation has continued to grow and extend its influence. The next generation of football followers must follow our way of supporting football, not that of the hooligan celebrities given prominence by the media. We have to unite supporters in a common campaign to rid football of these thuggish leeches.

The government must encourage short term measures that will address the real problem. Luton Town's membership scheme is no more likely to prevent hooligans travelling abroad than it is likely to prevent people travelling to the Costa Brava or smashing up rural town centres.

The FA's decision not to apply for a return to Europe this season is as sad as it was inevitable. For years they have refused to listen to the voice of the supporter and they are now letting the thugs dictate their actions. It is also an admission that their anti-hooligan measures have failed. They must, along with the Football League, start to listen to the ordinary supporters. They must also start to take up a more active stance in encouraging supporters to be more involved in the game's decision making processes.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

First, we have to persuade the FA to apply for admission to Europe for 1989, preferably with the support of the Government. This, we accept, will require a major shift in public opinion. We will be circulating this statement as widely as possible over the forthcoming season in order to encourage supporters to put their ideas to paper.

We are looking for supporters to put forward their own suggestions based on their own experiences.

We will be seeking urgent meetings with the Football League, the FA, and the Government. We will also be writing to UEFA with a view to meeting with them.

We will be vigorously opposing initiatives which we see as counter productive and damaging to the interests of football.

We plan to hold a number of public events in different parts of the country in order to encourage supporters to get together to discuss ways of 'reclaiming the game'.

If you agree with us, or even if you do not, please write to us with your views - we intend to make them heard. Supporters are often portrayed as the cause of football's problems. In fact we are not - we are the people, perhaps the only people, who can save it.

PLEASE WRITE TO THE FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION at;

THE F S A, 59 OAKWOOD ROAD, HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL L26 1XD.



Sir Norman Chester Centre
for Football Research

Centre for the Study
of Public Order

University of Leicester

Football into the 1990s

A national conference sponsored by The Football Trust

University of Leicester

Thursday and Friday, 29-30 September, 1988

On Thursday and Friday, 29-30 September 1988, the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research at the University of Leicester holds a Conference exploring FOOTBALL INTO THE 1990's.

The Centre was opened in April 1987 with funds provided by the Football Trust. The researchers in the Centre have recently completed a major study on seven English clubs and their various responses to local problems. The staff are also actively involved in research on: football club membership schemes; the MSC funded 'Football and the Community' project at Preston; the links between football clubs and local authorities; the devising of an educational video package on football; sportsmanship in junior football; and the behaviour and control of English fans abroad. The Centre acts as national focus for the collection and dissemination of research information on football.

Many of the above issues will be discussed at the Conference with the main themes being: the commercial and cultural significance of football in Britain; the changing face of the professional game; football's broader community role; and football and public order. The speakers include leading figures from the world of football and expert practitioners and academics

involved in developing and monitoring recent initiatives. Speaking on Football and British society will be Brian Lee (described simply as former Director at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre). Other speakers include Graham Kelly, Secretary of the Football League, Bert Millichip, Chairman of the FA and Professor Eric Dunning, a football specialist from the University of Leicester.

Further details can be obtained from the Blues Club Shop or from Mrs Kate Penny, Continuing Education Unit, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH. Tel. enquiries: 0533-522464.

10 THINGS TO GET ANGRY ABOUT THIS SUMMER.

1. People in charge of our top football clubs publicly threatening to wreck our Football League with the ludicrous 'Super' League idea.
2. The view - or lack of it - from the terraces at Aylesbury v England - for a fee of £6 per person.
3. The BBC's decision that English football fans should watch the Republic of Ireland instead of our own game against USSR.
4. The British media's complete refusal to make any attempt at reporting 'crowd incidents' in West Germany either fairly or truthfully.
5. Every TV appearance by the Minister Against Football, Colin Moynihan during the European Championship, and the Government's subsequent decision to inflict a 'membership' scheme on the Football League.
6. All facile comparisons of American Football to our game by journalists.
7. The FA's decision to punish Chelsea FC for their fans' misbehaviour by preventing their opponents from attending the first six matches at Stamford Bridge this season.
8. Losing test matches to the West Indies.
9. The Weather.
10. Starting to write this and then realising I can't think of 10 things.

