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CLUB COMMENT

. . . by Dennis Gilbert

A recent survey of Midland attendance figures revealed that we were among only three Midland First and Second Division clubs showing a drop—although by only 608 for each of the first seven home games.

All perfectly true of course. But, on analysing our gates in another light, I find that we are joining in on the Midlands 'mini boom' as well.

Instead of comparing this season's gates with the same period, I have contrasted them with the same opposition as last season. This throws up this table . . .

Opponents	This season	Last season	Increase/decrease
Oxford	27,067	23,466	+3,601
Portsmouth	24,936	23,915	+1,021
*QPR	32,660	25,298	+7,362
Sheffield Utd.	27,201	25,123	+2,078
Norwich	26,408	27,515	-1,107
Carlisle	28,765	22,397	+6,368
Blackburn	25,602	27,061	-1,459
Cardiff	28,287	28,238	+49

*For the purpose of comparison, relegated QPR are matched with last year's promotion team, Crystal Palace.

So, in eight matches, we discover a total rise of almost 18,000—more than 2,000 a match and quite comparable to the Midland upsurge, except, of course, at Villa and Derby, where

Blues' gates have risen as well

drastic changes of circumstances are reflected by improvements of many thousands per game.

The signs for Midland soccer in general are good. If one combines this season's gates at St Andrew's, Villa Park and The Hawthorns, you will learn that about three quarters of a million spectators have attended a total of 25 League matches.

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COVER PEOPLE . . . Top: Physiotherapist Dave Fairhurst and Jim Herriot. Middle: John Sleeuwenhoek in action against Cardiff—happy to beat Clark in the air, not so happy to need trainer's attention. Bottom: Second-team coach Bill Shorthouse.

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The Swindon Town Success Story of the Sixties thrust national publicity on a town that was more famous for railway engines than for roaring success on the soccer field.

It also brought two managers into the spotlight. First, there was BERT HEAD, the star-maker who gave Swindon promotion in 1963 with players like Mike Summerbee, Bobby Woodruff and Ernie Hunt.

Swindon spent two seasons in Division Two. Head departed to Bury, and then moved on to his present appointment at Crystal Palace.

So Swindon found Success Manager No 2... DANNY WILLIAMS, the cheery Yorkshireman from Rotherham. He, too, delivered the goods by clinching promotion and the League Cup last season.

But Swindon's greatest year also made their manager a hot property and he was tempted away to First Division Sheffield Wednesday.

Swindon did not let this blow rock the boat. They once again made a wise selection when

FORWARD

sending for FRED FORD to take over this promoted team in time for the start of this season.

Mr Ford, an athletic 53-year-old who believes that 'track suit' managers aren't all under 40, is a Londoner... but his management and coaching roots are in the West Country. He was manager of both Bristol City and Rovers and a move to neighbouring Wiltshire was hardly a disturbance to his background.

Manager Ford had already done great service for Swindon long before the call to the County Ground this year. In-between his move from Bristol City to Rovers, he scouted for Swindon and tipped them off about an £8,000 bargain who was available at Newcastle.

The player? Peter Noble, who was second leading scorer in last season's glory run in the League and striker of the winning goals in two of the League Cup semi-finals against Burnley.



PETER NOBLE . . . a flying header by Swindon's top scorer this season

THOMAS A WELSH FIXTURE

Rodney Thomas, Swindon Town's Welsh international full back, said earlier this year: "If you're playing in the Third Division I think you have to be really outstanding to get anywhere at international level."

Well, 23-year-old Thomas didn't wait in the shadows long enough to find out if it mattered to his cap chances. Swindon's promotion and League Cup success, plus polished International displays against England and Ireland in May, made sure that he is a Welsh fixture for years.

Thomas, born in Glyncoed, brought up in England since he was 14, and introduced to professional football by Southern League Gloucester City, is now firmly rated among the top full backs in Wales—AND the rest of Britain.

"It's rather funny, really," recalls Thomas.

WITH FORD !

Swindon aim to go up with new manager

Noble, with two hat-tricks this season, and ten goals in all, has formed a new double-spearhead with Swindon's last signing—£20,000 Arthur Horsfield, who appeared in the Fairs Cup for Newcastle last season.

Horsfield has also hit eight first team goals—plus a hat-trick to beat Italian cracks AS Roma in a special inter-league contest with the Latin country's Cup winners.

This new goal-scoring duo have added vital punch to Swindon's ambition of following Queen's Park Rangers from Third to First Division in successive seasons—and with the League Cup thrown in for good measure.

Swindon are handily placed for another serious promotion challenge. A surprise 3-1 slip at Portsmouth a fortnight ago halted a run of six unbeaten matches, but enough has been seen of their potential to give them good prospects of going up.

Their four defeats—against Blackburn, Blackpool, QPR and Portsmouth—have all been away from home. Their best win was a 5-0 slamming of Charlton, their most impressive away performance was a 2-0 win at Villa Park in August, and their outstanding all-round achievement was to take three early points off Cardiff City.

They have been reasonably fortunate in having a settled side and the only surprise to outsiders is that regular top marksman Don Rogers has hit only three goals—two from penalties. **DON'T BE MISLED, THOUGH, HE'S STILL IN GREAT FORM.**



DON ROGERS . . . Swindon's brilliant Under-23 international.

"When I was picked for Wales as 20-year-old from the Third Division, people said *'They must be scraping the barrel'*. Now I'm accepted."

Another star who has smashed the 'class' barrier is 27-year-old skipper Stan Harland.

Stan, once with First Division Everton in his home-town Liverpool, moved down the scale and played all 46 matches when Carlisle won promotion from Division Three in 1965.

Last season he again returned a full schedule of appearances in Swindon's gallop into the Second Division. But Harland didn't achieve full recognition until he held the League Cup aloft at Wembley last Spring.

We think that Thomas and Harland are the kind of players who would always come out on top . . . **WHEREVER THEY PLAYED!**



ROD THOMAS

Spotlight on . . . ARTHUR HORSFIELD



ARTHUR HORSFIELD

One man who recognises star talent when he sees it is Raich Carter, the former England and Derby County forward. Soon after taking over the managership of Middlesbrough in January, 1963, Mr Carter was captivated by a lanky centre forward playing in the reserves.

