

# Goodbye GOLDSTONE



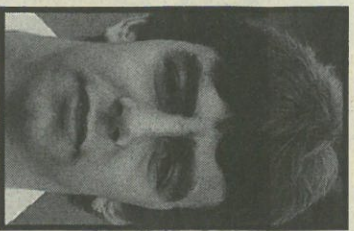
IT'S ALL OVER NOW: Seagull fans swarm on to the pitch in search of mementos and to share memories and experiences on a never-to-be-forgotten day

## A LONG LAST WALK ACROSS THE PARK

### Memories for Cup-run Gary

FOR those who had played there the day had extra significance.

Former Albion star Gary Stevens said: "It is very sad to be leaving. I have a lot of happy memories, especially of my debut against Ipswich in 1979 and against Newcastle in the 1983 FA Cup run."



Gary Stevens

FOR hundreds of fans Saturday was an emotional last walk across Hove Park.

Generations have parked up to half a mile away and walked past soccer pitches and Hove Rugby Club towards Goldstone's floodlights.

For a few it was too much to bear.

Mark MacKenzie, 39, from Brighton, said: "I had dreams for three nights about all this. And I couldn't eat today. I came here at 10am to make sure I got a programme."

### Sick

His brother Martin, 35, from Middlessex, said: "I felt physically sick."

Fans chatted about the past - cheerful clown Bill Cassidy who played dead to annoy refs, the tragic loss of young player Barry Rees in a car crash, the elegance of Ian Mel-lor.

And they wondered if new legends could be made in some other modern theatre of dreams.

Peter Griggs, from



WREATHED IN TEARS: Home-made tribute

Crawley, said: "I have been coming this way to the match for 22 years and it was a sad walk this time. We have seen some good teams. But we had some sad walks back, particularly when Jimmy Case was manager."

Richard McMahon, 37, from Lower Bevedean, with son Luke, said: "I have been watching Albion for 30 years. The way things went up for the club with getting to the Cup Final and the success they had, it makes me sad how they went down."

"Some people won't understand that, but for a lot of people, it was a slice of their life and nothing can be the same again."

"Maybe they'll take some of the spirit of the Goldstone wherever they go."



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HELLO DOLLY: Fans in the carnival spirit

### Feeling dolly good

PAUL Mansfield made sure he stood out in the crowd with the help of an inflatable friend.

Paul, from Brighton, said: "I usually go in the