CANON'S BLAZING

What a disgrace the European Championships turned out to be, as the marauding English thugs ran rampage through Germany leaving no stoned unturned in their senseless quest for violence. I am, of course, referring to the majority of the English media, whose 'get a story at all costs approach' provided the big summer news story.

As if to make up for England's lack of success on the field, the tabloids revelled in 'our' success off of it. 'Our' as in 'NAZI GAS WAR ON OUR THUGS' (Today 13/6/88) ...surely not that same 'our' that battled on the front line in Falklands. Not to be outdone, the next day we had 'WORLD WAR III' (Sun 14/6/88) as they revealed their heroes of the Championships.



As far as the national media are concerned, it's the importance of the story at the time that determines its prominence rating. If there had been a Royal Wedding/Baby/Ski Disaster during the European Championships, the incidents in Germany would have been relegated to the inside pages and Thatcher & Co wouldn't have had to interrupt their busy schedules to put on the serious voices, condemning the violence and demanding 'stiff sentences'. Indeed when a 'serious' story did break midway through the Championships (The IRA bomb at Lisburn) the events from Germany were reduced to their true importance - space fillers.

No-one in the right mind is suggesting that there was no 'trouble' in Germany but surely this type of sensationalised reporting on these and other types of 'minor' violence is just free publicity for the instigators to work from. If it's not violence at football, it's 'Rural Violence'. The fact that these type of incidents have been occurring for the past 100 years or more is apparently irrelevant, when it can all be summed up in two words - and don't forget those beach riots in Spain where 'Soccer Style' violence is common place.

Thanks to this kind of journalism we may have been forced out of European and International football for the foreseeable future and pushed into unworkable 100% membership schemes.

Soccer Hooligans come in all shapes and sizes - some carry note books or cameras. If we ever get back into Europe let's make sure the 'hooligans' don't follow us.



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OTHER MAGAZINES

or a way of getting out of listing all the magazines currently available.

If you want to read about football at its true level, ie. from the supporters, why don't you get down to the Club Shop and buy the latest copies of WHEN SATURDAY COMES and OFF THE BALL. While you're at it take a look at the page(s) listing the addresses of other magazines and send off for them all right now!

THE KELMAN TAPES

interview by Andy Reston and Ian Blackledge
(26th and 27th July 1988)

Since Jim Kelman's arrival at Wycombe Wanderers, the Club has avoided relegation, introduced youth and reserve teams and generally risen to a new level of confidence on the playing side.

As a player, Jim began as an amateur with Reading in the early 1960's before time with Maidenhead United, Slough Town, Wokingham Town, Hayes and Southall. In 1973 he became Player/Coach at Newbury Town before moving into management with Hungerford Town. He guided Hungerford from the Hellenic League into the Isthmian League, reached two F A Vase semi-finals and four Berks & Bucks Senior Cup Finals - winning on one occasion, ironically against Wycombe in 1982. In 1985 he returned to manage Newbury before a year coaching in the USA. At the start of last season he became Manager at Maidenhead United. Jim became Manager at Wycombe on 16th January 1988.



CG: What state was the Club in when you arrived?

JK: Poor in morale - very low morale. I think that the spirit in the Club had been dented by being relegated once, and then the threat of relegation rammed down their throats again. I honestly believed that many people thought that we would be relegated - and it pointed that way - good players leaving, poor results, surrendering leads. There was no sparkle - no life.

CG: Bearing all that in mind, didn't you have a few misgivings about taking on the job?

JK: No. It's a far bigger job than I'd ever had but the job was tailor made for me. I've had a good background in football at clubs where I had to roll the pitch, mark it out, edit the programme, get the sponsors - it's hard work and therefore a good upbringing.