"Arthur Horsfield is going to become a really outstanding player—mark my words," he said at the time.

During the following season, Mr Carter decided to give Arthur a run in the Second Division. Result: He hit eight goals in only 12 games.

Mr Carter didn't want to rush him, though, and restricted his senior appearances to a minimum for three years. Ironically, it was after Mr Carter lost his job, following Middlesbrough's relegation to the Third Division, that Arthur Horsfield really began to make his mark.

Horsfield found a perfect understanding with fellow striker John O'Rourke and, between them, they hit 49 goals to regain Middlesbrough their Second Division place at the first attempt. ARTHUR HIT 22 OF THEM, INCLUDING A HAT-TRICK AGAINST DONCASTER ROVERS.

Somehow, things didn't go so well after that—he went back into the reserves for a while—though he did regain a regular place last season. Local rivals Newcastle United, seeking reinforcements for their Fairs Cup campaign, signed him last January. He didn't get a regular game but, when he did play, he usually obliged with a goal.

At the end of the season, he made another move, to Swindon, where he has awakened all his old scoring instincts. At the moment he is top scorer with 11 goals, including a wonderful hat-trick against Italian First Division side AS Roma.

ARTHUR HORSFIELD'S LEAGUE RECORD:

	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Goals</i>		<i>Apps</i>	<i>Goals</i>
Middlesbrough			1968/69	23	7
1963/64	12	8	Newcastle		
1964/65	11	5	1968/69	7(2)	3
1965/66	12	3		114(6)	54
1966/67	33(1)	22			
1967/68	16(3)	6			



Back D. Dangerfield, O. Dawson, N. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Jones, R. Thomas, M. Black, J. Bailey. Centre H. Cousins (Youth Manager), R. Handrick, R. Demeules, R. Smart, F. Burrows, D. Rogers, F. Ford (Team Manager), M. Owen (Trainer). Front J. Butler, J. Smith, D. Heath, P. Noble, S. Harland (Captain), C. Jones, A. Horsfield, W. Penman.

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They are added to names already announced in the last week—**BERTIE AULD**, who won yet another Scottish League Cup Medal for Glasgow Celtic last month; two Wolves candidates for Mexico, skipper **MIKE BAILEY** and full back **DEREK PARKIN**.

More names will be announced as soon as the players have accepted. Rest assured, this should prove to be the biggest and best Testimonial Match yet seen at St Andrew's.

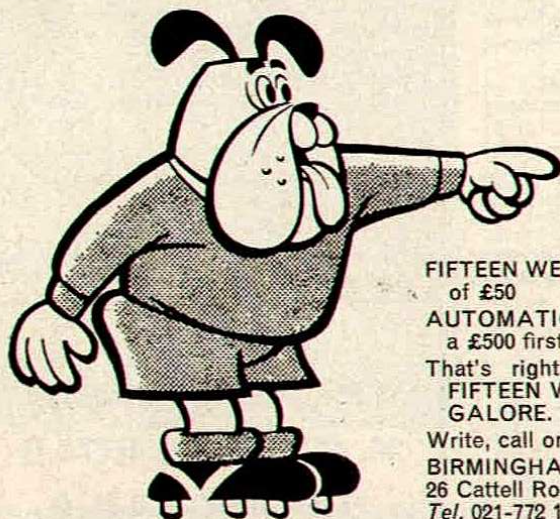
Hennessey and Pickering should arrive here in great form. Terry, now playing so well as Forest's centre half, has been appointed skipper of Wales in succession to out-of-form Mike England. Fred, who suffered a bout of pneumonia early this season, has bounced back to Blackpool's first team with five goals.

We feel sure that you will want to support Malcolm with a big attendance. Stand tickets (priced 15/- and 12/-) are available in advance, by personal application to the St Andrew's Offices or by postal application (don't forget your stamped addressed envelope). Admission to the Paddock Seating and the terraces will be payable at the turnstiles.

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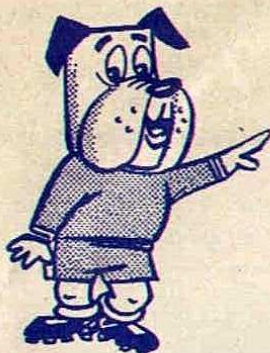
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Speaking Personally

JIM HAS TO KEEP HIS MIND ON HIS WORK!

Goalkeepers are the men with the most unenviable job in football . . . referees apart! It may sound trite but it is nonetheless true: a goalkeeper pays in goals for every mistake he makes; other players are not punished so severely for the errors they commit.

That's why we're lucky at St. Andrew's to have Jim Herriot, the Scottish international 'keeper, looking after our vaults. Traditionally, Scots are regarded as miserly characters. If that's the case, who better to see that our opponents don't raid us too often?

And what would you regard as the hardest single thing a goalkeeper has to do? Would you say going down at someone's feet on a bone-hard ground? Or trying to stop a score when someone's blasting a penalty at you? Or picking out a high cross with three or four hefty attackers jostling and challenging?



JIM HERRIOT

Nothing so complicated. The answer is: concentrating for a full 90 minutes.

Says Jim: "It's far easier for a goalkeeper when he has a lot to do. His concentration is never allowed to waver. But there are other times when a 'keeper has to keep himself busy, even though he may be inactive for long spells."

"Sides come to St Andrew's very defensively-minded, so, in general, it means I have little sustained work to do. They offer only intermittent breakaways—and that's when a goalkeeper's concentration is most susceptible.

"Big crowds, however, help you to maintain a higher level of concentration because they create an atmosphere. The roars of the crowd pull your mind back to the game if it's started to wander. This was one reason why I left Scotland.

"SOMETIMES WE PLAYED BEFORE TINY CROWDS OF TWO OR THREE THOUSAND. If you're playing behind a good side, and in front of a crowd of that size, you can become bored between your own posts, I can tell you.

"There's a lot of difference between the soccer I'm experiencing now and the stuff that was played when I was at home. For one thing there was not so much challenging to a 'keeper in the air as there is in England.

