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COMMENT

THE B.B.C. and the I.T.V. have certainly set the pattern over the years by televising Sports 'Quiz's' and Forums, which have proved to be exceptionally interesting and educational. Much has been learnt from these by the layman, with a better understanding of the sport, and the Laws which govern it.

The scene is fast being transferred from the television screen to the club rooms, and the village halls, where 'Quiz's' and Forums are being held with specially invited panels, and these are becoming popular. They give the opportunity for spectators to witness the 'battle of wits' between their favourite teams and players, also to have clarification on points of the game which previously they have not fully understood.

The *Oxford Times* is sponsoring several 'Quiz's' and Forums in the area, commencing on Monday next, 23 November, 7.30 p.m., at the Supporters' Club, when an interesting programme has been arranged. It is necessary however, to point out that juveniles must be accompanied on this occasion by an adult.

Other districts to be visited by the *Oxford Times* Forum, will be Thame, Bicester and Witney, while further ones will be held in Oxford. Well known Managers, Players, Club Officials, and Referees have signified their willingness to participate, appreciating the amount of value there is in the 'Quiz's' and the Forums for the benefit of the game.

Full details of each event will be published in the programme.

VIC COULING
Editor

Two

Arthur Turner's TOPICS

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we welcome to the Manor Ground our friends and opponents of Swindon Town Football Club in the first of our two local derbys with them during the present season. In the past we have enjoyed good entertainment and opposition from them, results have always been fairly even, but how strange to see up to the present time that they are still without a League point away from home in the eight games they have played so far. Yet their home form is very good. We ourselves have a splendid away record up to date, but even so we have now lost three of our last four home games on the Manor Ground with quite a few goals against us; however does one assess the 'ups and downs' of football?

I believe today's game will turn out to be another good one between both teams, one needing points to boost their confidence when playing away from home, and we ourselves needing a home win to restore confidence not only in the team but also the supporters. The greatest boost to any football supporters is seeing their own team win their home matches, so the outcome of today's match is of great importance to both sides.

The collection being taken up today has been granted by the Directors, and it is in aid of the New Centre for the Deaf, this is one of the six which the Board allocate during the season, although the Club does receive many more applications which unfortunately have to be refused, but the ones which are allocated are those which we feel are the most needed.

Yet another player is transferred for a fee of over £100,000 this week, and this to my mind proves once again the position that Clubs can find themselves in, here we have Cardiff City running strongly for promotion being forced to sell their best asset because maybe they could not afford to refuse such a high fee, or because they must sell to live. This is why I feel a large number of Clubs have to sell their assets because one sale of an outstanding player could bring in more money than a whole season's workings of a great number of Clubs in the country. It is fairly obvious that any manager and Club would much rather retain the players and I believe that forwards with the potential of John Toshack with his height, weight and courage are the ones which will go on commanding the big fees; after all forwards need those qualities today against the massed and packed defences that we are seeing on the field, and I can well imagine my friend Jimmy Scouler's feelings this week in having to sell him.

I was also interested to see the names of the twenty-two players selected by Sir Alf Ramsey this week, but more interesting to me were the ages of the players which he selected; he has many great players in this country today to select from, and in my opinion, he is absolutely right to bring more young players to the front in international football, many players have had great international careers but it is just the same with every manager, even at Club level, he is judged on the results he gets and the decisions he makes are always open to criticism. The dropping of loyal players is never a happy decision to make but it can be the right one. He has selected younger players to blood them into his policies on the field, time is on his side before we think about the next World Cup Competition, his first concern at present is to select the team to beat East Germany at Wembley later this month. Sir Alf has many problems and many matches to win for England before the next World Cup Competition which I feel is too far ahead at the present time, he will be judged much the same as most Managers are if he fails to win matches for his country, and I believe his decision is right and his intentions are plain for everyone to see.

Don't forget as you enter the Ground today the Manorettes are at your service with Programmes and Jackpot Tickets, there are three good prizes to be won again today and who knows you may be the lucky one.

Finally, may I just say on behalf of the Club that we are more than pleased with the manner in which our supporters, in particular the younger ones, have controlled themselves during this season and have not allowed themselves to be intimidated, this is most pleasing to see and we trust it will continue to be so as we are desirous of retaining the good name of Oxford United in Football League circles, and I would further add and ask the young boys to refrain from running on to the pitch at the end of the game.

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Gerry Summers Team Talk

OUR slump at home has been as amazing as our great away record. When you think of our long run of home matches without defeat during last season, the poor results at home take some explaining.

We have been victims of our own pressure during most of our home matches, we have had so much of the play that we have over-committed ourselves to attack and have been vulnerable to breakaways. The result being that we've lost considerable ground in the promotion race.

We will adjust our style of play a little because of the sudden change in ground conditions. Dry firm grounds have been replaced with the wet, heavy variety. Our style insists on a lot of mobility from players in all positions, this is far more difficult on the heavy grounds.

Our last home game for me was by far the most disappointing. We never really got to grips with the game and though we put on quite an amount of pressure, we made few clear cut chances. The turning point of the game was undoubtedly when on being 1—0 down, Derek Clarke had one of our few clear cut chances—a good reaction save from their goalkeeper and three kicks later it was in our net, so far from getting an equalizer we were down 2—0.

Still that is indeed football. If you don't take your chances and if you don't play collectively as a team, there can only be one result.

