

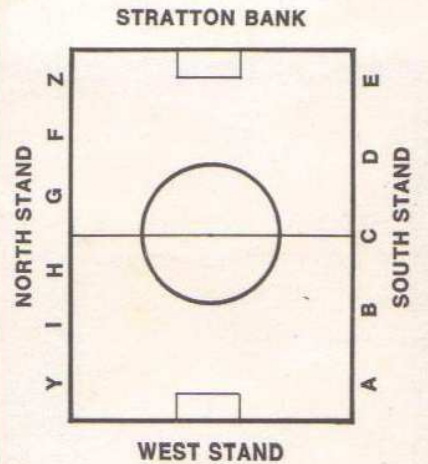


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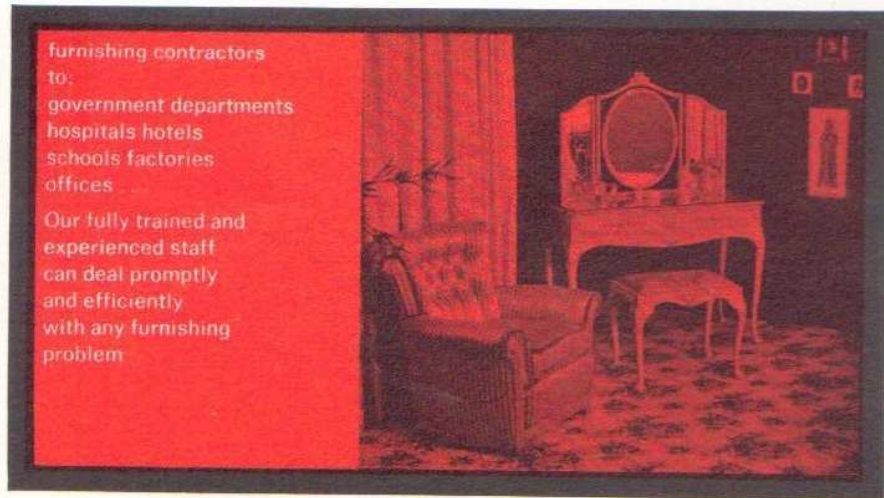
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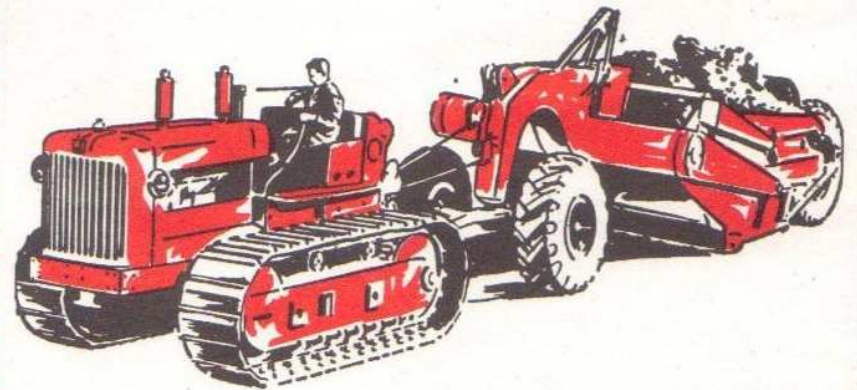


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SATURDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1968

DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

V.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Kick-off 3 p.m.

REFEREE:

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NEWS and VIEWS

Once again we renew acquaintance with the famous "Argyle". Many of our supporters will recall the great battles we have had with the wearers of the green shirts with black collars and cuffs.

Like all clubs, Plymouth Argyle has changed the design of their playing kit. Many of us still prefer the old style with its great traditions. What memories are stirred with the names, like Moses Russell, David Jack and Jack Cock, later of Chelsea, one of the finest centre forwards to play for England. Remember that outstanding wing pair, Black and Leslie (probably the first coloured man ever to play in League football)? Recall to mind also Frank Richardson ("Swerver" to those of us who knew him, a great talker), still helping at Reading. He did, of course, also play for Reading and Swindon.