"Here the forwards are a wee bit slicker around the box and will try shots from a great variety of angles. This is why a goalkeeper has got to have a tremendous positional sense and know all the angles—in both senses of the phrase.

"Some 'keepers used to mark a line away from their goal with the heel of their boot in order to assist their positional play. It's not permitted now but I always felt that it was a bit of a gimmick.

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JIM HERRIOT

Jim Herriot—continued

"You see, a goalkeeper isn't given the TIME to refer to his line marking to assess his position. He has to react and trust that his positional play was correct before the moment arose for him to make his save.

"It's the same with advancing to dive at someone's feet. You don't have the time to worry about whether you're going to be injured or not. You make up your mind to go, and you go—all in a split second.

"If you get kicked, you worry about it afterwards. You have got to learn to look after yourself and it gives you a harder outlook on the game—you become more professional. You have to be hard when you're attempting to pick a high ball out with everyone jostling and worrying you.

"You have to keep your eye on that ball and concentrate hard on getting it. You have to forget that you might collide with a big boy who's coming in hard and fast.

"I love football and I'm fortunate that it's my living. At times, one gets a little fed up at being away from home for so long but if you've got ambition—and everyone should have a peak at which to aim—then travelling and an interrupted home life are things you just have to put up with.

"I can appreciate how Gordon West felt when he informed Sir Alf not to consider him

Career saved by Stein

for Mexico, because of the seven weeks he would be away from home. BUT, OH, HOW I WISH SCOTLAND COULD HAVE QUALIFIED AND I HAD BEEN IN THAT POSITION!"

Jim has so far won six full caps for Scotland—against Denmark, Cyprus (twice), Ireland, England and Germany. He also appeared as substitute against Wales and Eire.

Yet, at one time, the Lanarkshire man was only fourth-choice 'keeper at Dunfermline and was due for a free transfer until new manager Jock Stein took over.

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He has earned himself a place among First and Second Division officials under the League's new grading policy. Mr Nippard, training liaison supervisor in Bournemouth and Dorset for the Southern Gas Board, comes from a footballing family. His brother played for Bournemouth for several years.

Birmingham City v Swindon Town

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1 At £3,000 was a bargain signing from his home-town club, Halifax, in 1965. Ever present last season.

2 Signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964 and within a short time he was a Welsh Under-23 international. Has since become a regular for the full Wales side.

3 Former Swindon Schoolboy who made debut at 16 and played 368 consecutive appearances before breaking arm early last season.

4 Newcastle-born defender who played for his home-town club before moving to Swindon in August, 1965.

5 Joined Swindon 15 months ago from Scunthorpe, where he had played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers.

6 Skipper of Swindon's Wembley winners last season. A fine reward for Liverpool-born player who moved between Everton, Bradford City and Carlisle. Joined Swindon in 1966.

7 Former Under-23 wing half who has reached new heights at Swindon after an unsettled career, involving West Ham, Spurs, Coventry, Orient and Torquay.

8 Close season signing from Newcastle, who had signed him from Middlesbrough only half way through last season. Former Youth international.

9 Signed direct from Swindon Schoolboys. First displayed promise as a teenage centre forward but is at his best in midfield roles.

10 A Sunderland man, he had four seasons at Newcastle. Transferred in January, 1968. Hit 16 League goals last term, hat-tricks this term against Swansea and Charlton.

11 Youth and Under-23 international who has been one of the country's top wingers since his debut as a teenager. Leading League scorer with 22 goals last season.

12 Valuable cover for the striking positions. Signed from Manchester City two years ago. Hit two goals to beat Cardiff in August.

