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FROM THE MANAGER'S CHAIR

ENOUGH has already been said and written about the match against Tranmere Rovers on Tuesday night, and it is not my intention to add fuel to the fire. It was an encounter that is best forgotten by both clubs, and all I am prepared to say by way of explanation for what happened at the Gay Meadow that night is that Tranmere were clearly unhappy about playing a League match so close to their F.A. Cup tie at Everton today.

The fact remains that we had no option but to turn down their request for a postponement of the game. Our promotion hopes are equally as important to us as Cup glory is to Tranmere, and in any event it would have been extremely difficult to offer them a new date.

No-one regrets more than I do that George Yardley, the Tranmere leader, was admitted to hospital after the game. It could so easily have been one of our own key players. My best wishes go to him for a complete and speedy recovery.

The one pleasing aspect was the much improved attendance, which was consolation in part for our dropping a point. No doubt the excellent gate—and how I wish a 7,000-plus crowd was the rule rather than the exception—was attributable to the fine performance the lads gave in winning at Colchester last Saturday. That win made it eight points from our last five away trips, which must rank as promotion form.

At the time of writing, I was in negotiation for players to further strengthen our resources, and there were hopes that a signing would be completed in time for tonight's game.

The transfer market, however, is highly unpredictable and it may be that the deal I was hoping to pull off has not yet materialised. If that is so, then rest assured that my efforts will be continued to sign new players capable of strengthening our promotion push. An important factor, of course, is that any newcomers to the Gay Meadow must be good enough in my view to hold a place in a Second Division side—which, we hope, will be Shrewsbury's status next season.

For next Saturday's home game against Peterborough I propose to offer my column to our supporters to air their views. Some of our local sportswriters have had their say, and now it is the turn of the man on the terraces. Naturally I expect there will be a proportion of critical letters I receive from you (address them to me, c/o the Gay Meadow), and all I ask is that your criticism is constructive. Who knows? There may be one or two complimentary ones as well.

It remains for me to extend a warm welcome to tonight's visitors Swindon Town, one of my "dark horses" tips for promotion at the start of the season. Their recent form has slipped slightly, but they are still very much in the promotion race. If tonight's encounter comes up to the standard of our past meetings with Swindon then we have a highly entertaining game in prospect.



Best Wishes,

ARTHUR ROWLEY.

OUR VISITORS

SWINDON TOWN, always attractive opposition at the Gay Meadow, are passing through a comparatively lean spell at the moment and yet have enough talent on the books to still have a considerable say in the promotion issue.

They boast a healthy home record, and it is their lack of success away from home that has prevented them getting among the leading promotion challengers. Their fifteen away trips have brought only one win and a total of nine points.

Managed by Mr. Danny Williams, they have an experienced and competent defence in which centre half **Mel Nurse**, capped 12 times for Wales, is the key figure.

Their keeper is **Peter Downsborough**, signed two seasons ago from Halifax Town, the full backs are **Rod Thomas**, who has an international cap plus Under-23 honours for Wales, and **John Trollope**, who has made over 300 appearances since he joined Swindon straight from school.

Flanking Nurse are ex-Newcastle player **Joe Butler**, whose speed and ability more than compensate for his lack of height, and **Stan Harland**, who was signed from Carlisle in 1966 after spells with Everton and Bradford City.

Ex-Glasgow Rangers and Newcastle man **William Penman** wears the No. 7 shirt, and his inside partner is another former Newcastle player, **Peter Noble**. He moved to Swindon for an £8,000 fee two months ago.

But the star of the line is left winger **Don Rogers**, probably one of the most sought after players in Division III. A former England youth international and Under-23 cap, he was Swindon's top scorer last season with 33 goals.

His inside partner is **Roger Smart**, another local player who joined the club direct from the Swindon Schoolboys side. And the punch in the middle is provided by much travelled **Pat Terry**, a forceful leader who is particularly dangerous in the air.

Probable substitute is ex-Norwich City winger **Don Heath**, who took over when Penman was injured in last Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Bournemouth.

● PERSONALITY SPOT

DAVE POUNTNEY

DAVE Pountney, one of the most popular and versatile players ever to wear a Shrewsbury



shirt, has a distinction shared by no-one else on the books—he has played in each of the four divisions of the Football League.

He sampled Third and Fourth Division football in his first spell at the Gay Meadow, and played in the First and Second Divisions during his four years with Aston Villa.

No-one was more pleased than Dave when he rejoined the Gay Meadow staff a month ago—just in time to play a big part in the memorable win at Walsall.

"My wife and I are both 'locals', and it was great to think we were coming back to Shropshire among our old friends" he said.