G. SUMMERS
Team Manager

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RIVALRY being what it is, there is always something extra special about a 'local derby'.

Irrespective of League positions, a clash between local Clubs produces an air of excitement and anticipation that usually transmits itself to the players.

Here in Oxford we find that Swindon Town are our closest Second Division opponents. The visit of Swindon is one of our biggest attractions of the season and we look forward with relish to an entertaining match with the hope that we win and thereby enable Swindon to maintain their incredible record this season. A study of the League tables will reveal that Swindon Town are the only Football League Club who are without an away point as yet this campaign. On the other hand no team has won at the County Ground in the eleven senior matches played there to date and that record includes the Football League Cup Competition in which Watford and Liverpool were knocked out in Wiltshire. Swindon went out of the competition at Fulham last month and no doubt Oxford supporters will remember that last season the then Football League Cup holders, Swindon, were defeated at the Manor Ground.

The collection which will take place at half-time today is in aid of the New local centre for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and we request you to donate generously.

Today's match ball has been donated by the Machine Shop, T Buildings, Pressed Steel Fisher, Cowley. The cash payment of £10 was handed to my office by Mr Fairclough and was collected from employees in a similar way to the match ball presentation for Watford which was contributed on behalf of the Sub-Assembly and Chassis Stores of British Leyland, Cowley. My Board of Directors express thanks to all individuals or organizations who have given or promised to donate a match ball.

As promised in my column last Saturday we have published elsewhere in today's programme, details of how to apply for Ground admission tickets for the Football League Cup final to be played at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, 27 February 1971.



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The Secretary Interviews

Goalkeeper . . . MICK KEARNS

A BANBURY born Irishman! That's Mick Kearns' claim and to back it up he has been selected to play for Eire this season. In actual fact of course, Mick's father is an Irish born national which qualifies Mick to be selected for Republic of Ireland.

Educated at Blessed George Napier School in Banbury, Mick also started his football career at the school for whom he played in goal. He also captained the side from this position.

When he left school he was given the opportunity of an extended trial with Liverpool, but, due to the fact he felt it more important that he should take his examinations, he declined the offer. He subsequently joined Oxford United on the groundstaff. Was eventually signed as a full-time professional on 1 July 1968.

Team Manager, Gerry Summers had enough confidence in Mick to transfer Jim Barron to Nottingham Forest during the close season and give Mick his chance to establish himself as United's regular first team keeper.

A tall lad, Mick Kearns has youth on his side and the fact that he has attracted the attentions of Eire Selection Committee so soon is surely indicative of his potential.

MICK TELLS US . . .

That he is very keen on all sports, particularly table tennis and swimming. In fact he is a qualified life guard, and during the summer he is employed at the Banbury swimming pool.

That his winter spare time is mostly taken up coaching Banbury Youth Club, and a number of other lads as well.

That one of his most enjoyable moments in soccer was during the close season when he accompanied Swindon Town on their tour of Italy for the Anglo-Italian Competition. Not only did he find it tremendous experience, but an exciting competition also.

That he enjoys listening to records and that Marvin Gaye and the Four Tops are among his favourites.

That his favourite television programmes are 'The Morecambe and Wise Show' and anything with Spike Milligan in.

That his most burning ambitions are to assist Oxford United to win promotion to the First Division and to play for Eire in the World Cup.



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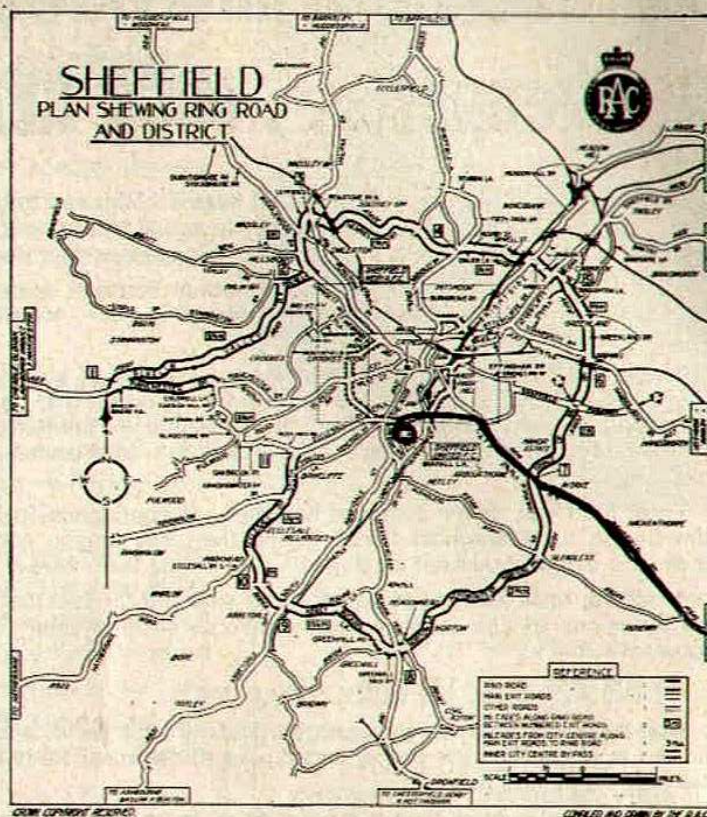
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UNITED SLIP TO BACK-TO-FORM TIGERS

IT was our misfortune to catch Hull City in determined mood last Saturday, following a run of three games without a win. It had seemed their promotion dreams were beginning to fade after dropping a home point to Sheffield United, then crashing at Cardiff (1-5) and at home to Luton (0-2). But, as the Tigers moved back into form, it meant another set-back to our own hopes.