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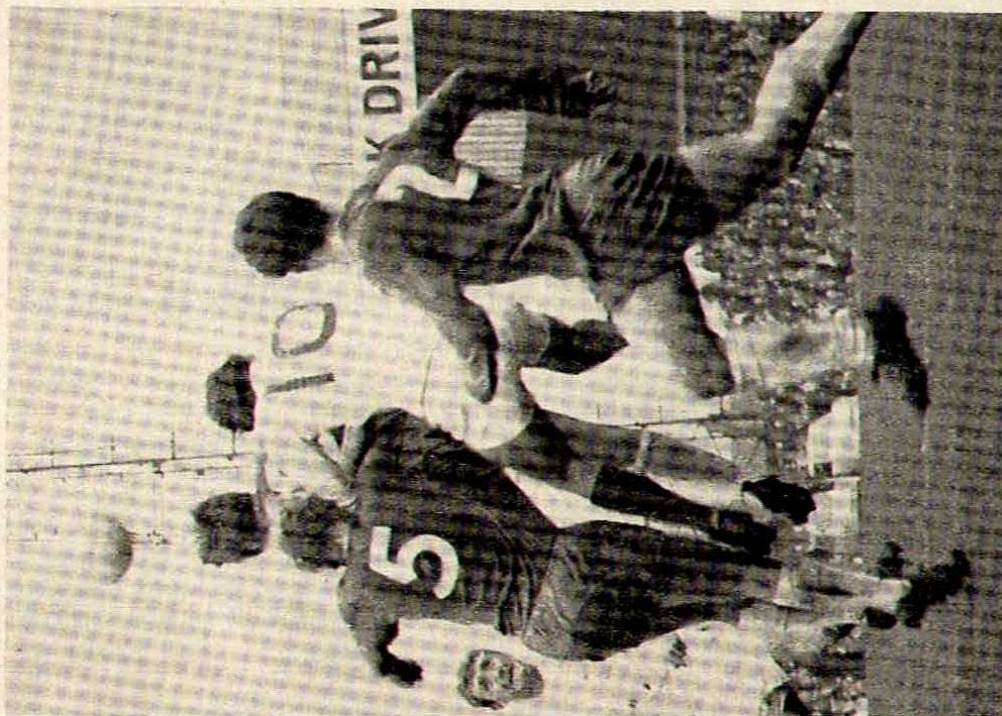
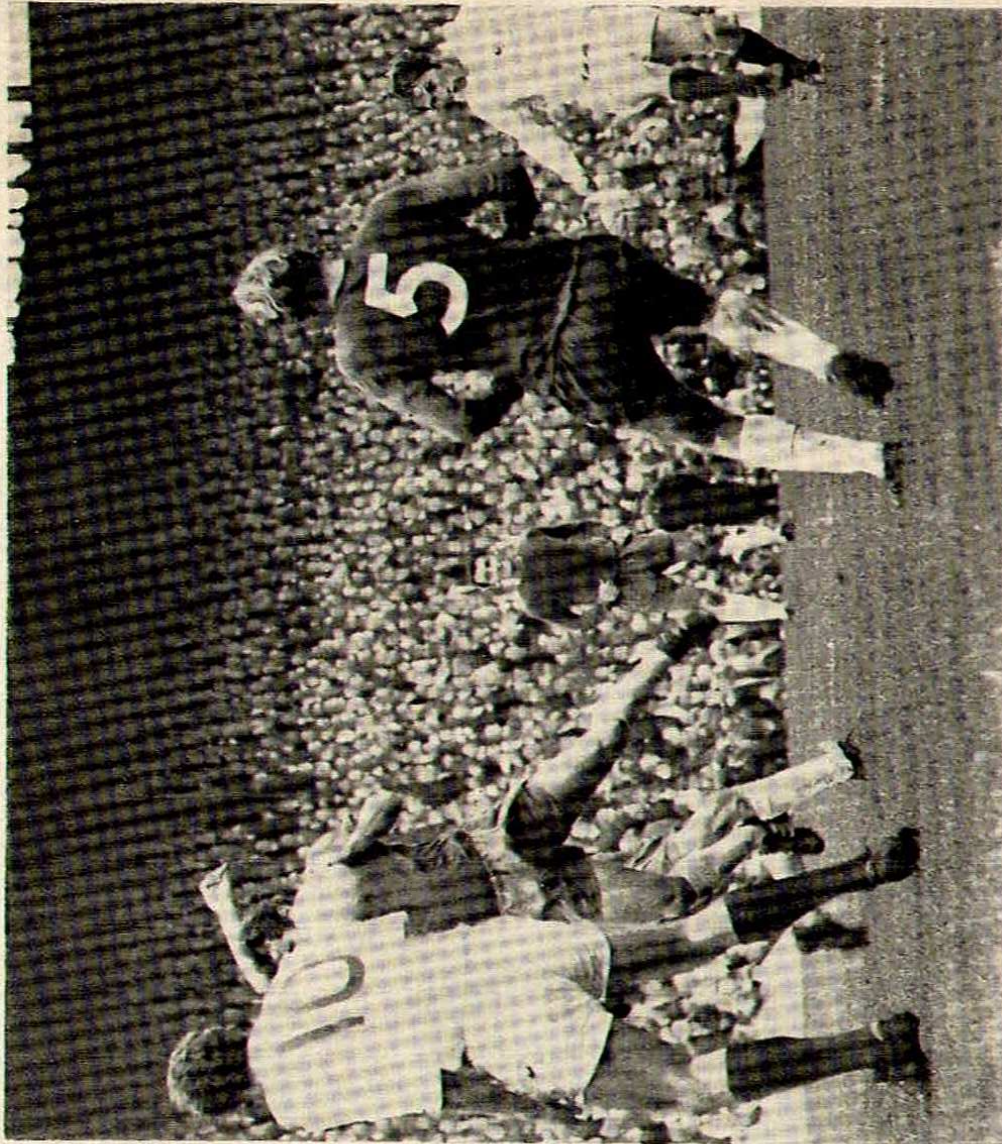
THE NEW BLUES BARRIER

The 1-1 stalemate with Cardiff City was perhaps a disappointment in terms of the lost point, but it was a satisfactory defensive performance against a side that has recently beaten Villa 4-0 and Hull 6-0.

Since the early 3-1 slip-up against Oxford, we have yielded only five goals in seven home games. You can see the tighter system in the bottom pictures—John Sleeuwenhoek & Co. ganging up to take the ball in the air (left) and Malcolm Beard blocking a fierce shot from Peter King (right).

On the left, it was Blues on the attack, with Phil Summerill tackling a '2 to 1' situation in flying style.





Memory Match...

For the first time in this series, we venture into a 'Flashback' on Blues' experiences in the European Inter Cities' Fairs cup. We look at a thrilling St Andrew's game against Barcelona, then probably among the top three best teams in Europe. We won the first leg of the semi-final 4-3 and, here, we go through the game with the help of *The Birmingham Post* files and pictures.

BARCELONA BEATEN

Great Blues toppled one of Europe's top teams in a seven-goal thriller

They were the Continental equivalent to Manchester United, a side who played, simply and purely, attacking football. Most Continental sides nowadays tend to shut up shop and strike out once or twice in a match. This was the complete opposite to their style.

They didn't seem to bother about goals they conceded. They concentrated on scoring themselves. That they could still play such great football without a few of their star players was indicative of this side's greatness.

So says Trevor Smith about Barcelona '57—the side Blues met in the first leg of the Inter Cities' Fairs' Cup Semi-Final at St Andrew's on 23rd October, 1957.

"I recall quite a few of us lads feeling relieved when we learned that the exiled Hungarians, Kubala and Czibor, were not playing. But their replacements were good enough for any of our First Division teams," Trevor went on.

Just imagine the clamour today if the Birmingham County FA had been asked to nominate a side for entry in a European Cup Competition. There would be a queue from here to Villa Park.

But, 12 years ago, Blues were the only club prepared to have a go. And, after two years' campaigning, they found themselves in a two-legged semi-final with Barcelona.



Barcelona stars... (from left): Tejada, Olivella, and Kubala

On paper Blues v Barcelona looked like a high-scoring banker especially as Blues were without two regular defenders to offset the Spaniard's loss of two star forwards. And a banker it proved too—six goals in the first 36 minutes with three in the space of four minutes at one time.

Cyril Chapman, of *The Birmingham Post*, summed it up as: "A game which showed Blues' courage but which the Spanish should have won. They were not finicky. They were clever but direct. In the end, sharp tackling put them out of their stride and the more-resolute British style came out tops."

Blues could not have wished for a better start. Within 120 seconds, they were ahead through Eddy Brown with as cheeky a goal as he ever did score.