We last played Plymouth Argyle in season 1964-65, when both clubs were members of League Division 2. We visited Plymouth on 7th November, 1964, and were most unlucky to lose 1-2. We opened the scoring with a splendid goal by Bill Atkins. Then came a harsh decision and a penalty. Half-time, 1-1. The winner was scored in the final few minutes. That result put Plymouth Argyle in 4th position with 20 points, and Swindon in 16th with 15 points. Four points made a difference of twelve places in the League table.

Swindon's team on that occasion was: Haffey; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, Hallett, Smart; Leggett, Atkins, Summerbee, Skeen, Rogers.

Ernie Hunt was in hospital with an appendix operation — one of his many mishaps that season.

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

The return game was played at Swindon on Saturday, 20th March, 1965. Our League position was beginning to look a little dangerous, although there were few thoughts of relegation at the time. Our position was seventeenth with the following record:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
33	12	3	18	50	66	27

Plymouth Argyle were eleventh in the table:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
33	13	7	13	48	57	33

Four draws made a lot of difference in the League position.

After a desperately hard fought game, Swindon were most unlucky to lose 2—3, and so lose more ground in the fight to avoid relegation.

Some interesting facts come from a study of the two teams playing that day.

Swindon: Hicks; Dawson, Trollope; Smart, McPherson, Atherton; Summerbee, Hunt, Brown, Atkins, Rogers.

Plymouth Argyle: Dwyer; Book, Reeves; Neale, Newman, Williams; Jones, Sanderson, Trebilcock, Jackson, Jennings.

The Plymouth Argyle manager was Malcolm Allison, now assistant manager under Joe Mercer, of the successful Manchester City; right-back Book is now captain of that team; and our own Mick Summerbee is centre forward, and an English International. Sanderson now plays for Queen's Park Rangers; Trebilcock was transferred to Everton, and scored two goals in the Cup Final win over Sheffield Wednesday. He is now with Portsmouth, as is Jennings, the outside left. Cliff Jackson, originally of Swindon, now plays for Crystal

NEWS AND VIEWS—continued

Palace; Williams is captain of Bristol Rovers, and Barry Jones (Welsh International) plays for Cardiff City.

In the Swindon team Dawson, Trollope, Smart and Rogers are still with us, we are pleased to say. Dennis Brown is playing again (after injury) with Northampton Town, and Atkins we saw last week in the Stockport County team. Ernie Hunt is with Coventry City, after spells with Wolverhampton Wanderers and Everton.

Hicks, McPherson and Atherton are out of football (at least, Football League).

For the past few seasons Plymouth Argyle has gone through a very difficult period, finally ending in relegation last year. They have experienced many changes in staff and players.

Plymouth Argyle is a fine club, with a magnificent ground at Home Park. We hope they soon begin to regain their past glories.

Meanwhile Swindon has a score to pay. We were defeated twice in the last season the teams met. We are just as anxious to get off to a good start, and ensure a high position in the League table.

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MIKE BICKLE (Centre Forward)

Signed professional forms for Plymouth Argyle December 1965. A local player who made a name for himself as a goal scorer for local clubs St. Blazey and Co-op Welfare. Made 25 first-team appearances 1967/68, scoring 10 goals. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 12st. 8lbs. Plymouth born.

ERIC BURGESS

Signed from Torquay United 1st July, 1968. Before joining Torquay United was with Watford until July 1964. Born in Edgware, Middlesex. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 7lbs.

DAVE BURNSIDE (Inside Forward)

Signed for Plymouth Argyle from Wolverhampton Wanderers 16th March, 1968. Previously with West Bromwich Albion, Southampton and Crystal Palace. Made 12 first-team appearances season 1967/68. Height 5ft. 8½ins. Weight 10st. 13lbs. Born Bristol.

MARTIN CLAMP (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Coventry City 1st July, 1968, his only League Club. Born at Coventry. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 10st. 9lbs.