It's strange how our away record should be so much superior to home form. That was our third defeat in four home games and we have collected only eight home points, yet our away record still ranks with the best in the land—five wins and twelve points.

Already the tension is beginning to show among the leading Clubs. Luton Town had not conceded a goal in a home League game until Sunderland's 2-1 success inflicted their first home defeat three weeks ago. But they looked hopelessly beaten again last Saturday when Carlisle stormed to a 3-0 lead just after the interval. With barely a quarter of an hour to go Luton were still three goals behind then a sensational revival brought goals from Ryan, Slough and Macdonald to snatch a vital point.

Sheffield United, too, dropped a home point to Queens Park Rangers. It was the Blades' third successive

home draw but they are unbeaten longer than any other side in the country—it's fourteen without defeat now.

Cardiff City, in spite of the loss of £100,000 John Toshack to Liverpool, seem to have forgotten all their nerves, though. True, they had only lowly Blackburn Rovers to overcome at Ninian Park, but they got off the mark in the very first minute and were four up before Blackburn claimed their consolation goal.

Bristol City ended a run of seven defeats in a row when they hit Watford 3-0 and that left Blackburn alone in twenty-first place. Even more forlorn, after returning from their thirty-fifth away game without a win (at Middlesbrough), are Charlton Athletic who look quite settled at the bottom now—four points behind the twentieth Club. Charlton have won only one League game all season.

Charlton's London neighbours Orient, after a good start, are sliding gradually closer to the danger zone. They were beaten by a late goal at Birmingham, their fourth consecutive away defeat, and they've gone eight games without a victory. Yet defeat at St Andrews is nothing new for Orient who haven't won a League encounter there since November 1910.



TURNSTILE TOPPERS

| | Aggregate | Average |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1. Leicester C. (2) | 220,992 | 24,555 |
| 2. Birmingham C. (1) | 212,178 | 23,575 |
| 3. Cardiff C. (3) | 198,306 | 22,034 |
| 4. Sheffield U. (4) | 170,938 | 21,367 |
| 5. Hull C. (5) | 152,923 | 19,115 |
| 6. Middlesbrough (6) | 136,237 | 17,030 |
| 7. Luton Town (7) | 149,470 | 16,608 |
| 8. Swindon Town (9) | 146,569 | 16,285 |
| 9. Sunderland (-) | 144,317 | 16,035 |
| 10. Sheffield Wed. (-) | 141,564 | 15,729 |
| 16. UNITED (16) | 100,126 | 12,516 |

Up to and including Saturday, 14 November 1970, for Second Division games only.

Figures in brackets denote position in last chart.

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(Up to and including 14 November 1970)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Leicester City... | 17 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 29 | 12 | 26 |
| Cardiff City ... | 17 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 24 |
| Luton Town ... | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 32 | 13 | 23 |
| Hull City ... | 17 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 16 | 23 |
| Sheffield United | 17 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 31 | 22 | 22 |
| Norwich City ... | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 20 |
| Carlisle United | 17 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 21 | 20 |
| Oxford United | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 22 | 20 |
| Middlesbrough | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 23 | 18 |
| Sunderland ... | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 24 | 20 | 17 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 27 | 17 |
| Portsmouth ... | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 16 |
| Millwall ... | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 20 | 19 | 16 |
| Swindon Town | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 15 |
| Queens Park Rangers... | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 27 | 15 |
| Birmingham City | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 21 | 14 |
| Watford ... | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 14 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 19 | 28 | 13 |
| Orient ... | 17 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 13 |
| Bristol City ... | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 21 | 32 | 12 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 17 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 30 | 10 |
| Charlton ... | 17 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 31 | 8 |

LEADING GOALSCORERS

| | League | League Cup | Eur. Comps | Grand |
|------------------------|--------|------------|------------|-------|
| | 3 | 2 | 1 | Total |
| Macdonald (Luton) | 1 3 | 6 (15) | 2 (2) | 17 |
| Hickton (Mid'brough) | 1 1 | 7 (12) | 2 (2) | 14 |
| Clark (Cardiff) | 1 1 | 7 (9) | 1 1 (3) | 12 |
| Horsfield (Swindon) | 1 1 | 6 (8) | 1 (2) | 10 |
| Chilton (Hull) | 1 1 | 7 (9) | | 9 |
| Givens (Luton) | 1 1 | 5 (7) | 1 (2) | 9 |
| Possee (Millwall) | 1 1 | 4 (7) | 2 (2) | 9 |
| Wigg (Watford) | 1 1 | 5 (7) | 2 (2) | 9 |
| Bridges (Millwall) | 1 1 | 7 (7) | 1 (1) | 8 |
| Hatton (Carlisle) | 1 1 | 4 (4) | 1 (4) | 8 |
| Mcllmoyle (Mid'brough) | 2 2 | 3 (7) | 1 (1) | 8 |
| Marsh (O.P.R.) | 1 1 | 2 (7) | 1 (1) | 8 |
| Nish (Leicester) | 1 1 | 4 (6) | 2 (2) | 8 |
| *Partridge (Leicester) | 1 1 | 3 (5) | 1 (3) | 8 |
| Rogers (Swindon) | 1 1 | 2 (4) | 2 (4) | 8 |
| Summerill (Birmingham) | 1 1 | 4 (4) | 1 2 (4) | 8 |
| Venables (O.P.R.) | 1 1 | 5 (7) | 1 (1) | 8 |

* Includes 3 League and 3 League Cup for Mansfield.

