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ANDERSON OUTERVIEW



Stan Anderson

Manager Stan Anderson talking to Bob Cass (The Sun)

Cass: I'm not going to mention that naughty nine-letter word but, in spite of last week's setback at Hillsborough, you must be hopeful for the future.

Anderson: Let's get one thing straight — nobody at Middlesbrough is putting their feet up just becaue we've had a few good results. Hard work has got us where we are, but only harder work can improve our position and that, after all, is what we've got to do.

Cass: The emergence of Willie Maddren and Stuart Boam and others have obviously had a lot to do with the climb up the table, is there any player that you think deserves particular credit?

Anderson: They've all done well, but if I was to pick out Nobby Stiles, it would only be because I don't think he's been getting the credit he deserves. I couldn't pay enough tribute to the part he's played this season.

Cass: And yet there were doubts raised when Nobby was signed from Manchester United before last Season, and certainly criticism since. How do you answer them?

Anderson: Nobody was more disappointed about his form last Season than Nobby himself. Typically he pushed himself too hard and never let himself recover from the injury that kept him out of the United side for such a long time. But his influence this season has been tremendous. His character and enthusiasm have provided the best kind of example for the younger players. People forget that he is fulfilling a completely different role here than at Old Trafford. Instead of playing in the back four he has been asked to force things from midfield. He is doing the job really well.

Cass: Do you think there is any significance in the fact that since Nobby faded out of the Old Trafford picture, Manchester United have hit a big slump? Anderson: Yes I do. I remember reading an article by one of the United players in which he said they should never have let Nobby go. Let's face it, they've never really been able to replace him. Manchester United have always had good ball winners to complement their more skilful players. That's what they're short of now — a Nobby Stiles.

Cass: Well, before we make Nobby blush too much let's move on. I'd like to ask about the influence of your coach lan MacFarlane.

Anderson: For a bloke who has had what I think were two staggering disappointments at Sunderland and Carlisle, Mac keeps remarkably cheerful. That's because he's good at his job and nothing can shake his belief in his own ability. He puts so much into the game that he demands respect from the players and he gets it.

Cass: There was a lot of speculation about him taking over at Sunderland. Are you happy that the position is resolved?

Anderson: It's not for me to comment on that. What I will say is that the speculation made no difference to the work the big man put in at Middlesbrough We'll just carry on now in the way we have, since he came here and I'm very pleased to be able to say that.

Cass: Finally about your old club Sunderland, what do you think of one of the old Newcastle enemy, Bob Stokoe, taking over.

Anderson: I want to wish him the best of luck first of all. Bob's a great competitor in anything and I'm certain he'll do a good job. Incidentally don't forget that I'm ex-Newcastle too — and proud of it.

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REFERENCE UBRARY

SECOND DIVISION

(Up to an	d in	clud		Sat		ay, 18th		ember		2)
	P	W	D	L	F	A W		L F		Pts
Burnley	18	5	3	1	19	10 3	6	0 13	9	25
Q.P.R.	18	5	3	1	22	11 3	4	2 12	13	23
Luton	18	3	3	3	14	12 6	1	2 12	8	22
Aston Villa	18	5	3	2	10	6 3	3	2 9	10	22
Blackpool	18	5	4	1	17	7 2	3	3 10	12	21
Sheff. W.	19	7	0	3	21	11 1	4	4 10	14	20
Preston	18	3	3	2	5	4 5	1	4 11	11	20
Middlesbro	18	5	2	1	11	7 2	4	4 7	14	20
Fulham	18	4	4	2	15	9 2	3	3 10	12	19
Hull	18	5	3	1	19	8 1	3	5 7	14	18
Oxford	18	5	0	3	15	10 3	2	5 9	12	18
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Hudd'sfield	19	4	4	2	10	8 1	4	4 9	15	18
Bristol C.	19	0	5	3	7	10 5	2	4 15	15	17
Swindon	19	4	5	1	15	12 1	2	6 11	18	17
Carlisle	17	6	1	2	20	11 0	3	5 4	12	16
Sunderland	17	3	4	1	12	9 1	3	5 11	19	15
Portsmouth	18	3	1.	5	9	12 2	4	3 10	12	15
Millwall	18	4	7	3	11	8 2	1	7 12	15	14
Orient	18	2	4	3	9	10 1	4	4 6	12	14
Brighton	18	1	6	2	14	16 1	3	5 9	18	13
Cardiff	18	5	1	3	13	10 0	2	7 6	21	13

NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League Table up to and including 11th Nov., 1972

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	9	7	-	2	19	2	16
Hull City	10	7	2	- 1	24	12	15
Sunderland	10	6	2	2	18	11	14
Notts. County	10	5	1	4	23	14	14
Rotherham U	10	5	3	2	24	22	12
Scunthorpe U	10	4	3	3	22	21	11
Barnsley	9	4	3	2	19	16	10
York City	10	4	4	2	19	16	10
Lincoln City	10	3	4	3	15	14	9
Halifax Town	9	3	3	3	19	21	9
Chesterfield	10	2	5	3	17	21	7
Grimsby Town	11	-	5	6	16	28	6
Bradford City	10	2	7	1	12	22	5
Doncaster Rovers	8	2	6	**	6	15	4
Mansfield Town	10	1	7	2	7	25	4

MATCH DIGEST

NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE MIDDLESBROUGH v SCUNTHORPE UTD. Monday, 30th October Drew

Result: 1-1

Scorer: Whitehouse

Team: Cuff, Morrison, Cochrane, McAndrews, Huntington, Bickerdike, Riby, Scaife, Smith (M.), Greener, Whitehouse. Sub: McFall.

NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE CHESTERFIELD v MIDDLESBROUGH Wednesday, 8th November, 1972 Won

Result: 0-1

Scorer: Creamer

Team: Cuff, Morrison, Cochrane, McAndrews, Creamer, Taylor, Stonehouse, Smith (M.), Boulton, Scaife, Foggon. Sub: Bickerdike.

NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE MIDDLESBROUGH v ROTHERHAM Tuesday, 14th November, 1972

Lost Result: 0-3

Team: Cuff, Huntington, Cochrane, Mc-Andrews, Creamer, Taylor, Stonehouse, Charlton, Smith (M.), Foggon, Scaife. Sub: Greener.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE MIDDLESBROUGH v BRADFORD CITY Saturday, 4th November, 1972

Won

Result: 2-0

Scorers: Greener and Scaife
Team: Smith (G.), Symon, Cochrane, McAndrews, Creamer, Taylor, Bickerdike,
Greener, Whitehouse, Scaife, Bailey. Sub:
Riby.

MORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE MIDDLESBROUGH v CHESTERFIELD Saturday, 11th November, 1972 Won

Result: 6-0

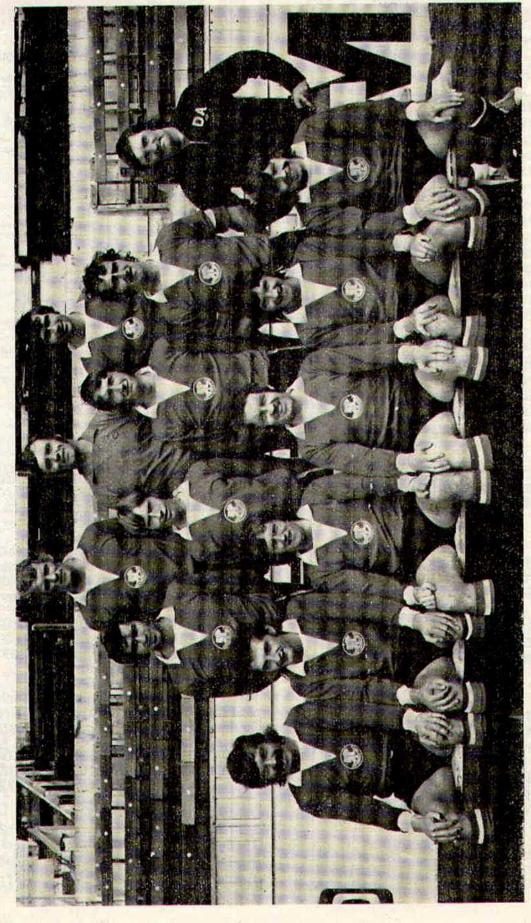
Team: Smith (G.), Huntington, Cochrane, Norfolk, Creamer, McAndrews, Greener, Boulton, Smith (M.), Scaife, Whitehouse. Sub: Lavery.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE MIDDLESBROUGH v HUDDERSFIELD Saturday, 18th November, 1972