STEPHEN DAVEY (Half Back)

Signed as a professional (full-time) 14th July, 1966. Formerly an apprentice professional. Made 20 league appearances last season scoring 3 goals. Gained an England Youth XI Cap May 1967. Height 5ft. 7½ins. Weight 10st. 4lbs. Born in Plymouth.

PAT DUNNE (Goalkeeper)

Signed from Manchester United in February 1967. Previously played for Shamrock Rovers and Everton. A Republic of Ireland international. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 7lbs. Born in Dublin. Voted Plymouth Argyle Player of the Year 1967/68 season.

JOHN HORE (Half Back)

Signed apprentice professional forms 1962. Became a full-time professional December 1964. A hard working and dependable player. Made 39 League appearances season 1967/68. Height 5ft. 7¼ins. Weight 10st. 9lbs. Born Foxhole, St. Austell, Cornwall.

DUNCAN NEALE (Wing Half Back)

Transferred to Plymouth Argyle from Newcastle United 1962. Made 17 League appearances last season scoring one goal. Height 5ft. 7½ins. Weight 11st. 10lbs. Born Brighton.



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ANDY NELSON (Centre Half)

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NORMAN PIPER (Wing Half/Inside Forward)

Signed as an apprentice professional October 1963, and as a full-time player February 1965. Formerly with Devon amateur club Hatherleigh. England Youth International. Was voted Plymouth Argyle Player of the Year 1966/67. Made 41 appearances in the first-team last season scoring 6 goals.

MIKE REEVES (Full Back)

Born Saltash, Cornwall. Commenced with the Club as an amateur, signed professional forms in April 1960. Made his way through the junior and reserve teams to make his first team debut at Home Park on 24th November, 1962, against Swansea Town. Made 16 first-team appearances last season. Height 5ft. 9½ins. Weight 11st. 9lbs.

RICHARD REYNOLDS (Inside Forward)

Commenced with Plymouth Argyle as an apprentice professional April 1963. Signed as a full-time player February 1965. An England Youth International. Made 20 first-team appearances last season, scoring 5 goals. Born E. Looe, Cornwall. Weight 12st. 6lbs. Height 5ft. 11ins.

BOBBY SAXTON (Centre Half)

Transferred from Derby County in February 1968. Played for Conisborough Youth, Denaby before joining Derby County. Born in Balby, Yorkshire. Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st. 10lbs.

COLIN SULLIVAN (Full Back)

Signed as a full-time professional 1st July, 1968. Previously an apprentice professional since August 1967. The youngest player at Plymouth Argyle to play in the first-team, at the age of 16. Made 11 first-team appearances season 1967/68. Born at Saltash, Cornwall.

JOHN TEDESCO (Centre Forward)

Signed as a full-time player July 1966. Formerly an apprentice professional. Made 15 first-team appearances last season, scoring 2 goals. Born at Modbury, S. Devon. Height 5ft. 9¼ins. Weight 12st.

DANIEL TRAINOR (Inside Forward)

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August 17	Stockport County	13,350.....(H)1—0
24	Hartlepool	(A)0—0
27	Reading	16,765.....(H)0—0
31	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	.....
September 7	Watford	(A)	.....
14	Walsall	(H)	.....
18	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	(A)	.....
21	Bristol Rovers	(A)	.....
28	Shrewsbury Town	(H)	.....
October 5	Orient	(H)	.....
9	Reading	(A)	.....
12	Brighton & Hove Albion	(A)	.....
19	Torquay United	(H)	.....
22	Northampton Town	(A)	.....
26	Oldham Athletic	(A)	.....
November 2	Southport	(H)	.....
5	Tranmere Rovers	(H)	.....
9	Luton Town	(A)	.....
16	(1) F.A. Cup	(A)	.....
23	Mansfield Town	(A)	.....
30	Barrow	(H)	.....
December 7	(2) F.A. Cup	(H)	.....
14	Brighton & Hove Albion	(H)	.....
18	Torquay United	(A)	.....
26	Orient	(A)	.....
28	Oldham Athletic	(H)	.....
	1969		
January 4	(3) Gillingham	(H)	.....
11	Southport	(A)	.....
18	Luton Town	(H)	.....
24	Tranmere Rovers	(A)	.....
25	(4)	(A)	.....
February 1	Barnsley	(A)	.....
8	(5) Mansfield Town	(H)	.....
15	Barrow	(A)	.....
22	Rotherham United	(H)	.....
March 1	(6) Northampton Town	(H)	.....
5	Gillingham	(A)	.....
8	Stockport County	(A)	.....
11	Barnsley	(H)	.....
15	Hartlepool	(H)	.....
18	Rotherham United	(A)	.....
22	(S.F.) Plymouth Argyle	(A)	.....
29	Watford	(H)	.....
April 4	Crewe Alexandra	(A)	.....
5	Shrewsbury Town	(A)	.....
8	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	(H)
12	Bristol Rovers	(H)
15	Crewe Alexandra	(H)
19	Walsall	(A)
26	Final	(A)