N.B. Figure under '3' denotes numbers of hat-tricks scored, under '2' how many times scored two in a game, etc.

(Up to and including Saturday, 14 November 1970.)

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WORLD SOCCER

EAST GERMANY sounded a warning note to England when they won two European Championship games last week without conceding a goal—the only country to remain 100 per cent after two games in this competition to date. They scored a good 1—0 victory over Holland, then hit five against Luxembourg on Sunday. The East Germans will be meeting England at Wembley in a friendly game on Wednesday evening.

This game will serve as a warm-up to England who have not yet opened her fixtures in the big tournament. All the other British sides have put at least one game behind them. Many of us saw Wales' goalless draw with Rumania on television, a result which put the Rumanians on top of the group where they must be favourites to remain:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Rumania | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Wales | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Czechos | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Finland | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

Scotland, who got through by the barest of margins against the Danish amateurs at Hampden Park, share the lead in group five:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Portugal | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Scotland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Belgium | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0 |
| Denmark | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Belgium are due to open their programme with a home game against Denmark next Wednesday, obviously hoping to kick-off with a victory. But the match they would have given dearly to win was a friendly against France last Sunday. This game was the culmination of a series of events to celebrate the Belgian F.A.'s 75th anniversary and was attended by football officials from all over the world. But France spoiled the occasion by winning 2—1 in Brussels.

France, who play in group two of the European Championship, earlier in the week opened with a 3—1 win over Norway and share the lead with Hungary who also beat the Norwegians by a similar score. In group three—England's section—the only game played, between Malta and Greece, ended 1—1. The U.S.S.R. started with a 3—1 win in Cyprus last Sunday but Spain's 3—0 win over Northern Ireland keeps them in top place here.

Leaders of groups six and eight respectively are Sweden (three points from two games) and Poland whose 3—0 victory over Albania gives them a lead of one point with all countries having played once.

spotlight on Swindon

SWINDON manager Fred Ford has spent many perplexing return journeys from away games wondering just what comes over his team when it leaves the County Ground. Though the Robins are well nigh unbeatable at home, they have the worst away record in the country, losing all nine away League and Cup games played this season.

So it's just as well they have maintained respectable home results, otherwise they would be deep in relegation trouble.

Swindon's away form has been most disappointing to fans who were looking forward to another promotion drive this season. When the final tables were compiled last April, Swindon were seen to have missed promotion to the First Division by only three points.

Further encouragement for Swindon fans was their showing in the first Anglo-Italian tournament this summer. They reached the final of the 12-club

tournament and were awarded the trophy after the final against Napoli in Italy was abandoned because of riots, when they were winning 2-0. This was their second great victory over Italian opponents—last season they defeated AS Roma 5-2 on aggregate in a challenge match between the Italian and English League Cup winners.

Swindon have been hit by one or two injuries, though. Peter Downsbrough suffered a knock in September and now, though fully recovered, he cannot regain his place. Roy Jones, his deputy, has been playing far too well to be dropped. And a couple of Swindon's young players have been given a chance to shine. Chris Porter was brought in for his debut against Norwich last month and David Dangerfield, who had previously played only one full League game, got three outings. David Down, the one-time Bristol City, Bradford and Oldham forward also got his first proper run in Swindon's League eleven.

We have yet to beat Swindon in a League game, our eight clashes bringing us only one goal so far:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Home | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Away | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| | 8 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 |



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The Swindon Club was formed in 1881 by a clergyman. They were one of the original members of the Southern League in 1894, later winning the championship on two occasions, and it wasn't long before they won national acclaim. In 1910 they fought their way to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup defeating First Division Spurs (3-2), and two Second Division sides, Burnley (2-0) and the divisional champions-to-be Manchester City (2-0) on the way, before succumbing to the reigning Football League champions, Newcastle United, 0-2 at Tottenham. Two years later they made a second semi-final appearance.

Swindon became members of the Third Division (South), along with all the other Southern League first division sides, in 1920. And they made a flying start to their career, finishing in fourth place—a position they were unable to improve upon until winning promotion forty-three years later!

They moved into Division Two in 1963 with a star-studded team of youngsters, many of whom went on to win fame with bigger Clubs.

After only two seasons, Swindon slipped back into the Third Division remaining until 1969 when they won promotion plus the Football League Cup in a Wembley game that will long be remembered. Arsenal, their lordly opponents, were well beaten 3-1 after extra-time.

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FRED FORD'S disappointment in having his playing career severely hampered by injuries and the war has been well compensated by a very good career in Club management.

He was a First Division player with Charlton before the war but he was continually troubled by leg injuries. When war came he joined the Royal Engineers and was mentioned in despatches. He was chosen for his regiment v. All-England XI and when the war ended he picked up the threads of his career after transferring to Millwall.

In 1947 he moved to Carlisle and it wasn't too long before his damaged legs forced him to retire from the playing side. Carlisle appointed him Club trainer, a job he filled until Bristol Rovers asked him to join them as chief coach in 1955.