At Wycombe, I can concentrate on what I want to do, which is coaching and motivating players. I now have a free feeling with the players which I couldn't have with other clubs because I was weighed down with so many other requirements.

CG: Do you have any misgivings about the recent turnover of managers here?

JK: Oh they've got a horrendous record but clubs go through upheaval and bad times and there are only 2 or 3 teams in the Conference where managers have stayed the course. It's a trait of clubs in this country that if you don't get results, sack the manager - even at village clubs. At least if I'm going to be sacked, I'll be sacked doing it my way.

CG: On the playing side, what changes were most urgently required when you came to Wycombe?

JK: I didn't think the players were fit. Also, they'd lost belief in each other and in themselves. I had to look at the players quickly and see who could play and, in my opinion, who couldn't. I saw the game at Wealdstone and it was evident that there weren't enough players with the heart for the game.

There's a recipe for success - it's called having four captains in your team, seven players who will run through brick walls, three or four skilful players and one or two players who can adopt themselves to certain situations and do things out of the blue. The best teams in the world have those sort of players - Wycombe were a bit bereft. Martin Woodall was an inspiration with his never-say-die attitude but people like Keith Barrett and Kevin Day are quiet people really. Those sort of qualities I had to find quickly - I was fortunate we had a Conference game the day I arrived and then a whole two weeks before the next game, giving me that time to get to know the players, have a drink with them...the old tracksuit image. I upset a few people by

wearing a tracksuit but I had to meet the 30 Club and the Board as I am on the field. I always will be a tracksuit manager - you won't see me in a suit. It was frowned upon by some at the Club because Wycombe have traditions that go back years and those traditions are good. But I feel comfortable in a tracksuit and that's the way I work.

CG: What players contributed most, in your view, to our survival last season?

JK: I would say it was the combination of getting people fitter and the increased confidence of some players, rather than individual performances. The workload was shared throughout the side. Kirk Corbin did well, so did Keith Barrett. We did things differently at the back. We man-to-man mark. We go tight and stay tight and we make sure we give forwards close attention. Give good players space and they'll exploit it. In the Vauxhall Opel League, give a player five yards of space and he'll trip over the ball sometimes or he might score sometimes. In the Conference, give them five yards and they'll score everytime.

It was fortunate that we got certain players into the Club at certain times. Nigel Taylor, whose work rate is phenomenal, we were lucky was available from Basingstoke; Matthew Crossley joined, he's probably the best man-to-man marker in the Club. He made Burr (Macclesfield) look very ordinary at our place and he got Norris substituted at Telford. If you get players to do certain things it can change the way the whole team plays. I thought Mark West did extremely well, Brian Greenaway scored that 'golden goal' from 30 yards against Altrincham, Kevin Durham got around the back to score that great goal at Barnet; Boyland ran from the half-way line to score against Macclesfield. Ady Mann scored some vital goals - all the goals were shared across the board.

CG: What was the best performance under your management?

JK: I thought at Sutton. We played them off the park. They're a big tall side and we outplayed them I thought. I was also impressed with the way the players behaved afterwards because relegation still threatened us at the time. Also away at Barnet was a super game and away to Macclesfield we were unlucky. That's why I was so disappointed at Lincoln. Disappointed because we didn't compete.

CG: Did the players freeze?

JK: No. One or two didn't have the appetite for it - away from home, last game of the season. Lincoln could still have played awful and still won that game. I felt hurt and disappointed but having said that I would never criticise my team in public.

CG: Could you give a brief run down on what's happened over the summer?