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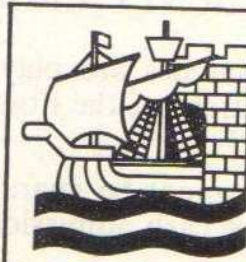
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Plymouth Argyle	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Rotherham United	4	2	1	1	9	7	5
Walsall	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Barrow	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Swindon Town	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Watford	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Brighton & H. A.	3	2	0	1	10	4	4
Torquay United	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Crewe Alexandra	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Orient	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Bristol Rovers	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Tranmere Rovers	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Reading	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Stockport County	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
Gillingham	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Shrewsbury Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Hartlepool United	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Barnsley	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Bournemouth & B.A.	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Northampton Town	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Oldham Athletic	4	0	1	3	1	12	1
Southport	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

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The good wishes of all Supporters go, I am sure, to John Trollope, following his unfortunate injury at Hartlepoons last Saturday, when he broke an arm. Also, the hope for a quick recovery so that he can return and start another marathon run of consecutive appearances in the first team. I have said before that John is probably the most reliable and talented full back never to have received any national honours. His electrifying overlaps on the left wing are something that have always caused panic to opposing defences, and, more often than not, brought added colour and excitement of a high order. We look forward to seeing you back, John. The latest "leak" seems to suggest a lay-off of two months.

At the time of writing (Tuesday morning) our other first-team casualty, Don Rogers, is no doubt having a stiff work-out in order to decide whether he will return for the evening match against Reading. We look forward to seeing him back in action as soon as possible. We must congratulate the team for the draw at Hartlepoons in the face of considerable difficulties.

Following the success of the Social Club football team against a Chippenham club, the West Swindon Thistles Club — with their strong membership affiliation with the Social Club — played a friendly game with Longleaze Community Centre football team from Bristol. With a coach load of 41 supporters from Bristol, the game was played at R.A.F. Station, Lyneham, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding, and I am pleased to report that the Thistles won 2—1 in a closely contested game of no mean standard. After the game, about sixty of the two clubs had tea in the Social Club and stayed for the evening Bingo and dance.

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In accordance with the Supporters' Club policy, the Club is handing a monthly donation of £600 to the Football Club this season. The first cheque was handed to the President, Mr. W. J. Castle, the retired Chairman of the Company, at a private Dinner given, to mark his retirement, at the Goddard Hotel last Monday. The Chairman of the Supporters' Club, Mr. D. Pearce, and Mrs. Pearce, were invited to represent the Supporters' Club members, and the Chairman took the opportunity to present the first cheque of the season at the Dinner, again thanking Mr. Castle for his work, over the years, on behalf of all of you.

As reported, the New Stand project has been delayed. Any help the Supporters' Club can give will help to keep the delay to a minimum. **SO WHY NOT BECOME A WEEKLY COMPETITION AGENT?** Here is a simple application, with further details below. **THE REST IS UP TO YOU.**

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An accusation from a Referees' Association official that The Football League have forbidden referees to speak to players off duty is today hotly denied by League secretary Alan Hardaker.