At that time he was appointed trainer to the England under-23 side, travelling with the team on foreign tours. He got his first chance in Club management in 1960 when he took charge of Bristol City. The Ashton Gate Club had just lost its Second Division place, but Mr Ford rebuilt the team and took them back into Division Two in 1965.

Two years later he was relieved of his position and spent some months coaching at Swindon. Then Bristol Rovers asked him to fill their vacant manager's chair so he returned to Bristol until accepting his latest post with Swindon during the summer of 1969.

TODAY'S ... REF' ...

Mr Ray Johnson from Lowestoft

LACK of physique put an end to RAY JOHNSON'S playing career in 1956. 'I was only about ten stone in those days, playing as a centre-half in senior amateur football,' he recalled. 'I got knocked about a bit and, as I was a draughtsman by profession in those days, I decided to pack in when I broke my wrist for the third time!'

Now Mr Johnson looks back on that as a lucky break. For he made rapid progress as a referee, first in Lowestoft junior football then in the Eastern Counties League. The Football League made him a linesman in 1963 and, within two years, he was promoted to the middle.

He has been given linesmen's appointments at European Cup games in Barcelona and Amsterdam and was on the line for an F.A. Cup semi-final in 1967.

Mr Johnson is now employed as a personnel manager in a Lowestoft shipyard. He is married with two soccer-mad sons, he is chairman of the Lowestoft Football League and has recently taken on the job as trainer-coach to the local A.T.C.'s Sunday League team.

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Swindon Town

Roy Jones (Goalkeeper) A Swindon discovery who was introduced to League football in 1967-68 but who has been kept out by the consistent form of Peter Downsborough. He returned to the side when Downsborough was injured in September and has played so well he has kept his place.
League record: Swindon 28 appearances.

Rod Thomas (Right-back) Rod is now first-choice at full-back for Wales. He is the only player in post-war soccer to win his first seven full caps while playing in Third Division football. He helped Swindon back into the Second Division in 1969. Swindon picked Rod up from Gloucester City and put him in the senior side in 1965-66. Scored the only League goal of his career at Aston Villa last season.

Wales 12 appearances; Wales under-23, 6 appearances. League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Swindon 180 appearances, 1 goal.

John Trollope (Left-back) A Swindon discovery, John made his League debut in 1960 and remained in the side for an incredible run of 360 consecutive League games, the sequence ending when he broke an arm at Hartlepool in 1968. He returned as soon as he was fit again and was ever-present last season.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Swindon 433 (1) appearances, 14 goals.

Joe Butler (Right-half) Joe entered League football with Newcastle in 1963-64 and joined Swindon in 1965. He was originally a full-back but has switched, with considerable success, to wing-half.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Newcastle 3 appearances; Swindon 175 (1) appearances, 6 goals.

Frank Burrows (Centre-half) Frank left Raith Rovers to try his luck in English football with Scunthorpe in 1965. In his last two campaigns, before joining Swindon in 1968, he missed only five League games and he has continued to perform consistently well since his move.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Scunthorpe 106 appearances, 4 goals; Swindon 98 appearances, 3 goals.

Michael Blick (Centre-half) Frank Burrows' consistency has been keeping Michael in the reserves but he is more than a reliable deputy in times of injury. He made his League debut in 1967-68 and made his first appearance this season, against Bristol City, a fortnight ago.

League record: Swindon 6 appearances.

Stan Harland (Left-half) See special article on another page.

John Smith (Outside-right) Former England youth and under-23 cap John kicked off with West Ham as a wing-half. After holding a regular place for four years, he moved to Tottenham in 1960. But it was a bad move for John rarely got a League game with Spurs. Consequently, he shifted to Coventry, then had short spells with Orient and Torquay before linking with Swindon in 1968.

England under-23, 1 appearance; Division Two championship medal (1958).

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: West Ham 125 appearances, 21 goals; Tottenham 21 appearances, 1 goal; Coventry 34 (1) appearances, 1 goal; Orient 38 (1) appearances, 3 goals; Torquay 68 appearances, 8 goals; Swindon 78 (3) appearances, 9 goals.

Tony Gough (Inside-forward) Tony, picked up for a song from Bath City this summer, made a remarkable return to League football this season, after a twelve-year absence, at the age of thirty! He scored in his first game for Swindon against Sunderland. Tony was once a part-timer with Bristol Rovers, made one League appearance for them in 1958-59, but decided against a full-time career then. He spent all the intervening years with Bath City.

League record: Bristol Rovers 1 appearance; Swindon Town 11 (1) appearances, 1 goal.

Roger Smart (Inside-forward) Roger is a product of Swindon schools football who got his first taste of League football in 1961-62. He helped Swindon into the Second Division for the first time in 1963 when he really began to establish himself as a regular. Has been missing for much of this season but he returned last month.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Swindon 289 (2) appearances, 41 goals.

Arthur Horsfield (Centre-forward) Swindon's leading scorer with twenty-two League and Cup goals last season, he's top again with ten this term. Middlesbrough spotted Arthur in Newcastle junior soccer and he continued his scoring ways in their reserve teams until given his chance in the League team in 1963-64. He started a short stay at Newcastle in January 1969, moving to Swindon only four months later. He is a former England youth international.

League record: Middlesbrough 107 (4) appearances, 51 goals; Newcastle 7 (2) appearances, 3 goals; Swindon 55 appearances, 26 goals.