Dave joined Shrewsbury as an amateur in April, 1957, having been invited for trials while playing with Myddle Youth Club. His Third Division debut came at Torquay the following season, and 212 first team experiences later (he occupied every position except full back) he moved to Villa Park for a then record fee for Shrewsbury—reputed to be in the region of £20,000.

"I had three seasons of regular first team football and achieved my ambition of playing in the First Division", said Dave.

"I didn't appear to fit into the new set-up, but I left Villa Park without any hard feelings. The way things are shaping we could be in the Second Division with Villa next season".

Dave, his wife Maureen and son Dean (3), plan to set up home in south Shropshire in the near future.

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The increased enthusiasm in the Club's promotion hopes has had a sharp effect on rising attendances, which we hope will continue. I

am particularly pleased that support in the stand has increased and that more people are expressing interest in the Regular Booking system referred to in the Tranmere programme.

With the exhilaration of our promotion hopes, obviously interest, tension and heat can reach near explosion point, and I do appeal to all sensible supporters to help us by using a few words of wisdom to those likely to explode more than others, to keep the enthusiasm within the bounds

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance given by the Shropshire Star and Journal Ltd. in providing pictures for this Programme.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

of good conduct. We ourselves as a Club will play our part, and in particular we do appeal to spectators not to invade the pitch at the end of the match as this does entail damage to the surface which often cannot be repaired and could cause a deterioration in our playing performance in our next match.

The Ball Gift today is given by Mr. Ken Clift of Abbey Foregate Commissions, and we gratefully acknowledge his kindness to the Club on yet another occasion.

Now that racing has been resumed, the Abbey Foregate Commissions are again catering for those who like a flutter at 35 Castle Foregate, 36 Abbey Foregate and at 6a Tan Bank, Wellington. The telephone numbers are respectively, Shrewsbury 4628 and 53472 and Wellington 2281. We once more thank Mr. Clift and hope that his Ball will help to prove that Shrewsbury are a good bet for today.

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JUNIOR SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The quiz held in the stand buffet a week last Thursday was a resounding success, and the excellent attendance showed the tremendous potential interest there is in an active Junior Supporters' Club.

Manager Mr. Arthur Rowley was in the chair for the quiz—a contest between a Town team comprising Gordon Lee, Ted Hemsley, Graham Clapham and Alf Wood, and a team made up of officials of the Junior Supporters' Club. The result was a narrow win for the junior supporters.

Following the success of this event there are plans to step up the social side of the Junior Supporters' Club's activities. It is hoped to arrange a film show in the near future.

This week's bingo numbers are :—90, 76, 15, 38, 9, 73, 54, 49, 44, 1, 33, 80, 40, 21—48, 71, 46, 79, 65, 36, 17, 34, 41, 67, 57, 28, 88, 77, 6, 83, 23, 43, 5, 81, 7, 39, 70, 72, 74, 13, 56, 84, 37, 16, 58, 64, 75, 61, 35, 10, 68, 14, 42, 47, 32, 52, 4, 12, 78, 19.

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LEAGUE TABLE

THIRD DIVISION									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.		
Bury	33	17	8	8	73	47	42		
Torquay	32	16	8	8	42	38	40		
SHREWSBURY TOWN	32	14	10	8	49	41	38		
Walsall	32	14	8	10	53	42	36		
Stockport C.	32	14	8	10	47	40	36		
Barrow	32	15	5	12	49	38	35		
Oxford U.	32	12	11	9	49	40	35		
Brighton	32	11	13	8	38	35	35		
Watford	32	14	6	12	52	35	34		
Gillingham	32	12	10	10	41	43	34		
Swindon	31	12	9	10	53	34	33		
Reading	32	13	7	12	45	48	33		
Bournemouth	32	12	9	11	37	38	33		
Peterborough	32	13	6	13	54	34	32		
Southport	31	12	7	12	46	47	31		
Bristol R.	31	11	7	13	49	52	29		
Northampton	32	9	11	12	38	48	29		
Tranmere R.	31	10	8	13	51	57	28		
Colchester	32	9	9	14	36	54	27		
Oldham	32	12	2	18	42	50	26		
Mansfield	31	9	8	14	37	46	26		
The Orient	28	7	10	11	30	38	24		
Scunthorpe	33	7	10	16	37	61	24		
Grimsby T.	31	7	6	18	32	54	20		

League appearances & goal scorers

Wood	32	McLaughlin	24
Boswell	32	Meredith	21
Dolby	30	Stobart	17
Hemsley E.	30	Brodie	13
Fellows	30	Clapham	11
Clarke	29	Pleat	10
Boardman	28	Wright	8
Gregory	26	Manning	6
		Pountney	5