> Won Result: 3-1

Scorers: Taylor, Smith (M.) 2
Team: Willis, Huntington, Cochrane,
Lavery, McAndrews, Taylor, Bickerdike,
Greener, Smith (M.), Scaife, Bailey. Sub:
McFall—substituted for Bickerdike in 60th
minute.

Swindon Town F.C. 1972-73



BACK ROW (left to right): *D. Rogers, S. Peplow, R. Bunkell, *D. Mackay (Team Manager), R. Treacy, J. Butler. MIDDLE ROW (left to right): R. Potter, T. Hubbard, R. Thomas, F. Burrows, 'D. Anderson (Coach). BACK ROW (left to right): J. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Smart.

" Now left the Club.

INTRODUCING...

Swindon Town BY TONY PULLEIN



Swindon wasted no time finding a ready-made replacement for Don Rogers, the England under-23 winger they sold to Crystal Palace for £150,000. They moved in swiftly for Southampton's unsettled wing star Tom Jenkins and clinched a £50,000 deal within a couple of days of Rogers' departure. Jenkins, once discarded by Orient, went into Southern League football with Margate until Reading rescued him in 1969. Within weeks he was the subject of a £60,000 transfer to Southampton.

The Jenkins deal was the last act of former manager Dave Mackay who has been succeeded by Les Allen.

The Jenkins' fee broke the previous club record of £35,000 paid to Charlton during the summer for Republic of Ireland striker Ray Treacy who has been enjoying a fabulous run, scoring in five consecutive games recently. With seven goals he is joint top scorer with Steve Peplow. Ray began his League career with West Bromwich Albion, moved to Charlton in 1968 and last season was their top scorer with 19 goals.

Ron Howell is another newcomer to Swindon's line-up this season. He began his career with Millwall, spent a season with Cambridge United and signed for Swindon this season.

Another player who knows the way to goal is Steve Peplow, who has netted 7 times — all of them, in fact, vital ones which clinched a point. Steve left Liverpool two years ago after getting only a couple of League games for the Reds. Peter Noble, a £10,000 signing from Newcastle in 1968, was Swindon's top scorer with 14 goals last season.

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough spent four years as Halifax's goalkeeper in the Third and Fourth Divisions before joining Swindon for a nominal fee in 1965. He played for the Robins in the 1969 League Cup Final and has been first choice for most of his stay with the club.

The defence has been well settled with Rod Thomas, Frank Burrows, Ron Potter and John Trollope in the back four.

A Welsh full and under-23 international, Thomas has been Swindon's right-back for the past six years. He joined them from Gloucester City. He now has 24 Welsh caps. Burrows first entered English football with Scunthorpe in 1965 after serving Raith Rovers. Swindon signed him in 1968 and only injuries have since kept him out of the side.

Potter took over Dave Mackay's role in the back four, playing dual centre-half with Frank Burrows. A former West Bromwich apprentice, he made his League debut for them in 1968/69 and transferred to Swindon two seasons ago.

Trollope has been on parade — apart from a short injury absence — continually for 12 seasons. He completed 500 League appearances last term and in one unbroken run he played 368 consecutive games for the club.

Roger Smart made his Swindon debut in 1961/62 and is now approaching his 250th League appearance. David Moss, another Swindon discovery, got his first chance last season and is very often nominated substitute.