Peter Noble (Inside-forward) A native of the North-East, Peter started with Newcastle and cost Swindon £10,000 in January 1968. Last season he bagged hat-tricks in successive games against Charlton (League) and Swansea (League Cup) and has netted seven times this season.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Newcastle 22 (3) appearances, 7 goals; Swindon 112 (4) appearances, 37 goals.

Don Rogers (Outside-left) An England under-23 international, Don has been a regular for seven seasons and top scorer for three of the past four campaigns. Last season he scored only ten goals. Many First Division Clubs have made fabulous offers for him but so far Swindon have been able to hang on to their prize asset. He scored both goals which knocked Liverpool out of the League Cup this season.

England under-23, 2 appearances, 1 goal.

League Cup winners medal (1969).

League record: Swindon 321 appearances, 121 goals.

(N.B. Statistics are for League games only, up to and including Saturday, 14 November. Figures in brackets denote additional appearances as substitute.)

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STAN HARLAND made several abortive attempts to break into professional football before he eventually succeeded. Yet as a boy it seemed he would have little trouble making the grade.

Born in Liverpool, he played for the Liverpool Schoolboys XI and attracted the attention of several big Clubs. Burnley signed him as an amateur but he made little progress so they allowed him to go.

It was with non-League New Brighton that he satisfied his desire to become a professional. But he didn't like the idea of settling down permanently to that standard of football, still believing he had the potential to play in League football.

After several good games, he was recommended to Everton who were impressed sufficiently to take him on their staff. But, again, he didn't quite make it. It was after signing for Bradford City, then in the Fourth Division, that he really began to find his feet. He went straight into the first-team, remaining for three seasons until moving to Carlisle.

He was an ever-present member of the Carlisle team which won the Third Division championship in 1964-65 then, after one season in the Second Division, he took the step which led to the most successful phase of his career—he signed for Swindon.

Stan didn't miss a match in his first three seasons, the last of which culminated in Swindon gaining promotion to the Second Division and getting to Wembley for the League Cup final. As skipper, Stan had the thrill of leading his team onto the Wembley pitch before the match with Arsenal, a game which, even in his wildest dreams, he could not have expected to win.

But they gave Arsenal a lesson in both football and in staying the pace. The match went to extra time and Swindon won 3-1—one of their stars in defence being Stan Harland, the player who never gave up because, in the end, he was convinced he would make the grade.

Stan Harland's League Career:

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|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Bradford City | ... 1961-62 | 42 | 7 |
| " | 1962-63 | 41 | 8 |
| " | 1963-64 | 37 | 5 |
| Carlisle | 1964-65 | 46 | 3 |
| " | 1965-66 | 31 | 4 |
| Swindon | 1966-67 | 46 | 5 |
| " | 1967-68 | 46 | 1 |
| " | 1968-69 | 46 | 1 |
| " | 1969-70 | 41 | — |
| " | 1970-71 | 17 | — |
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On behalf of the Directors, Management, Officials and Players of the Club, may I warmly commend this Service to you. Please make a note of the date, 13 December, at 6.30 p.m. in your diary. We would like as many supporters as possible to come along. The preacher will be the Rev.

Michael Chantry, Chaplain of Hertford College, who also acts as Chaplain to the Club. He has attended every home match at the Manor for many years since Southern League days and has often travelled to away games. He is also an Oxfordshire referee and a former player and has a great love for the game.

Last year, all who attended the Sportsmen's Service greatly enjoyed the occasion and both Directors, Officials and Players appreciated the warm welcome extended to the Club by St Aldate's Church. This year, Ron Atkinson, our Captain has been invited to read a lesson, and other well-known local sportsmen will be taking part. We cordially invite you to be present. You will be most welcome.

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PULLEIN'S PAGE

LIKE the ten little nigger boys, the men who won English soccer's greatest victory are gradually being eliminated. Footballers can't remain at international peak for ever, of course. All the same, it was sad to see only four members of England's 1966 World Cup winning team selected for the match against East Germany at Wembley next Wednesday.

Whether or not England ever again wins the World crown, that team of '66 will always hold a special place in the record books, and in our hearts. No one who followed England during that epic year will ever forget the line-up—neither will one or two four-year-olds who were christened after the side and will, therefore, carry the names on their birth certificates throughout their lives.

All but George Cohen, whose career was brought to an end by a leg injury, are still playing. Ray Wilson has recently signed for Bradford City but both Nobby Stiles (Manchester United) and Roger Hunt (Bolton) are playing in their Club's reserve teams.

The two Charlton brothers, both axed for next week's game, now seem to have come to the end of their distinguished international careers for they can be playing no part in Sir Alf Ramsey's plans for 1974. But Gordon Banks must certainly come under consideration yet again even though, quite obviously, Ramsey has now to give experience to another player capable of taking over from the Stoke City man when the time comes.

The four who remain at the top are—Bobby Moore, Alan Ball, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters.

For the next three years or so many of us will be trying to anticipate Ramsey's plans for West Germany. Some of the men who may be fighting it out for us out there will be under close scrutiny on Wednesday. Peter Shilton, for instance, looks a ready-made successor for Banks. Roy McFarland and David Sadler are set to battle it out for the right to take over the problem position at centre-half.

Colin Bell has already done enough to earn the job as replacement for Bobby Charlton. A talented mid-field player with bags of energy, he has the knack of bursting through to score great goals himself. And up front both Brian Kidd and Joe Royle look capable of breaking into the team over the next few months.