Goalkeeper Ramallets had not reckoned with Brown's speed as he prepared to let a speculative centre from Larkin roll over the line for a goal kick.

BEFORE HE COULD CATCH HIS BREATH EDDY HAD NIPPED IN FROM NOWHERE AND TAPPED THE BALL PAST HIM AND INTO THE NET!

Then Barcelona showed their greatness. They tore the left flank of Blues' defence to ribbons



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the regular £50 match-day prize on 25th October was: Mr C. J. Duffy, 25 Ashurst Crescent, Kingshurst, Birmingham 37. Membership vacancies still exist. Ask for details from: The Pools Office, 26 Cattell Road, Birmingham 9 (Tel. 021-772 1245)

CITY BEAT BARCELONA BY ODD GOAL AFTER A SHAKY START

DIRECT METHODS PROFITABLE

By Cyril Chapman

With a defence weakened by the absence of Green and Newman, Birmingham City did extremely well to win their Inter Cities Fairs Cup Semi Final match against Barcelona under lights at St. Andrew's last night, for, despite the fact that Barcelona were without some of their brightest stars, it was obvious from the start that they were first-class competition.

The Birmingham Post, October 24th, 1957

with a short passing movement of incredible intricacy before left winger Tejada swept the ball past a helpless Merrick.

Blues fell a goal behind after 18 minutes when, after another bewildering move, Evaristo beat two defenders, and Merrick, to a cross and stabbed the ball home. It could have been 3-1 but Merrick saved brilliantly from Martinez, and Villaverde blazed over an open goal.

Blues were taking a pummelling, but, in the 32nd minute, an equaliser came right out of the blue. Larkin again pounded the ball into the goalmouth. It came out to Orritt, who had time to pick his spot.

The rejoicing was short lived, however. Two minutes later Barcelona re-established their lead with a magnificent goal. Cyril Chapman saw it: "**Bringing down a left wing centre with his chest, Villaverde shot the ball on the volley with such force that it was in the top of the net and out again before Merrick could move.**"

Incredibly Birmingham were level just two minutes later. Brown clipped a quickly-taken Astall free kick to the far post and Peter Murphy headed a neat goal. And it was Murphy who stole the decider in the 62nd minute with one of his specials—a fizzing long range drive which Ramallets hardly saw.

Blues held the Spaniards to 1-2 in the second leg in Barcelona. In the play off in Switzerland, Blues lost 2-1 and Barcelona went on to meet a combined London side in the Final.

That Barcelona swamped the Londoners 6-0 is a measure of the display Blues put up against this wonderful Spanish team!

THE TEAMS

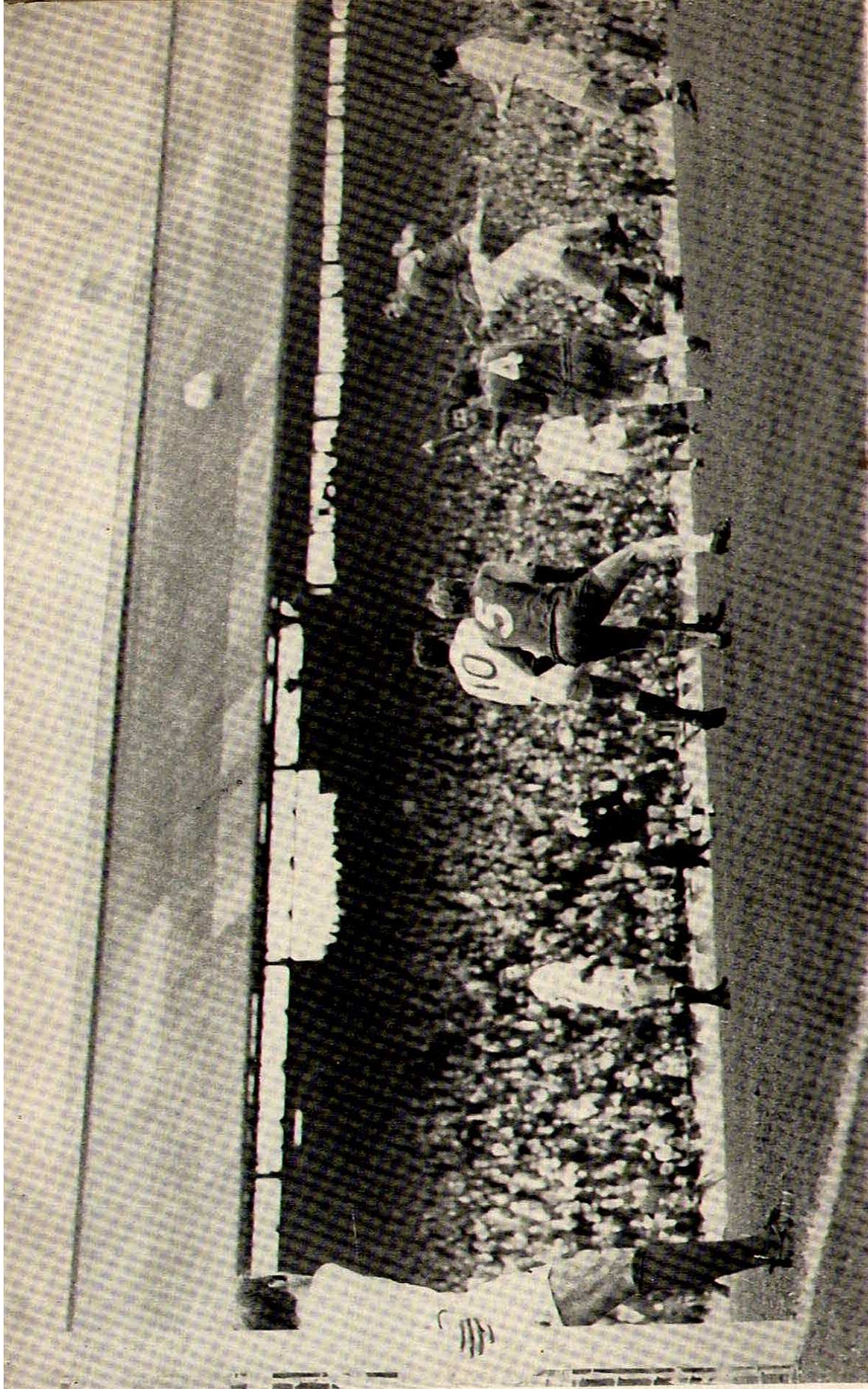
Birmingham City: Merrick; Farmer, Allen; Larkin, Smith, Watts; Astall, Orritt, Brown, Neal Murphy.