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Middlesbrough

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1—JIM PLATT

2—JOHN CRAGGS

3—FRANK SPRAGGON

4—NOBBY STILES

5—STUART BOAM

6-WILLIE MADDREN

7—BILL GATES

8—DAVID MILLS

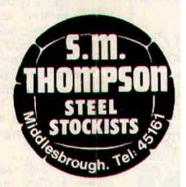
9—JOHN HICKTON

10—ERIC McMORDIE

11—DAVID ARMSTRONG

Substitute: FOGGON

Referee: A. E. MORRISSEY (Bramhall, Cheshire)



Linesmen: (Red Flag) J. CHARLTON (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

> (Yellow Flag) G. MARTIN (Barnsley)

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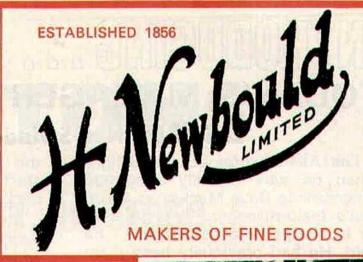
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SWINDON: Downsborough, Butler, Tri Burrows, Mackay, Hubbard, Smart, Rogers. Sub: Moss.





Referee : A. E. MORRISSEY (Bramhall, Cheshire)

Swindon Town

Colours: Shirts Red with White trim, Shorts Black with White Stripes, Stockings Black and Red with White Hoop.

JIMMY ALLAN-1

ROD THOMAS—2

JOHN TROLLOPE-3

ROGER SMART-4

FRANK BURROWS-5

RON POTTER-6

STEVE PEPLOW—7

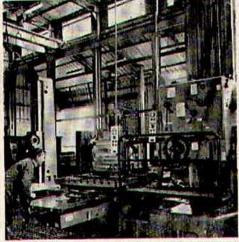
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PETER NOBLE—10

JOE BUTLER-11

Substitute: RAY BUNKELL



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Attendance: 18,205

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INTRODUCING ...

TODAY'S MANAGER

LES ALLEN (Swindon Town)

Les Allen expressed his delight when he was recently appointed successor to Dave Mackay as Swindon's team-manager. "It's great to be in charge of a team again," he said. He had previously been manager of Queens Park Rangers but had spent the past few months as a Swindon coach.

Mr. Allen's first contact with bigtime football came when he had a trial with West Ham. The Hammers didn't pursue their interest and he later signed professional for Chelsea, in 1954.

He made his League debut against Leeds United in 1956/57 but he never became a regular first-teamer at Stamford Bridge. The chance to move to Spurs, in exchange for Johnny Brooks, presented itself in December 1959 and he jumped at the opportunity to make a fresh start. And after that he never looked back.

The following season he was a member of the famous Spurs' side which won the Cup and League double. He was ever-present in both competitions and his outstanding displays earned him an England under-23 cap against Wales. Two years later he appeared for the Football League XI against the Italian League.

After transferring to Queens Park Rangers in 1965 he shared in another great double — Rangers' League Cup and Third Division championship success of 1967.

In 1968 he became Rangers' team-manager but left two years later.

TODAY'S REFEREE

MR. A. MORRISSEY, BRAMHALL, CHESHIRE

ANTHONY MORRISSEY, Bramhall, Cheshire, started refereeing while at school and went on The League line in 1961-62 after refereeing in the Cheshire County and Northern Premier Leagues. He went on The League's referees list in 1968-69 and was a linesman for a European Cup game in Munich in 1969 and refereed the Scotland v Wales Youth International in 1971 and Anglo-Italian Cup games in Italy in 1972. Married with two children, he is a financial controller.

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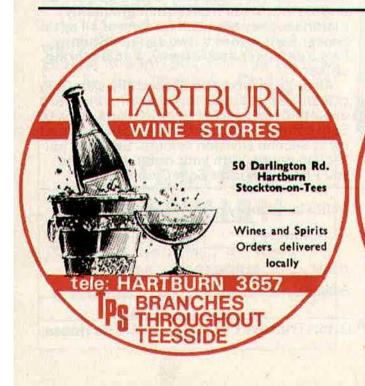
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NEXT HOME MATCHES

Tuesday, 5th December

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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Saturday, 9th December

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SECOND DIVISION SCENE

Leaders Drop Like Nine Pins

It's not unusual, at around this time of the year, for the clubs most involved in the promotion race to start to falter. Two weeks ago Burnley lost at home, amazingly, to Orient. Last Saturday it was Queens Park Rangers' turn to topple.