JK: Andy Graham, Alan Myers, Kirk Corbin have left; Nigel Taylor and Martin Roderick's studies have taken them away from us. We're always looking to improve our squad and thanks to our scouting system, we've spoken to literally everyone in the Conference and I mean everyone - the best in the country. But we can't tempt the excellent Northern players down here because they can't afford to move - unless you're talking about Club houses and Club jobs. We have a fair few players in the south but look at our track record. Last year it was very difficult to tempt players to Wycombe at that stage of the season with relegation beckoning. Now, at this time, we have a clean sheet - we're all top of the league - so we have a better chance of getting players. Take it from me, we couldn't have looked harder for new players.

CG: I think that supporters do believe that the staff is genuinely trying to improve the squad - you get that impression even from your quotes in the Bucks Free Press with Rolf Niven.

JK: Before I came to the Club, the policy was not to say anything to the papers. Well we've changed that, the policy is to let people know. I tell Rolf everything - all my secrets. There's 1,500 people who go and watch Wycombe...there's another 50,000 who read about them. If they're misinformed, we might only get a thousand for the next home game. We are trying to create a good public image and that includes the development of the Reserve and Youth team.

CG: What about the Reserve and Youth teams?

JK: You can't have a ludicrous situation where you expect players to come into a Conference side when they haven't kicked a ball in weeks. Also we had the situation that while the First Team were playing, the rest of the squad stood and watched.

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The policy was once, that players would rather stand around watching the First Team at places like Macclesfield, than playing themselves at some horrible reserve ground. Well, that's not the truth - players want to play every Saturday. We have 24 Capital League games this season, so while the First Team are playing on Saturdays, the Reserve squad will be training. The Youth Team will be playing in a men's league and we hope one or two will come through to play in Capital League matches or friendlies.

The word has got around about the Youth Team - lads are coming from as far as Buckingham to play for us; an ex-England Youth International walked through the gate the other day.

CG: Were you surprised that there wasn't a Reserve/Youth set-up already at Wycombe?

JK: No, if the policy of a club is not to have it, than that's the policy. As a Manager, it's your job to instigate things at clubs that you think are important. In my view we owe something to the local people and have something for local players to aspire to.

CG: Were you aware of the outcry when the Reserves were disbanded a few years ago?

JK: Not really. I've had confrontations over this issue with previous clubs though. At Hungerford, the Reserves were disbanded because they were too much of a separatist group, serving no purpose at all to the First Team. When I went to Newbury, there was only one team virtually. The Reserves and Youth teams were propping up their leagues and getting hammered out of sight. We continued with three teams and by the following year had 86 players of different ilk training on one night. That meant the club was vibrant, bubbling, alive, and that's what football clubs' are all about. When I came to Wycombe, it was not my idea of a club. It was an elitist thing with a top squad of players and if anyone didn't perform they were sold and another one came in.

CG: Can you explain the scouting system you've introduced?

JK: Of course John (Reardon) has been here, there and everywhere. We use Ian Crossley, who has a tremendous knowledge of players in the south of England, with plenty of contacts. My brother-in-law lives in Brackley, close to the Midlands, and has contacts across to East Anglia and places like that. John is the Chief Scout as well as Assistant Manager.

John Reardon: Giving an example of how it works - I was the first to see Martin Blackler play and I liked him. Having said that, you can watch someone one day and he'll perform and the next time he won't. So consequently, the other two saw him as well and they also came back with good reports.

CG: Who are the new faces to look out for?

JK: We took a young goalkeeper with us on tour to Malta - Steve Crompton, just over 20 years old from Stockport County, who's very very strong and shows a lot of promise. We have two older goalkeepers and we need fresh blood, they need a challenge and one of them will obviously move on.

We were desperately short in midfield. We have Lawrence Osborne, signed from Newport County last season and now recovered from injury. We picked up Dave Carroll from Ruislip Manor, a gifted player who we have a lot of confidence that will come through. Martin Blackler from Trowbridge, who we had watched several times, a tremendous passer of the ball and carries a tremendous shot. Jeff Lissaman from Boston United - he lives in Leicester - he wanted a new challenge and we needed experience. We've Steve Abley, the former Cheltenham Town Captain, again he wanted a new challenge and even at the age of 30 is proving himself one of the fittest at the Club. Up front, John Regan has come from Chalfont St Peter - a proven goalscorer in a lower league. We have a better stock of players now and we're always looking to improve.

