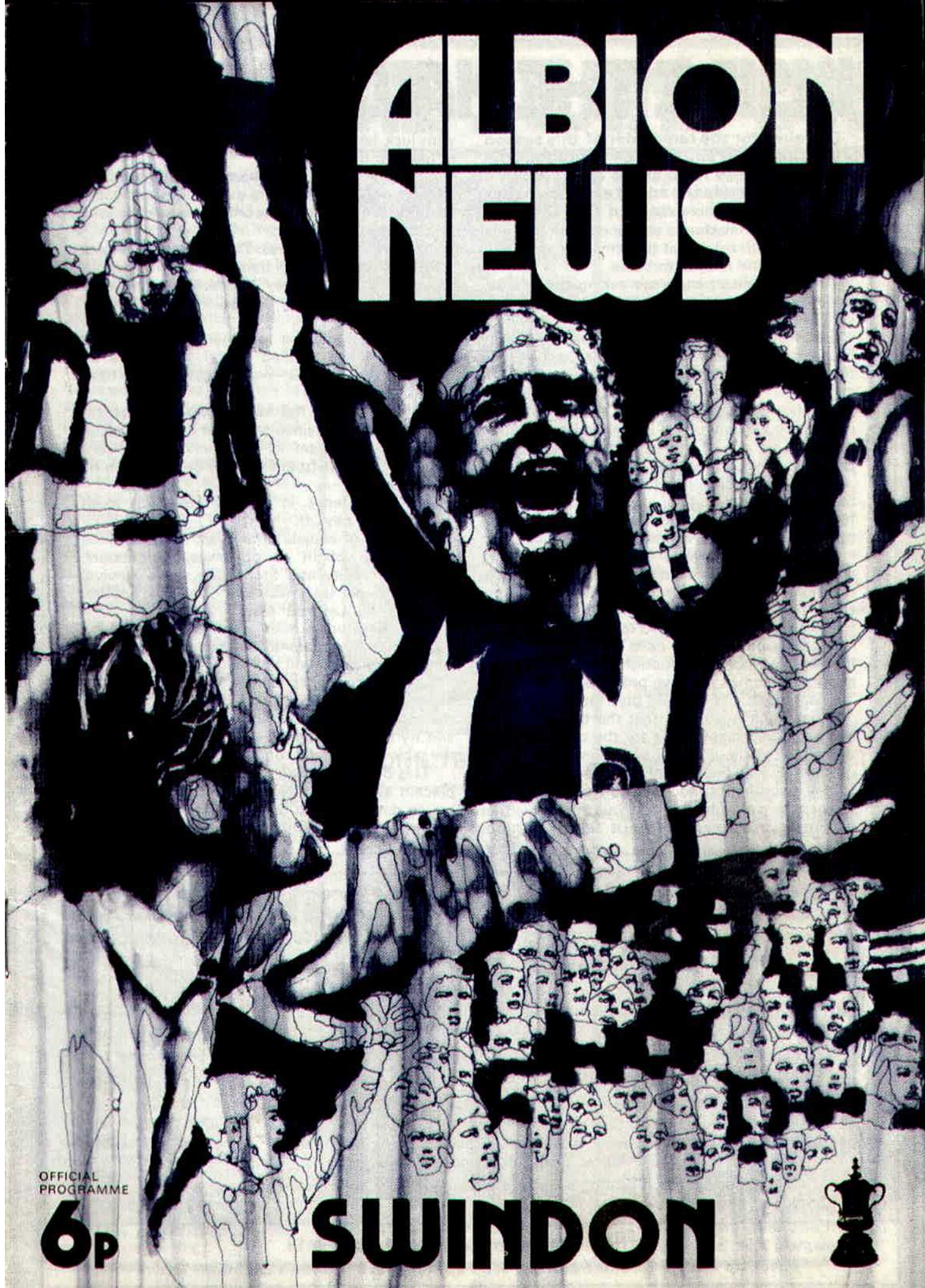


ALBION NEWS



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SWINDON



INSIDE THE HAWTHORNS

Our aims for the remainder of this season are both obvious and simple—to produce the same life-saving form as we did 12 months ago and to provide the added excitement our Fans deserve by an extended F.A. Cup run.

We at The Hawthorns are faced with a similar position which existed at this time last season, in the thick of the relegation battle.