Barcelona: Ramallets; Segarra, Gracia, Flotats, Olivella, Bosch; Basora, Villaverde, Martinez, Everaristo, Tejada.

Attendance: 30,791.



TREVOR SMITH



THE ART OF HEADING . . . the Hateley way. Big Tony gave this perfect demonstration in the game against Cardiff City.

WHO PLAYED? WHEN & WHERE...

Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 9	Leicester	35,168	1-3	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Page	Robinson	Pendrey	Vowden	Hockey	Latch'd R	Beard	Vincent	Sum'hill
16	Oxford	27,067	1-3	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Vowden	Latch'd R	Hockey	Sum'hill	Wylle
19	Portsmouth	24,936	1-1	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Page	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Hockey	Sum'hill	Wylle
23	Blackpool	17,495	0-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
27	Hull City	12,242	0-0	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Latch'd R	Vincent	Sum'hill	
30	GPR	32,660	3-0	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
Sept. 6	Brighton (FLC)	24,232	0-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Wylle	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
13	Sheffield Utd.	10,998	0-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
16	Norwich	27,201	2-1	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
20	Charlton	26,408	3-1	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
27	Carlisle	13,988	1-0	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
Oct. 4	Bristol C.	28,765	0-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
11	Oxford	12,476	0-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
18	Blackburn	25,602	3-0	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
25	Aston Villa	54,470	0-0	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
Nov. 1	Cardiff	28,287	1-1	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
8	Watford	17,440	3-2	Herriot	Martin	Thomson	Beard	Robinson	Pendrey	Murray	Hockey	Hateley	Vincent	Sum'hill	
12	Swindon														
15	Portsmouth														
22	Preston														
29	Millwall														
Dec. 6	Middlesbrough														
13	Huddersfield														
20	Sheffield Utd.														
26	Blackpool														
27	QPR														

BLUES' APPEARANCES, SCORERS . . . 1969-70

MIDLAND INTER. LEAGUE

Apps	Goals
Bolton	7
Bowker	4
Bryant	2
Callaghan	1
Childs	1
Dixon	1
Francis	6
Fryer	10
Good	10
Harrison	6
Howitt	7 (2)
Jonkins	4
Lewis	5
Morris	5
O'Kee	1
Osborne	8 (1)
Passy	3
Peat	12
Phillips	10
Turner	7
Whitehead	8
Own Goal	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Apps	Goals
Bolton	11
Bowker	1
Childs	1 (2)
Coulston	2
Darrell	10
Francis	10 (2)
Green	10
Howitt	7 (1)
Jonkins	1
Johnston	11
Latchford (D)	13
Latchford (R)	10
Murray	1
Page	6
Passy	12
Price	13
Robinson	2
Sleuvenhoek	9
Thwaites	8
Turner	1
Vincent	3
Vowden	3
Whitehead	3
Wylle	4

LEAGUE AND LEAGUE CUP

League	FLC	Apps	Goals
Beard	15	1	1
Darrell	14	2	2
Hateley	17	1	1
Herriot	16	1	1
Hockey	1	1	1
Johnston	3	1	1
Latchford (R)	17	1	1
Martin	14	6	6
Murray	3 (2)	1	1
Page	17	1	1
Pendrey	14	1	1
Robinson	3	1	1
Steuwenhoek	14 (1)	7	7
Summerhill	17	2	2
Vincent	12	9 (2)	3
Vowden	9	1 (3)	1
Wylle	1	1	1

Home matches in bold

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GOALS & GATES at a glance...

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		Home Gates		Home	Away
								Best	Average		
18	15	2	1	40	15	32	Everton	53,253	49,464	6-2	3-0
17	8	8	1	32	16	24	Leeds	44,271	37,556	6-1	4-1
18	9	6	3	34	22	24	Liverpool	51,959	47,210	4-1	3-1
18	9	5	4	28	13	23	Derby	41,826	37,486	5-0	2-0
18	7	8	3	27	22	22	Wolves	50,783	35,798	3-1	3-2
17	8	5	4	27	17	21	Man. City	47,888	36,923	4-1	4-0
17	6	8	3	19	16	20	Chelsea	51,421	38,874	3-0	1-0
18	8	4	6	23	24	20	Tottenham	50,474	37,886	4-0	3-2
18	7	5	6	21	20	19	Coventry	39,881	34,773	3-1	3-1
18	6	7	5	27	26	19	Man. Utd.	60,151	54,663	5-2	3-0
18	6	7	5	27	28	19	Stoke	26,000	22,017	4-2	3-1
18	4	9	5	18	19	17	Arsenal	59,484	37,306	2-1	5-1
18	6	4	8	18	17	16	Newcastle	47,030	41,455	3-1	3-0
18	4	7	7	21	26	15	Burnley	28,000	17,433	4-2	1-0
18	3	9	6	19	28	15	Nottm. Forest	34,290	25,413	2-1	—
17	4	6	7	21	24	14	West Ham	40,500	31,879	3-0	—
18	4	5	9	21	27	13	Albion	45,488	32,485	2-1	3-1
17	3	6	8	16	24	12	Ipswich	24,124	20,740	2-1	1-0
17	2	8	7	17	29	12	Crystal Palace	48,610	33,725	3-1	—
18	2	7	9	24	36	11	Southampton	31,044	23,496	4-2	4-1
18	3	5	10	17	31	11	Sheff. Wed.	45,086	29,070	1-0	2-1
18	2	7	9	12	29	11	Sunderland	31,842	19,892	2-1	1-0

(League Games only)

LEADING GOAL-SCORERS (Cup and League games)