CG: Although it's early days, how do you compare the Chairmanship of Brian Lee and Ivor Beeks?

JK: Brian Lee took this Club to places that no other club in the area has gone and ever will do, and he's shouldered all the responsibility. I think there are times in



life when one can hold responsibilities for too long and it comes more of a burden. There is no-one better at organising and advising in soccer than Brian Lee. I've had long chats with him in the past when I've had problems at other clubs and it was Brian Lee I always turned to because he had all the answers. I felt that with the move he accepted to be Director of the new ground, his knowledge is more readily available now to me than when he had the burden of being Chairman.

Now Ivor Beeks comes from a different background and therefore approaches the job differently to Brian - his enthusiasm and business sense will be a tremendous asset to the Club. I like to think that we are still getting the best of Brian Lee with the best of Ivor Beeks - I think we've got a great deal.

CG: Aren't you worried that the Directors don't have much footballing knowledge without Brian Lee?

JK: You don't need all football experts at the top, you need people with the knowledge to put you on a sound financial footing and take the Club into areas that allow the footballing people to do their work. On the other hand I've been in some clubs, where they've all been business men - it's hopeless, you can't talk to anyone! But at Wycombe we have a tremendous blend.

CG: What do you think of the supporters at Wycombe?

JK: Best I've ever seen - always were, even when I played against Wycombe. For some reason, High Wycombe has always been mad-keen on football and as long as we realise this and do something for them and aim to please our crowd. That's why Lincoln was such a disappointment. I felt we let the fans down - my responsibility. Very seldom do I hear derision from our crowd (*surely some mistake here?*), the language is tremendous.

CG: What do think of Chairboys Gas?

JK: Can I just say that everyone is entitled to their view - I draw the line when people are openly derisive about other people. I don't think there should be some many knockers and 'knives in the back' jobs. The idea of the magazine is brilliant but I'd like to think that it was done within the realms of decency.

CG: What would you like to see Wycombe achieve under your managership and in particular this season?

JK: Cup runs are magic things - when you get in a cup run the adrenalin flows and you're playing good quality sides and for some reason, winning suddenly becomes easy. It's always a boost for the whole Club. To be honest with you, we were only outplayed by one team last year. Lincoln didn't frighten us - that was our own doing that we played so poorly - but I hold my hands out to Kidderminster as the best footballing side. They were fabulous and should have gone up - not Lincoln. If I can get my team to play so well and possess so many players that go forward with confidence, that would be my ambition. There is no limit to what your team could do. It's our job to get the players on the pitch in the condition that will enable them to have no fear in their minds. I hope that with the playing squad we've got, we'll have a successful season.

JR: One thing is, that this season players will go out and they will not be allowed to quit. With all due respect, they say players give managers the sack, they certainly gave Peter Suddaby the sack. They players didn't fulfil what they could occasionally produce and they quit. The players know that under Jim, if they look like quitting, they don't even go out to play. This season our performances will be better - we may not always have the better players who we ALL want, but our attitude will be better.

CG: Would you like to manage a Football League Club - what are your personal ambitions?

JK: Yes - with Wycombe. Ambitions only come to you with a certain amount of luck, fortune and being in the right place at the right time. I'd be more than happy to achieve Football League status with Wycombe.



