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NEWS and VIEWS

Owing to Christmas holidays these notes must be compiled before the result is known of the away game against today's opponents, played on Friday evening. Quite a journey back for our lads, late at night, but it certainly got them home early enough to enjoy Christmas Day with their families and friends.

For several years now, it seems to have been our fate to play a long way from home on Boxing Day, thus entailing a bus journey usually beginning early in the afternoon of Christmas Day. This time the fixtures made things a little pleasanter for us.

The name Peterborough United seems most familiar, and it is difficult to realise that they only gained league status at the beginning of season 1960-61.

They had certainly made a name for themselves in the F.A. Cup competition. (How well we remember the struggles we had with them, before winning 2—1 after drawing at the County Ground.)

In their first season in Division IV they won promotion by occupying first position with 66 points. Second were Crystal Palace with 64 points, and third Oldham Athletic with 60 points. Their goal average was quite fantastic, with 134 goals scored for and 65 against. A wonderful achievement.

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of 23,239 spectators. The return game was played on Easter Monday, and we were defeated 1—3. Our promotion hopes seemed very poor.

Last season we defeated Peterborough United at home on 23rd October by three goals to nil. We were just beginning our successful Autumn run, when we won our games with very high scores. East, as centre-forward, was in great form. The previous week we defeated York City six goals to nil. We followed with three home games: Reading five goals to nil; Merthyr Tydfil five goals to one; and Mansfield Town six goals to two. A great burst of scoring which our supporters enjoyed. The team which played against Peterborough United was: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Shergold; Weaver, Smart, Lawton, Brown, Rogers. Goalscorers were Smart, Brown and Rogers. East replaced Lawton (injured) for the cup-tie against Merthyr Tydfil, and really found his form.

The return game was played on 15th January, 1966. Snow fell heavily that week-end, and there was much doubt about our match being played. To be quite sure of arriving on time, plans were changed and our team travelled overnight.

The game was played on a snow covered pitch, but was most entertaining. Result: Peterborough United 2, Swindon Town 3. Our team on that occasion was somewhat different: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Richardson; Henderson, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers.

It is interesting to recall the Peterborough United team, and how it compares with the one playing today: Duff; Johnson, Crawford; Crowe, Rankmore, Wright; Watson, Deakin, Gould, Byrne, Barnes. W. J. SELWOOD

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The Football Association has invited the Chairmen of various clubs to write an article in the F.A. News. This seems to be a step in the right direction. These men behind the scenes, right in the heart of football, could open the eyes of many. We doubt if they will because, in the main, they are most modest about their work for football. They dislike talking in public about their own affairs. We wish they would sometimes come out with the bare facts. Mr. Tony Wood, Chairman of Notts Forest F.C., has some pungent remarks to make when writing in the Arsenal Supporters' Club Journal on "The Duties of Club Directors". In our opinion it is a sound article. We quote from the last paragraphs:

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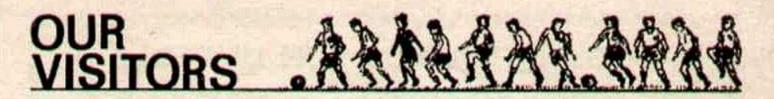
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R. COOPER

Played with local team in the Peterborough League before joining Peterborough United at the age of 16 years. Played in Peterborough Youth Team also a member of the Northants Youth Team. Signed part-time professional in 1958. Made his League debut in October 1963.

F. RANKMORE

Born at Cardiff. Joined Cardiff City from local amateur side Cardiff Corinthians. Transferred to Peterborough United in August 1963. Gained under 23's Honours for Wales against Scotland and N. Ireland.

H. ORR

Born in Lisburn, N. Ireland. Gained Schoolboy, Youth and Amateur International Caps. Joined Sheffield United in 1958 had 5 years there before joining Peterborough United in July 1964.

W. DUFF

Previous clubs: Hearts and Charlton Athletic. Played twice for under 23's and against Ireland. Two Scottish Cup Medals. Joined Peterborough United in May 1963.

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Born in Edinburgh. Previous clubs: Hearts, West Ham United and Scunthorpe United. Two under 23's Caps. Joined Peterborough United in July 1964.

O. CONMY

Previous club Huddersfield Town. Honours: Eire International. Joined Peterborough United in May 1964.

T. WATSON

Born in Lanarkshire. Previous clubs: Lesmaghow Junior F.C. and Stevenage F.C. Scottish Juvenile Honour under 18's. Signed for Peterborough United in May 1965.

T. ROSS

Born Inver, Scotland. He was at his previous club, Ross County, for 2 years before signing for Peterborough United in July 1965.