Goal Scorers	League	L/Cup	F.A.Cup
Clarke	12	0	3
Hemsley E.	8	0	0
Boardman	7	0	2
Brodie	4	0	3
McLaughlin	5	0	1
Dolby	3	0	2
Meredith	3	0	0
Manning	1	2	0
Stobart	3	0	0
Clapham	1	0	0
Pleat	1	0	0

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

1967 THIRD DIVISION									
				F	A				
Aug.	19	Oxford United 3.15	5030 H	2	0				
	22	Walsall Lge. Cup	A	2	4				
	26	Brighton & Hove A.	A	0	3				
Sept.	2	Stockport County 3.15	5357 H	0	0				
	6	Reading 7.30	4975 H	2	1				
	8	Tranmere Rovers	A	1	4				
	16	The Orient 6.30	4903 H	2	2				
	23	Northampton Town	A	2	2				
	27	Reading	A	0	0				
	30	Walsall 3.15	8475 H	0	1				
Oct.	4	Torquay United	A	0	3				
	7	Bournemouth & B.A.	A	1	1				
	14	Colchester United 6.30	4162 H	4	0				
	21	Peterborough United	A	1	0				
	25	Torquay United 7.30	6346 H	5	0				
	28	Mansfield Town 6.30	5660 H	2	1				
Nov.	4	Watford	A	0	2				
	11	Southport 6.30	6187H	3	2				
	13	Stockport County	A	2	4				
	17	Scunthorpe United	A	0	0				
	25	Oldham Athletic 3.15	4772H	4	2				
Dec.	2	Bristol Rovers	A	1	4				
	13	(1) Darlington	7394H	3	0				
	16	Oxford United	A	2	2				
	23	Brighton & Hove A. 3.15	5142 H	0	0				
	26	Grimsby Town 3.15	7208H	3	2				

Dec.	30	Grimsby Town	A	1	0
Jan.	18	(2) Tow Law	A	1	1
	20	(2) Replay Tow Law	14,508 H	6	2
	15	The Orient	A	1	1
	27	(3) Arsenal	18280H	1	1
	30	(3) Replay Arsenal	A	0	2
Feb.	3	Northampton Town 3.15	5,382 H	2	0
	10	Walsall	A	2	1
	17	(4) Gillingham 3.15	7,032H	1	2
	24	Bournemouth & B.A. 3.15	4853H	1	0
Mar.	2	Colchester United	A	3	0
	5	Tranmere Rovers 7.30	7836H	1	1
	9	(5) Swindon Town 6.30	H	-	-
	16	Peterborough United 3.15	H	-	-
	19	Swindon Town 7.30	A	-	-
	23	Mansfield Town	A	-	-
	30	(6) Watford 6.30	H	-	-
Apr.	5	Southport	A	-	-
	12	Bury	A	-	-
	13	Scunthorpe United 3.15	H	-	-
	15	Bury 7.30	H	-	-
	20	Oldham Athletic	A	-	-
	24	Barrow 7.30	H	-	-
	27	(S.F.) Bristol Rovers 6.30	H	-	-
May	4	Barrow	A	-	-
	11	Gillingham	A	-	-
	18	(Final)		-	-

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NORTHERN FLOODLIT FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL TABLE FOR COMPETITION 'B'

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Points
					For	Against	
Wigan Athletic	6	6	0	0	15	5	12
Shrewsbury Town	6	2	1	3	8	10	5
Crewe Alexandra	6	2	0	4	10	12	4
Oldham Athletic	6	1	1	4	7	13	3

Draw for Semi-Final of Cup. Two Legs :

Wigan v. Crewe or Wrexham

Semi-Final of Cup. First Leg. Monday, 11th March, Southport, away, 7-30 p.m.

Second Leg. Tuesday, 26th March, Southport, home, 7-30 p.m.

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- 4 **TED HEMSLEY**
- 5 **ALF WOOD**
- 6 **PETER DOLBY**
- 7 **DAVE PLEAT**
- 8 **GEORGE BOARDMAN**
- 9 **BARRY STOBART**
- 10 **DAVE POUNTNEY**
- 11 **JIMMY McLAUGHLIN**
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- 4 **JOE BUTLER**
- 5 **MEL NURSE**
- 6 **STAN HARLAND**
- 7 **WILLIE PENMAN**
- 8 **PETER NOBLE**
- 9 **PAT TERRY**
- 10 **ROGER SMART**
- 11 **DON ROGERS**
- 12 **DON HEATH**

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