Division One			Division Two		
Royle (Everton) ..	14	Byrom (Bolton) ..	13	Currie (Sheff. Utd.) ..	7
Best (Man. Utd.) ..	13	Toshack (Cardiff) ..	13	McIlmoyle (Middlesbro') ..	7
Bell (Man. City) ..	10	Woodward (Sheff. Utd.) ..	13	Pickering (Blackpool) ..	7
Curran (Wolves) ..	10	Bridges (QPR) ..	12	Possee (Millwall) ..	7
Hector (Derby) ..	10	Lochhead (Leicester) ..	10	Skeen (Oxford) ..	7
Astle (Albion) ..	9	Marsh (QPR) ..	10	Summerill (B'ham C.) ..	7
Lee (Man. City) ..	9	Noble (Swindon) ..	10	Weller (Millwall) ..	7
Robson (Newcastle) ..	9	Galley (Bristol City) ..	9	Worthington (H'field) ..	7
Hurst (West Ham) ..	8	Hatton (Carlisle) ..	9	Clark (Cardiff) ..	6
Ball (Everton) ..	7	Martin (Blackburn) ..	9	Eddy (Watford) ..	6
Bowyer (Man. City) ..	7	Tudor (Sheff. Utd.) ..	9	King (Cardiff) ..	6
Burrows (Stoke) ..	7	Clarke (QPR) ..	8	Murray (B'ham C.) ..	6
Clarke (Leeds) ..	7	Hickton (Middlesbro') ..	8	Reece (Sheff. Utd.) ..	6
Hinton (Derby) ..	7	Horsfield (Swindon) ..	8	Sloan (Oxford) ..	6
Kidd (Man. Utd.) ..	7	Chilton (Hull) ..	7	Wharton (Bolton) ..	6
Moore (Nottm. Forest) ..	7				
Morrissey (Everton) ..	7				

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO							Home Gates		Best wins		
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		Best	Average	Home	Away
17	9	5	3	27	16	23	Huddersfield	15,486	12,427	4-0	3-2
18	10	2	6	35	16	22	Sheff. Utd.	22,528	16,863	5-0	5-1
17	9	4	4	33	19	22	QPR	22,799	19,914	6-1	3-1
17	9	4	4	22	13	22	Blackburn	15,945	13,230	4-0	1-0
17	9	4	4	28	19	22	Leicester	35,168	26,731	3-0	1-0
18	8	6	4	27	20	22	Swindon	22,352	19,846	5-0	2-0
17	7	6	4	26	25	20	Carlisle	12,578	10,822	3-2	2-1
17	8	4	5	23	24	20	Blackpool	21,038	17,102	3-2	3-1
17	7	5	5	29	17	19	Cardiff	30,083	24,386	6-0	3-2
18	7	4	7	19	22	18	Middlesbrough	22,159	17,249	4-0	1-0
17	6	5	6	20	21	17	B'HAM CITY	32,660	27,615	3-0	3-2
18	7	3	8	15	22	17	Norwich	20,399	16,374	3-1	1-0
17	4	7	6	13	14	15	Preston	17,125	12,544	3-0	2-1
18	3	9	6	14	31	15	Charlton	21,718	14,043	3-2	—
16	5	4	7	19	18	14	Bristol City	23,237	16,912	6-0	—
17	5	4	8	23	25	14	Bolton	14,702	9,649	4-1	—
16	4	6	6	15	18	14	Oxford	14,386	11,405	2-0	3-1
18	6	2	10	24	33	14	Hull	12,242	10,609	4-2	4-1
17	4	6	7	19	32	14	Portsmouth	21,969	17,943	3-1	2-0
17	2	8	7	19	30	12	Millwall	19,819	12,643	4-2	—
17	4	3	10	21	25	11	Watford	26,968	18,148	4-0	3-0
17	2	7	8	14	25	11	Aston Villa	54,470	30,900	4-1	—
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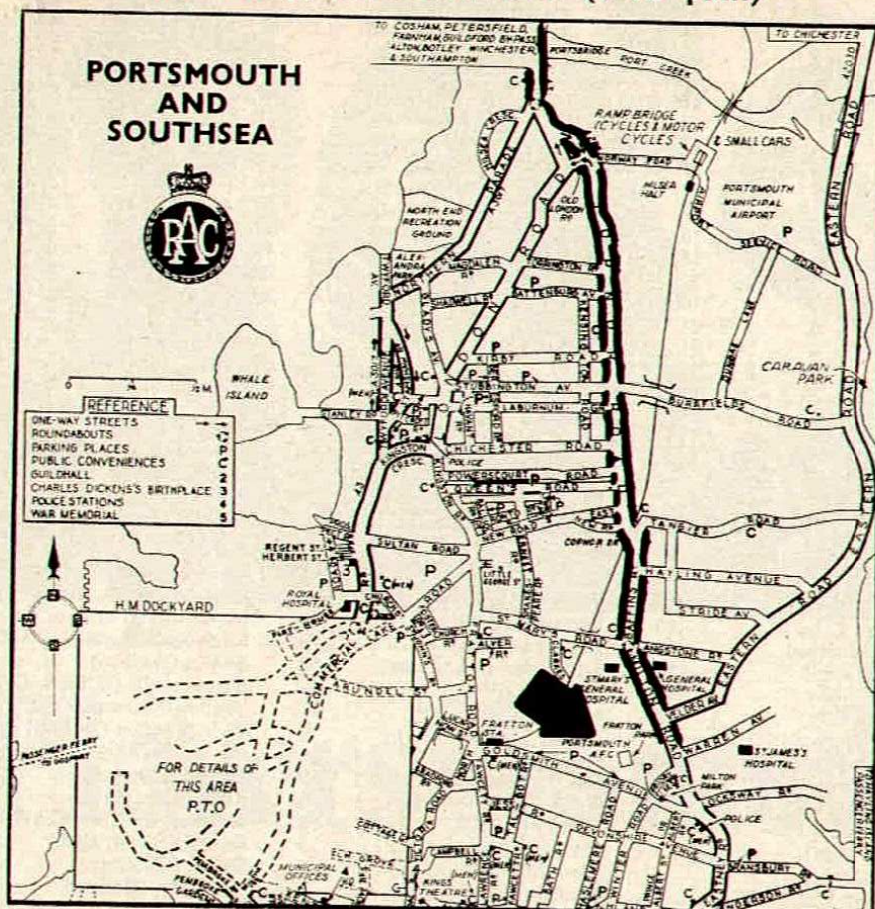


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Wednesday, November 12th (7-30 p.m.)