But I don't suppose we can expect more than three of the 1966 team to be around in '74.



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MATCH REPORT



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UNDER the worst weather conditions of the season so far, the United continued their poor home record by succumbing to Hull City, making it the third defeat in four games. With the usual bright opening with promise of better to come, the home side gradually lost the initiative, and Hull, after scoring through Houghton in the fortieth minute, showed their speed and determination.

It was this that gave them the second goal three minutes after half time when McKechnie put the ball out for Wagstaff to run on to and place into the net over Kearns while everyone else was standing.

The United tried hard to get back into the game, and pressed time and again, a header from Derek Clarke hitting the bar, and a penalty missed by Rodney Smithson, when his spot kick hit the post and was cleared.

United efforts came to nothing and the final humbling came when Chilton headed a Butler cross past Kearns.

It was a bitter disappointment for the Manor supporters, but praise from them for the forceful, well-drilled Hull City team.

Top: The Hull goalkeeper pushes the ball over the bar from G. Atkinson with Skeen waiting for a slip.

Centre: The Hull goalkeeper clears the ball from R. Atkinson and D. Clarke with T. Neill the Hull centre-half and manager close in.

Bottom: The Hull goalkeeper catches the ball before C. Clarke gets in a header with the Hull centre-forward watching.

Photos by David Barnes



From the pages of UNITED'S Record book

Part X

Complete F.A. Cup Record

SUMMARY OF ALL F.A. CUP RESULTS

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arsenal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Bedford | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Bolton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Blackburn | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Brentford | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Bridgwater... .. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Chelmsford | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Chesterfield | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Falmouth | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Folkestone | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Harwich & Parkeston | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Hendon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Kettering | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Kings Lynn... .. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Leicester | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Mansfield | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Margate | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Millwall | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Norwich | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Peterborough | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Port Vale | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Preston | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Southampton | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Stockport | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Stoke | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Yeovil Town | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | 37 | 14 | 10 | 13 | 60 | 66 |

THE following is a list of results of all matches played in the F.A. Cup competition proper. Results from 1962 onwards were included in Parts I to VIII of this series.

1953-54

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Round 1—Harwich & Parkeston | (a) | 3—2 |
| Round 2—Millwall | (a) | 3—3 |
| | (h) | 1—0 |
| Round 3—Stockport | (a) | 0—0 |
| | (h) | 1—0 |
| Round 4—Bolton | (h) | 2—4 |

1954-55

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|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Round 1—Norwich | (a) | 2—4 |
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1958-59

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|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Round 1—Margate | (h) | 3—2 |
| Round 2—Peterborough | (a) | 2—4 |

1960-61

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| Round 1—Hendon | (a) | 2—2 |
| | (h) | 3—2 |
| Round 2—Bridgwater | (h) | 2—1 |
| Round 3—Leicester | (a) | 1—3 |

1961-62

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| Round 1—Brentford | (a) | 0—3 |
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|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|-------------|-----|-------|
| G. Atkinson | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 4 | | | |
| R. Atkinson | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| C. Clarke | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| D. Clarke | ... | ... | ... | 4 | | | | 1 | 4 | | 1 |
| R. Clayton | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 2 | | | 3 | 3 | | 2 |
| P. Clinch | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 14 | | 1 |
| J. Evanson | ... | ... | ... | 7 | | | 5 | 2 | 6 | | 1 |
| R. Gladwin | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 14 | | |
| C. Harrington | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 15 | | 2 |
| P. Hatch | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 15 | | 2 |
| D. Jones | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 18 | | |
| M. Kearns | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | | | | |
| B. Lewis | ... | ... | ... | | | | 2 | | 11 | | 7 |
| R. Lucas | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| J. Shuker | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| K. Skeen | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 5 | | | |
| D. Sloan | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 3 | | | |
| R. Smithson | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | | | 3 | | | |
| B. Thompson | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 2 | | | | 1 | | |
| M. Way | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 16 | | |
| R. Burton | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 15 | | |
| Lowe | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 18 | | |
| McDonald | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 5 | | 1 |
| Barnett | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 12 | 1 | 4 |
| Fleming | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 13 | | 1 |
| Taylor | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 6 | | |
| Icke | ... | ... | ... | | | | | | 3 | | |
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