J. BYRNE

Born at Glasgow. Previous clubs: Preston North End, Queen of the South, Tranmere Rovers, Hibernian and Barnsley. Joined Peterborough United in June 1965.

P. JOHNSON

Previous club, Rotherham United 1952-57. Made League debut for Rotherham United in 1952. Joined Sheffield Wednesday in 1957, stayed there 8 years before joining Peterborough United last season.

M. HOLLOW

Born Nazeing, Essex. Previous club, Leyton Orient, was there three seasons before signing for Peterborough United in July 1965.

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B. GOULD

Born in South Wales. Joined Arsenal from school, after being with Arsenal five years he joined Chelsea. Signed for Peterborough United in July 1965.

J. ROONEY

Born at Dundee. Before joining Peterborough United in July 1965 he was at Lochee United.

G. ADAMS

Born Shoreditch, London, joined Peterborough United from Chelsea F.C. July this year. George played in the Combination and Youth side as centre forward but prefers playing in the defence. As a Youth he represented S.W. Essex and London Federation of Boys' Clubs and Hackney.

J. MASON

Born in Coventry, John joined Peterborough United in May from Allvechurch the Amateur club. He played for England as an Amateur against Holland in April.

T. MILLINGTON

Born Hawarden, North Wales. Previous clubs: West Bromwich Albion and Crystal Palace. Honours: seven Full Caps, four Under 23's. Signed for Peterborough United at end of last season.

G. PULLEY

Born Stourbridge, Worcs. Previous clubs: Millwall, Gillingham. Made debut for Peterborough United v. Shrewsbury Town in the F.A. Cup. Signed for Peterborough United last season.

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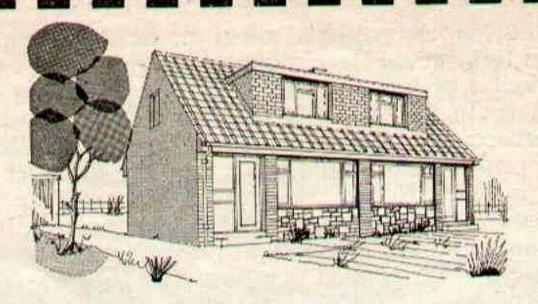
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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Because of printing requirements, these Notes are being written on Tuesday, the 20th. Accordingly the result of the away match at Peterborough last Friday is still in the future as far as I'm concerned, although, obviously, I am hoping that a win, with two valuable points, will have been recorded.

The match against Brighton & Hove Albion still has me puzzled. Why, when the middle of the field was obviously sticky, were the two wingers left out in the cold during the second half? I do not profess to be a football expert, but common sense tells me that five forwards being utilised to the full is infinitely more dangerous than using three — apart from the fact that the other side are not permitted so much scope in their own attacks.

I was somewhat amused — if that is the right word to use to see that the powers that be are exerting Clubs to cancel matches when the ground is expected to be unfit to play, in order to save supporters the expense of travelling to away matches only to find on arrival that the game has been cancelled. Looking at the original fixture list for the Third Division, I note that only four matches were listed in November - one being the first round of the Cup. The English weather being what it is, with an average summer, grounds do not normally get waterlogged until middle or late December. Up until then the normal football ground, together with the surrounding countryside, can absorb the early winter rains. Once the ground, as a whole, becomes waterlogged, then rainwater will stay on top. Could not evening matches be arranged during November as well? I have been told that November is unsuitable because of the incidence of fog. But fog, these days, can be, and is, forecast with considerable accuracy - certainly in time for matches to be cancelled. This would at least help to



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relieve the congestion which will occur in March and April, which, in turn, would leave room for matches to be cancelled in the months of January and February without fear of congestion later in the season. If four matches were to be postponed between now and the end of February — and this could well happen — there would scarce be time to travel around between matches. No wonder the poor Managers are anxious for games to be played, even though the players may be ankle deep in mud. But this does not provide the quality of football that Supporters are entitled to expect.

Last Thursday, the 15th, was marked by the Supporters' Club Christmas Draw in the Social Club. The draw was made by our new Football Queen, Mrs. Margaret Dyball, this being her first official function. The first prize went to Mr. H. Huish, of Market Lavington, who served for some years on the Supporters' Club Committee — a just reward, I feel, for all his voluntary help in the past. Full lists of winners have been circulated to all Agents who sold tickets, and I would like to thank these Agents, on behalf of the Committee, for helping to

make the draw a success.

The same evening, a cheque for £1,500 was presented to the Football Club, who was represented by Mr. E. Lane, the Vice-Chairman, as a Christmas present from the Supporters' Club Competition profits. As in past years, this will be followed

by further assistance in due course.