Rangers, unbeaten in their previous 15 home games, were hit from the first minute when Gordon Bolland gave lowly Millwall the lead in this London derby. By half-time Millwall were 3-1 up, one of their goals being scored by Dennis Burnett — only his second in 227 League games for the club.

Early in the second half Rangers had a heaven-sent chance to get back into the game when they were awarded a penalty. But Don Givens, the Second Division's leading scorer, saw his spot kick saved by Brian King.

Givens maintained his lead in spite of his penalty blunder:

	4 1	Leagu	19
	League	Cup	Total
Givens (Q.P.R.)	10	1	11
Pearson (Hull)	10	_	10
*Bowles (Q.P.R.)	9	_	9
Curran (Oxford)	9	_	9
Halom (Luton)	9	_	9
Wood (Millwall)	7	2	9
Fletcher (Burnley)	8	-	8
Gowling (Hudderfield)	8	_	8
James (Burnley)	8	_	8
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	7	1	8
*includes 1 goal for C	arlisle		

Burnley, back on the winning trail with a 1-0 success at Brighton, regained a two-point lead at the top and extended their unbeaten away run to 11 matches in the League. Their goal was scored by skipper Colin Dobson — his third in successive games.

Luton have an even better away record than Burnley. Their magnificent 2-0 win at Aston Villa was their sixth away triumph of the season — a better tally than any of the other 91 clubs. For some reason, though, the Hatters are only half the team when playing in front of their own fans.

Bristol City, still the only club in the country without a home win, scored their fifth away success at Huddersfield in midweek but were well beaten at Blackpool last Saturday.

Sheffield Wednesday, one-time leaders, ended a run of seven League games without a win when they beat us 2-1 at Hillsborough. In spite of their poor run, Wednesday still have a good chance of rejoining the promotion chase and their attendances remain the second best in the division. Leading positions:

		Aggregate	Average
1.	Aston Villa	311,147	31,114
2.	Sheffield W	204,452	20,445
3.	Brighton	148,105	16,456
4.	Sunderland	110,317	13,800
5.	Bristol City	106,815	13,352
6.	Q.P.R	117,441	13,049
7.	Middlesbrough	102,758	12,845
8.	Cardiff City	113,553	12,617
9.	Burnley	112,405	12,489
10.	Blackpool	119,157	11,916

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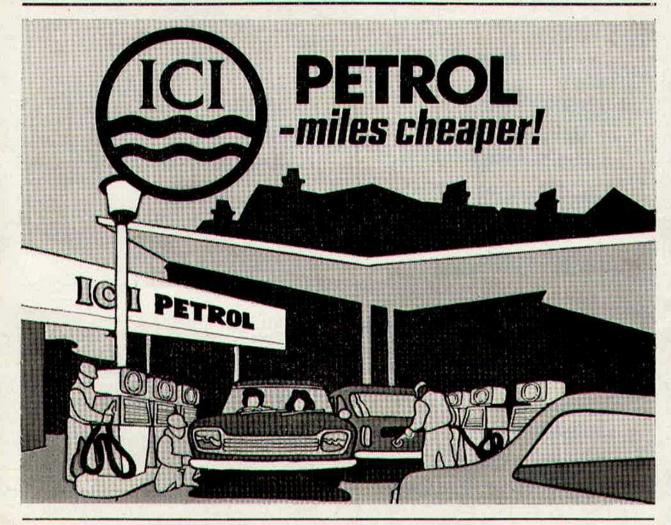


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A flashback to yet another great save by 'keeper Jim Platt in our recent away match at Villa Park. (Photo: T. Weir)



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