And we realise people are asking the 64,000-dollar question . . . **CAN WE PRODUCE ANOTHER HOUDINI ACT?**

Our answer is that we **CAN** and we **WILL**. And that's not just wishful thinking either! It is a forecast based on the determination of all the staff from boardroom down to the youngest apprentice and an assessment of the probable opposition we can expect in the months ahead.

Albion are one of the longest serving clubs in the First Division, and it could be one of the reasons why our support is dwindling. Maybe fans have become a little apathetic because they have been reasonably sure of seeing top-class opposition at The Hawthorns year after year.

But it is because we are so proud of our long service in the premier division that we are so determined to protect our position—and at the same time we hope to woo back some of our followers who have decided to give us a miss.

Our present position boils down to the fact that we have not stuck enough goals into the net, although at times we have produced some of the best approach and midfield play for years.

It has been frustrating that the one man who has scored so many goals for the club in recent times, Jeff Astle, should have been forced to sit on the sidelines because of a cartilage injury.

It is hypothetical to imagine how much difference he would have made, but the fact is that a man of his experience must be missed. But

with luck he may be back in First Division action in the near future.

Although we are in a precarious situation, we are still only a few points away from mid-table security. A couple of wins and we would be well on the way to safety.

We don't kid ourselves. The players appreciate they have a really tough battle on their hands, but it was a challenge they answered in fine style last season when they proved they had what it takes in a crisis.

And what about our manager Don Howe. No one could have worked harder to achieve an improvement but his experiences so far have been unrewarded.

To his credit he has kept a cool head on his shoulders and remained steadfast under pressure. It's been a baptism of fire for him, but he's refused to deviate from the plans he had when he took over.

Such confidence in his own methods merit some kind of pay off.

There are, of course, other West Midland clubs in a similar plight to ourselves. Neighbours, Birmingham City and Stoke City, have survival uppermost on their minds and so do another Midland side, Leicester City.

How unfortunate that some outfit from this area should be apparently earmarked for the drop. But we feel that it will not be us.

Skipper, John Wile echoed the feelings of the playing staff when he said: "Relegation is not a subject we consider. We look on the positive side and try to assess just how high we can finish in the table with a good run between now and May.

"This does not mean we are in any way complacent about our present position, but that we are so determined to do something about it, we do not consider the other alternative."

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F.A. Cup Fourth Round Saturday 3rd February 1973 Albion v Swindon Town

WELCOME SWINDON

Peter Downsborough, goalkeeper. Born Halifax. Signed in August, 1965, from Halifax Town, where he was a product of local football. A fearless, agile player who has done much to strengthen the Town's defence. Regular member of the promotion-winning side of 1968-69.

Joe Butler, defender. Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon in August, 1965, from Newcastle United where he had graduated to the senior ranks through the junior team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Regular member of the promotion-winning side of 1968-69.

Roger Smart, midfield. Born in Swindon. Another local player who joined the club direct from Swindon Schoolboys team. At 17, he was appearing regularly at centre-forward in the reserve-team. A regular member of the promotion-winning side of 1968-69.

Frank Burrows, defender. Born Larkhill, Scotland. Joined Swindon from Scunthorpe United, for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark as a regular member of the promotion-winning side of 1968-69.

Peter Noble, forward. Born Sunderland. Joined Swindon in January, 1968 from Newcastle United, for whom he played for four years. Prefers to play in attacking role. Regular member of the promotion-winning side of 1968-69.

Ron Potter, defender. Born Wolverhampton. Signed on a free transfer from Albion in November, 1970. Made only six League appearances in his first two seasons at Swindon but now established as the regular number six.



JOHN TROLLOPE



PETER NOBLE

Stephen Peplow, forward. Born Liverpool. Played for Liverpool Schoolboys and joined Liverpool from school. Made three first-team appearances in 1969-70 for Liverpool and was a regular member of the team which won the Central League for two consecutive years. Scored five times in the pre-season friendly against Newport County this year.

Paul Peterson, defender. Born Luton. Signed during the close-season from Leeds United whom he joined from school. Played three games for Leeds first-team and regularly for the Central League side.

Ray Treacy, forward. Born Dublin. Joined Swindon from Charlton Athletic this summer for a reported £40,000. Prior to this he played for Albion. Has represented Eire at Schoolboy, Youth, Under-23 and Full international levels.

Ronald Howell, midfield. Born Tottenham. Joined Swindon from Kettering, his previous clubs being Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall and Cambridge United. He was also a member of the London Boys team. Ron is a forceful attacking midfield player who has made his presence felt since joining the club this season.