On Boxing Day, after the Peterborough United match, and as near as possible to 5.0 p.m., the Football Club will be holding the weekly draw in the Supporters' Club, and this week will, of course, include the draw for a motor car. One thing is certain — someone will have a very Happy New Year.

For Social Club members, here's the programme of events

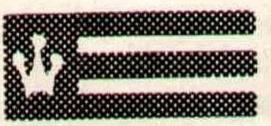
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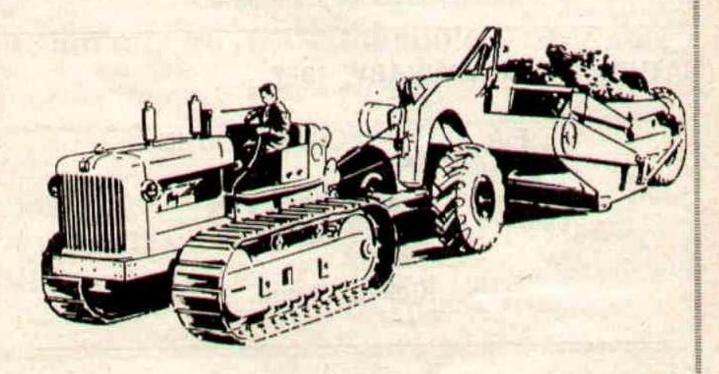
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Date	Opponents	Gate Ground	Result
August 20	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		2-2
24	SOURNEMOUTH & B.A. (League Cup)	7,769(H)	2—1
27	DARLINGTON	4 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	4-0
September 3	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	7,900(A)	1-3
6	COLCHESTER UNITED		1-1
10	WATFORD	9,999(H)	1-2
13	PORTSMOUTH (League Cup)	7,784(H)	4-1
17	BRISTOL ROVERS	10,907(A)	0-3
24	DEADING	10064 (4)	1-2
26	COLCHESTER UNITED	20 45 THE A 2 A 3	1-2
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October 4			1_1
8	DONCASTER ROVERS (League Cup)	7 000 /11\	2 2
170	SHREWSBURY TOWN	7,900\n/	1 2
11	DONCASTER R. (League Cup Replay)	8,147(H)	0 4
15	MIDDLESBROUGH		1 1
18	WALSALL		1-1
22	SWANSEA TOWN	8,638(H)	4-0
25	W. BROMWICH ALBION (League Cup)	16,254(H)	0-2
29	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.	6,333(A)	4-1
November 5	LEYTON ORIENT	8,996(H)	5—1
12	GILLINGHAM	7,320(A)	0—1
19	WORKINGTON	9,497(H)	3-0
26	(1) HORSHAM	8,000(A)	3-0
December 3	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10,347(H)	6-3
10	OXFORD UNITED	10,037(A)	00
17	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	9,900(H)	1—1
24	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(A)	**************
26	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	(H)	***************************************
31	DARLINGTON	(A)	***************************************
January 7	(2) ASHFORD TOWN	(H) I	
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February 4		······································	
10	DONCASTER ROVERS		******************
18	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
25	SHREWSBURY TOWN	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
March 4	MIDDLESBROUGH	(H)	***************************************
11	(5) GRIMSBY TOWN	\A\	***************************************
14	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	······································	***************************************
18	SWANSEA TOWN	(A)	***************************************
25	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.		#141
27	TORQUAY UNITED	(A)	***************************************
28	TORQUAY UNITED	······································	*******
April 1	LEYTON ORIENT	(A)	*************
8	(6) GILLINGHAM	(H)	***************************************
11	MANSFIELD TOWN	(H)	***************************************
15	WORKINGTON	(A)	***************************************
18	WALSALL	(H)	***************************************
22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	(H)	
24	MANSFIELD TOWN	(A)	***************
29	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(A)	***************************************
May 6	OXFORD UNITED	(H)	***************************************
12	SCUNTHORPE UNITED		***************************************
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Swindon Town	11	8	0	3	20	15	16
West Ham United	10	7	1	2	31	15	15
Leicester City	12	6	2	4	30	23	14
Peterborough United	9	6	1	2	22	19	13
Crystal Palace	11	6	1	4	22	25	13 12
Arsenal	8	6 5 5	0	2	21	14	12
Southampton	15	5	2	8 5	35 25	25	11
Nottingham Forest	11	5	1	6	26	23	10
Plymouth Argyle	12	4	2	4	23	24	10
Northampton Town	10	4	1	9	21	31	9
Ipswich Town	14	2	4	5	21	32	8
Gillingham	8	2 3	1	4	14	15	7
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