| Date | Opponents | Grd. | Score F. A. | Att. |
|------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|--------|
| 1970 | | | | |
| August | | | | |
| 15 | Millwall | A | 2 1 | 9,895 |
| 22 | Sheffield Wed. | H | 1 1 | 11,090 |
| 29 | Middlesbrough | A | 2 0 | 17,548 |
| September | | | | |
| 1 | Luton Town | A | 0 4 | 16,173 |
| 5 | Leicester City | H | 1 0 | 12,895 |
| 9 | Wolves (FLC2) | H | 1 0 | 15,002 |
| 12 | Birmingham City | A | 1 1 | 22,346 |
| 19 | Watford | H | 2 1 | 13,270 |
| 21 | Blackburn Rovers | A | 0 0 | 6,220 |
| 26 | Bolton Wanderers | A | 2 0 | 8,801 |
| October | | | | |
| 3 | Norwich City | H | 1 1 | 13,002 |
| 6 | Carlisle (FLC3) | A | 1 3 | 13,489 |
| 10 | Bristol City | A | 4 0 | 16,027 |
| 17 | Millwall | H | 2 3 | 13,715 |
| 21 | Queens Park R. | H | 1 3 | 15,058 |
| 24 | Sunderland | A | 1 0 | 16,376 |
| 31 | Charlton Athletic | H | 2 1 | 12,326 |
| November | | | | |
| 7 | Carlisle United | A | 2 3 | 8,090 |
| 14 | Hull City | H | 0 3 | 8,770 |
| 21 | Swindon Town | H | | |
| 28 | Sheffield United | A | | |
| December | | | | |
| 5 | Cardiff City | H | | |
| 9 | League Cup S.F. | | | |
| 12 | Portsmouth | A | | |
| 16 | League Cup S.F. | | | |
| 19 | Sheffield Wed. | A | | |
| 26 | Orient | H | | |
| 1971 | | | | |
| January | | | | |
| 2 | F.A. Cup Round 3 | | | |
| 9 | Blackburn Rovers | H | | |
| 16 | Queens Park R. | A | | |
| 23 | F.A. Cup Round 4 | | | |
| 30 | Sheffield United | H | | |
| February | | | | |
| 6 | Cardiff City | A | | |
| 13 | Portsmouth (5) | H | | |
| 20 | Swindon Town | A | | |
| 26 | Charlton Athletic | A | | |
| 27 | League Cup Final | | | |
| March | | | | |
| 6 | Sunderland (6) | H | | |
| 13 | Hull City | A | | |
| 20 | Carlisle United | H | | |
| 27 | Leicester City | A | | |
| April | | | | |
| 3 | Middlesbrough | H | | |
| 9 | Birmingham City | H | | |
| 10 | Orient | A | | |
| 12 | Norwich City | A | | |
| 17 | Bristol City | H | | |
| 24 | Watford | A | | |
| 28 | Luton Town | H | | |
| May | | | | |
| 1 | Bolton Wanderers | H | | |
| 8 | F.A. Cup Final | | | |

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| Date | Opponents | Grd. | Score F. A. | Att. |
|------------------|------------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1970 | | | | |
| August | | | | |
| 15 | Birmingham City | H | 2 3 | 761 |
| 19 | Crystal Palace | H | 1 2 | 584 |
| 22 | Tottenham H. | A | 0 0 | |
| 26 | Fulham | A | 0 0 | |
| 29 | Southampton | H | 0 2 | |
| September | | | | |
| 2 | Cardiff City | H | 1 3 | 641 |
| 5 | Swindon Town | A | 5 2 | |
| 12 | Leicester City | H | 2 0 | |
| 14 | West Ham United | A | 0 3 | |
| 19 | Gillingham | A | P | |
| 26 | Norwich City | H | 2 1 | |
| October | | | | |
| 3 | Birmingham City | A | 1 3 | |
| 10 | Chelsea | H | 1 3 | 1,383 |
| 14 | Plymouth Argyle | H | 1 2 | 1,207 |
| 17 | Leicester City | A | 0 5 | |
| 24 | Ipswich Town | H | 1 2 | |
| 31 | Queen's Park R. | A | 2 4 | |
| November | | | | |
| 11 | Reading | H | 2 2 | |
| 14 | Bristol Rovers | A | 2 3 | |
| December | | | | |
| 2 | Bournemouth & Boscombe | H | | |
| 5 | Arsenal | A | | |
| 12 | Plymouth Argyle | A | | |
| 19 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | | |
| 26 | Bristol City | A | | |
| 1971 | | | | |
| January | | | | |
| 9 | Crystal Palace | A | | |
| 13 | Fulham | H | | |
| 23 | Swansea City | H | | |
| 30 | Bournemouth & Boscombe | A | | |
| February | | | | |
| 6 | Arsenal | H | | |
| 13 | Swansea City | A | | |
| 17 | West Ham United | H | | |
| 24 | Queen's Park R. | H | | |
| March | | | | |
| 3 | Gillingham | H | | |
| 6 | Ipswich Town | A | | |
| 17 | Bristol Rovers | A | | |
| 24 | Reading | A | | |
| 31 | Swindon Town | H | | |
| April | | | | |
| 3 | Southampton | A | | |
| 14 | Bristol City | H | | |
| 17 | Chelsea | A | | |
| 21 | Cardiff City | A | | |
| May | | | | |
| 1 | Norwich City | A | | |

HALF-TIME SCORES

| | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| A | Chelsea v. Stoke City |
| B | Ipswich Town v. Arsenal |
| C | Liverpool v. Everton |
| D | Manchester City v. West Ham U. |
| E | Southampton v. Manchester United |
| F | Tottenham Hotspur v. Newcastle U. |
| G | Wolverhampton W. v. Leeds United |
| H | Bolton Wanderers v. Birmingham C. |
| J | Carlisle United v. Blackburn Rovers |
| K | Charlton Athletic v. Cardiff City |
| L | Hull City v. Queens Park Rangers |
| M | Luton Town v. Portsmouth |
| N | Millwall v. Bristol City |
| P | Norwich City v. Leicester City |
| Q | Orient v. Watford |
| R | Sheffield Wed. v. Middlesbrough |
| S | Sunderland v. Sheffield United |
| T | Oxford City v. Bournemouth |
| U | Reading v. Bishop's Stortford |
| V | Fulham v. Bristol Rovers |

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