Terry Hubbard, forward. Born Newport. Former apprentice who signed professional in 1969. Has now established himself as a regular first-team player.

Tom Jenkins, winger. Signed only this week from Southampton as a £50,000 replacement for Don Rogers. In nearly three years on the Dell staff, the skilful Londoner played in nearly 100 first-team games, but lost his regular place this season. He cost Southampton £60,000 when signed from Reading in December 1969—a transfer which completed a remarkable rise from Southern League soccer with Margate.

SWINDON



No-one needs reminding that Swindon Town are bonny Cup fighters. Arsenal will vouch for that after the Wiltshire side beat them in the League Cup Final at Wembley. So will Birmingham City, their 3rd round victims at the County Ground in the F.A. Cup this time.

The last time they were in action on The Hawthorns pitch was in 1968-69 season when they faced

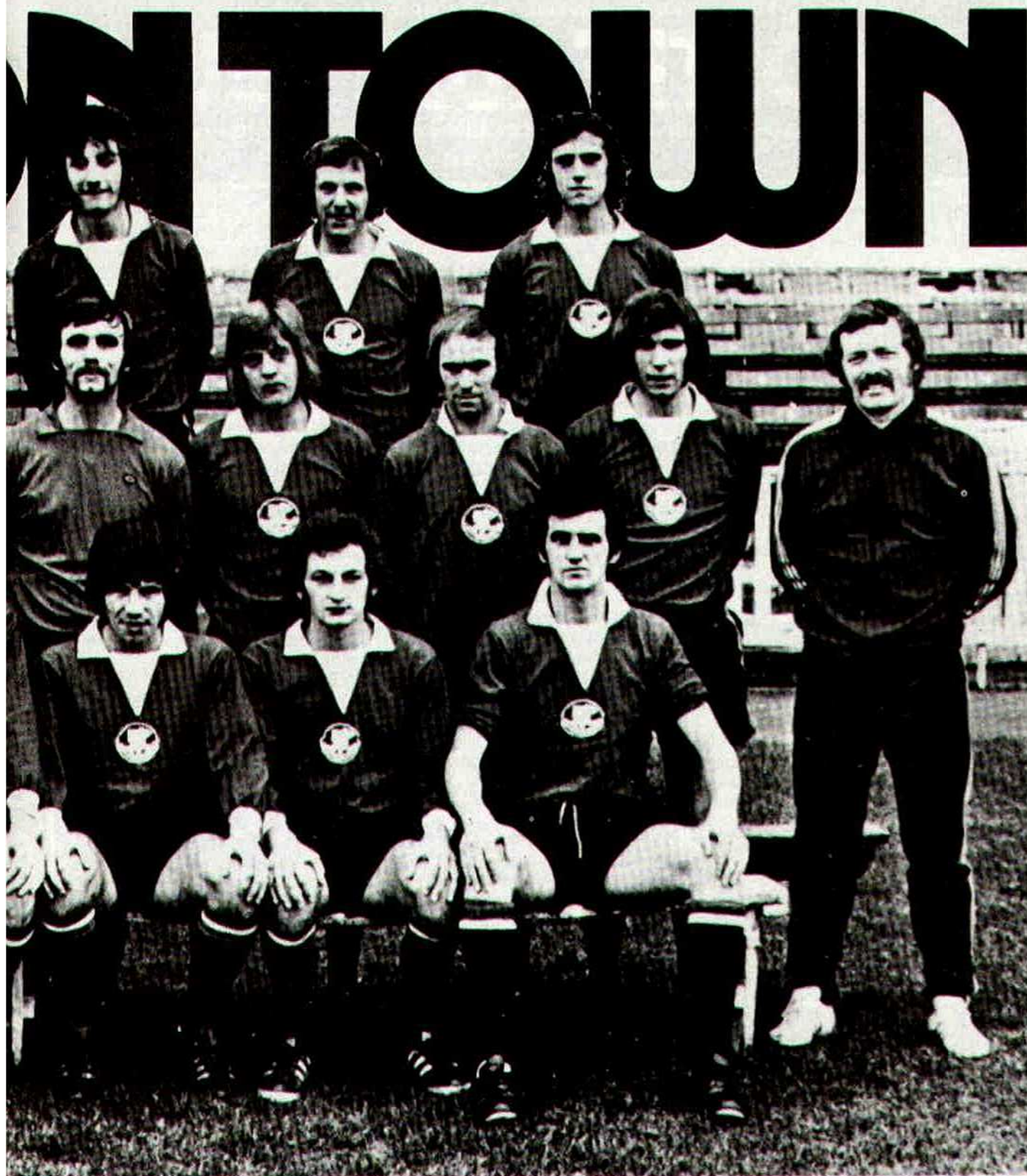
Burnley in the League Cup Semi-Final replay on the way to facing Arsenal at Wembley.