"The fact is that we are actively encouraging clubs to invite our referees to visit League grounds to start a dialogue with players", he reveals. "We are eager that they should mix even more, but we have to be careful that referees do not visit grounds where they are liable to officiate later in the season. This is the problem".

He points out that, years ago when referees were recruited mainly from industrial areas, it was easier to achieve fraternisation. "Today, when referees are liable to come from many of the more remote areas because of the new system of Feeder Leagues, get-togethers are more difficult to achieve. If Referee Association officials would prefer a return to the old and more localised system of promotion it would mean far fewer administration problems for us."

The League policy is that no referee can officiate on a League ground within a stipulated distance from his home. "Human nature being what it is", the League secretary explains, "it is best that this rule be strictly adhered to. It negates any possibility of charges of bias against any individual, but there is no reason why his local club shouldn't call him in to get a two way exchange of views going."

The League insist that, subject to this restriction, there is absolutely no reason for any manager or referee to complain that he is unable to enter into discussions with the players. "Our aim is to encourage dialogue", they stress.

"The more the two sides mix", Mr. Hardaker affirms, "the better the understanding that is liable to emerge. We are all for it."

The League also draw attention to a statement from an

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official of the Referees' Association that they go unrecognised by The Football League.

Say The League: "How it can be stated that anybody like ourselves fails to recognise an organisation representing thousands of referees is beyond us. We naturally deal with The Football League Referees' and Linesmen's Association about matters that concern only The Football League, and this annoys certain Referees' Association officials, but they will just have to put up with it. The fact remains that The League recognises the Referees' Association and deals with it when anything crops up which concerns them, and in fact The League Secretary attended their Annual Conference in 1967."

Recent legislative changes by The Football League affecting clubs, players, referees and linesmen have been made to make the game more enjoyable for the man on the terrace, says the editorial comment in the latest issue of The Football League Review.

The public are entitled to know what is going on, states The League View, which is one of the reasons why a club not informing the opposition of their team within half an hour of the kick-off faces a substantial fine.

The editorial points out some of the directives given to referees and linesmen and says that, in the opinion of The League's Management Committee, these instructions can only improve the game as a spectacle.

The article states that a referee must only use his note book if he is going to caution a player or for a sending-off, and that signals by a linesman using his flag must be restricted to a minimum and should be specific and clear.

"Can there be any doubt that, if these instructions are followed", asks The League View, "you, the fan, will get far more enjoyment from your game?"

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LAST WEEKS MATCHES

DIVISION III

Saturday, 24th August, 1968.

Drew with HARTLEPOOLS UNITED (Away) 0—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Smart, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Noble, Jones, Butler, Smith. Sub. Penman.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. R. Harper (Sheffield).

Tuesday, 27th August, 1968.

Drew with READING (Home) 0—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Butler; Smart, Burrows, Harland; Heath,
Noble, Jones, Smith, Rogers.

Attendance: 16,765.

Referee: Mr. L. Callaghan (Merthyr Tydfil).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Saturday, 24th August, 1968.

Lost to BOURNEMOUTH & B.A. (Away) 3—0.

Team: Jones; Allen, Fry; Desmeules, Dawson, Giles; Mascia, Lowes,
Dangerfield, Hubbard, Claypole.

HELLENIC LEAGUE

Thursday, 22nd August, 1968.

Beat CHIPPENHAM (Home) 5—3.

Team: Anderson; Allen, Fry; Jellings, Grubb, Morgan; Mascia, Hubbard,
Dangerfield, Aldworth, Oxborrow.

Scorers: Hubbard 2, Mascia, Dangerfield, Aldworth.

Saturday, 24th August, 1968.

Lost to AMERSHAM (Away) 5—1.

Team: Anderson; Sikorski, Woodruffe; Jellings, Grubb, Morgan; Bovell,
Aldworth, Morris, Oxborrow, Woodfield.

Scorer: Bovell.



PETER NOBLE



Peter Noble scoring the only goal of the match against Stockport County.

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