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FOOTBALL AT ST. ANDREW'S

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 15th November (3 p.m.)

Birmingham City Res. v. Norwich City Res.

NEXT LEAGUE MATCH

Saturday, 22nd November (3 p.m.)

BIRMINGHAM CITY v. MILLWALL

(The London side haven't made the best of starts this season, but they have a trio of players, Barry Kitchener, Keith Weller and Derek Possee, who are constantly trailed by First Division clubs. Remember, also, they've created surprises at St Andrew's before!)

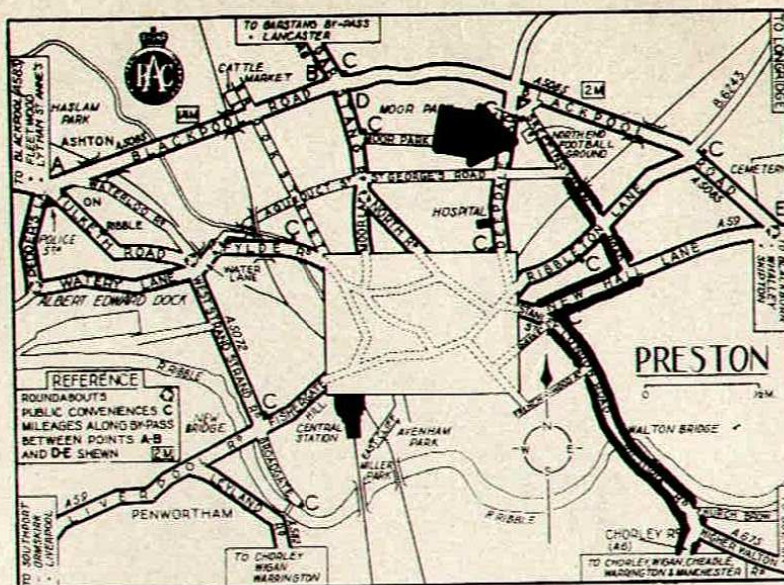


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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1969				1970			
Aug 9	Ipswich	h	0-3	Jan 17	North'ton	h	
19	Swansea	a	0-0	24	Spurs	a	
23	Leicester	h	4-2	Feb 7	Crystal Pal	h	
30	Bristol C	a	2-2	21	Plymouth	h	
Sept 9	Cardiff	h	2-0	Mar 7	Swindon	a	
13	Arsenal	a	2-2	21	B'mouth	a	
20	Q.P.R.	h	4-0	1969 CUP COMPETITION			
27	West Ham	a	1-1	Nov 1	Leicester	h	3-0
Oct 4	Fulham	h	2-1	18	North'ton	a	
11	Luton	a	2-1	Dec 16	Luton	a	
15	Reading	a	2-2	1970			
21	Chelsea	h	P	Jan 7	Spurs	h	
28	Walsall	a	1-1	20	Leicester	a	
Nov 8	Bristol R	a		27	Luton	h	
15	Norwich	h		Feb 3	Walsall	a	
26	Oxford	a		10	Walsall	a	
29	Peterboro'	h		28	Spurs	a	
Dec 6	Gillingham	a		Mar 10	North'ton	h	
13	South'ton	h					

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

CUP COMPETITION				1969			
Aug 16	Aston Villa	h	3-1	Nov 22	Coventry	a	
23	Walsall	a	3-0	29	Shrewsbury	a	
30	W.B. Albion	a	0-4	Dec 6	Stoke	h	
Sept 6	Shrewsbury	h	2-1	13	Walsall	a	
13	Coventry	a	2-0	20	Nottm F	h	
20	Aston Villa	a	4-1	1970			
27	Walsall	h	4-1	Jan 10	W.B. Albion	a	
Oct 4	W.B. Albion	h	1-3	17	Aston Villa	h	
11	Shrewsbury	a	0-6	24	Leicester	a	
18	Coventry	h	7-1	31	Shrewsbury	h	
LEAGUE COMPETITION				Feb 7	Derby	a	
Oct 25	Aston Villa	a	1-4	14	Walsall	h	
Nov 1	Leicester	h	1-4	21	Stoke	a	
8	Mansfield	a		28	Nottm F.	a	
15	Derby	h		Mar 7	Mansfield	h	
				14	W.B. Albion	h	
				28	Coventry	h	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	F	A	Pts
Ipswich ...	12	9	35	6	19
Tottenham ...	11	8	21	4	19
West Ham ...	13	8	28	11	19
Arsenal ...	11	6	28	14	16
Birmingham City ...	12	5	22	15	16
Bristol City ...	11	6	18	17	14
Swansea ...	10	5	6	5	13
Leicester ...	12	5	24	20	13
Bournemouth ...	13	3	20	17	13
Reading ...	9	4	13	10	12
Cardiff ...	11	5	19	17	12
Southampton ...	13	5	26	24	12
Norwich ...	13	3	12	14	12
Plymouth ...	11	5	14	19	11
Crystal Palace ...	8	4	15	13	9
Oxford ...	9	4	14	13	9
Luton ...	10	3	21	22	9
QPR ...	10	3	14	17	9
Swindon ...	11	4	13	17	9
Fulham ...	12	3	15	14	8
Chelsea ...	11	3	13	22	8
Bristol Rovers ...	11	3	14	24	7
Gillingham ...	11	1	10	32	5
Northampton ...	6	2	8	15	4
Walsall ...	10	0	6	21	3
Peterborough ...	13	0	7	33	3

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	F	A	Pts
Nottingham For. ...	2	2	6	1	4
Leicester ...	2	2	6	2	4
Derby ...	2	1	6	2	3
Coventry ...	2	1	5	4	3
Aston Villa ...	2	1	6	3	2
Stoke ...	2	1	4	5	2
Albion ...	1	0	1	1	1
Shrewsbury ...	2	0	2	3	1
Birmingham City ...	2	0	2	8	0
Mansfield ...	2	0	1	6	0
Walsall ...	1	0	0	4	0

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