GMVC FIXTURES 1988/89

DATE	OPPOSITION	V	KO	DATE	OPPOSITION	V	KO
Sat 20 Aug	Yeovil Town	A	3.00	Sat 17 Dec	CHORLEY	H	3.00
Tues 23 Aug	MAIDSTONE	H	7.30	Mon 26 Dec	Aylesbury United	A	3.00
Sat 27 Aug	Chorley	A	3.00	Sat 31 Dec	Maidstone United	A	3.00
Mon 29 Aug	NORTHWICH V.	H	3.00	Mon 2 Jan	AYLESBURY	H	3.00
Sat 3 Sep	CHELTENHAM	H	3.00	Sat 7 Jan	Runcorn	A	3.00
Tues 6 Sep	BARNET	H	7.30	Sat 21 Jan	FISHER ATH	H	3.00
Sat 10 Sep	Kettering Town	A	3.00	Sat 28 Jan	Newport County	A	3.00
Wed 14 Sep	Welling United	A	7.30	Sat 11 Feb	STAFFORD RAN	H	3.00
Sat 17 Sep	B' CAY / H. ROV.	H	3.00	Sat 18 Feb	KIDDERMINSTER	H	3.00
Mon 19 Sep	Fisher Athletic	A	7.30	Sat 4 Mar	YEOVIL TOWN	H	3.00
Sat 24 Sep	RUNCORN	H	3.00	Sat 11 Mar	Enfield	A	3.00
Tues 27 Sep	NEWPORT CNY	H	7.30	Sat 18 Mar	BOSTON UTD	H	3.00
Sat 1 Oct	Stafford Rangers	A	3.00	Sat 25 Mar	Telford United	A	3.00
Sat 8 Oct	WELLING UTD	H	3.00	Mon 27 Mar	MACCLESFIELD	H	3.00
Tues 11 Oct	Weymouth	A	7.30	Sat 1 Apr	Cheltenham Tn	A	3.00
Sat 15 Oct	Kidderminster H	A	3.00	Sat 8 Apr	KETTERING T	H	3.00
Sat 22 Oct	TELFORD UTD	H	3.00	Sat 15 Apr	ALTRINCHAM	H	3.00
Sat 5 Nov	Boston United	A	3.00	Sat 22 Apr	Sutton United	A	3.00
Tues 8 Nov	ENFIELD	H	7.30	Sat 29 Apr	Macclesfield T	A	3.00
Sat 12 Nov	SUTTON UTD	H	3.00	Mon 1 May	WEYMOUTH	H	3.00
Sat 26 Nov	Altrincham	A	3.00	Sat 6 May	Northwich Vic	A	3.00
Sat 10 Dec	Barnet	A	3.00				

FRIENDLY & CAPITAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1988/89

DATE	OPPOSITION	V	KO	DATE	OPPOSITION	V	KO
Tues 9 Aug	KINGSTONIANS	H	7.30	Thurs 12 Jan	WOKINGHAM	H	7.30
Sat 13 Aug	Bromsgrove Rov	A	3.00	Wed 18 Jan	GILLINGHAM	H	7.30
Sat 13 Aug	Chertsey	A	3.00	Tues 24 Jan	Aylesbury	A	7.30
Thurs 25 Aug	CAMBRIDGE U	H	7.30	Wed 8 Feb	Leyton Orient	A	7.30
Wed 31 Aug	BARNET	H	7.30	Tues 28 Feb	Barnet	A	7.30
Thurs 15 Sep	AYLESBURY	H	7.30	Tues 7 Mar	Enfield	A	7.30
Thurs 6 Oct	BRENTFORD	H	7.30	Thurs 16 Mar	WELLING	H	7.30
Wed 19 Oct	Cambridge Utd	A	7.30	Tues 21 Mar	Wealdstone	A	7.30
Thurs 27 Oct	WEALDSTONE	H	7.30	Wed 29 Mar	Brentford	A	7.30
Tues 15 Nov	Southend	A	7.30	Wed 5 Apr	Welling	A	7.30
Thurs 1 Dec	Wokingham	A	7.30	Tues 11 Apr	COLCHESTER	H	7.30
Tues 6 Dec	LEYTON ORIENT	H	7.30	Thurs 27 Apr	ENFIELD	H	7.30
Wed 14 Dec	Gillingham	A	7.30	Wed 3 May	Colchester	A	7.30

To be arranged Southend, Home