What a cracker of a game that was. They took the form book apart in hustling the Turf Moor side out of the competition 3-2, in front of a crowd topping 20,000.

The way they disposed of our neighbours from St. Andrews inevitably boosts their confidence for the big clash this afternoon, and

none will be keener to make an impressive show than two former Albion men, defender Ron Potter, and striker Ray Treacy, the player who was capped for Eire before he had even gained first-team recognition at The Hawthorns.

One thing Albion will have to avoid today is conceding a penalty. When he was playing in Albion's Central League side Ray was rated 'penalty king'. He really knocked



them in from the spot.

He got one of Swindon's goals against Birmingham in the last round, and will be thirsting for more today.

Unhappily Swindon's League record this season does not offer the hope that they can get any lift towards their ambitions of First Division football but, and it has happened many times with other clubs, a team in their position often

offers a greater threat to opponents from a higher sphere simply because they have so much to gain in prestige and cash.

They have plenty of experience at the back with Welsh international Rod Thomas, and veteran John Trollope, plus the strength of Joe Butler and Peter Noble in midfield.

To Swindon Town and their supporters: "Welcome to West Bromwich. Enjoy your game."

Back : Tinson, Trollope, Potter, Hubbard, Syrett, Dangerfield, Moss.

(Centre): M. Owen (trainer), Stroud, Butler, Peterson, Allan, Downsborough, Jenkins, Noble, Porter, L. Allen (team manager).

(Front): Bunkell, Smart, Howell, Thomas, Treacy, Peplow, Burrows.

BOB BLACKBURN
Birmingham Evening Mail

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THROSTLE CLUB NEWS

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An important date for the diary of the members is Saturday, 17th February, when a Tramps Ball and Supper has been arranged. Tickets are now available. This is always a popular event and we hope that members will dress up and really enter into the spirit of the thing.

Tonight there is a concert which is sure to please and to morrow night Cabaret with comedian Billy Street and popular vocalist Johnny Frank.

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Malcolm Saxon sent us this report . . . "Very nice to see Frank Allen out and about again, not to mention 'Our Eddie', whose recovery is remarkable.

The Darts and Domino teams are holding their own in the League tables and the planned Sunday morning Knock-Out is attracting a lot of attention.

Congratulations to Joan and Brian Manning, who welcomed a son on 10th December.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Samuel Green, grandfather of Carol Bullock and family. I am sure

that all members will join me in extending our deepest and sincere sympathy."

hamstead

Belated birthday greetings to Committeemen Mike Keates and Ray Coggle who both celebrated their birthdays on the same day, 20th January.

Also to Len Gardner, 28th January. Len was not so happy however, as his fiancée, Joy, was in Austria on a two-weeks ski-ing holiday.

Tonight members can enjoy a Dance and Cabaret with the 'Jackpots'. Tomorrow night there is a Dance and Cabaret supplied by 'Cooper and Coles' and 'The Jackson Brothers'.

warley

Any ladies with a weight problem could do worse than join the Ladies 'Keep Fit' class held each Wednesday. Come along one Wednesday and get details.

A presentation was recently made to Norman Woods, our resident drummer, who is leaving us to join the management at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham. At the same time a

tribute was paid to our club manager Barry and his wife who have done so much and worked so hard since they took over a short while ago.

halfords lane

This club's senior citizens recently enjoyed a memorable evening when, following an excellent meal they were entertained superbly, with Amy Turtle of *Crossroads* fame in good form as their special guest of honour. Our thanks go to all these fine artistes who did such a wonderful job.

For your entertainment . . . Tonight: Al Monty, comedian; Pat Kelly, vocalist. Tomorrow: Dancing to 'The Rainbow Trio' plus Bingo.

Note to Anglers . . . Don't forget tomorrows contest at Grimley.

General—to all Members:

This page belongs to you. If you have any items of interest or comments regarding Throstle Club activities, then get in touch with the Publicity Officer at your Club or drop a line to: The Editor, Albion News, West Bromwich Albion, The Hawthorns.

HOME AT THE HAWTHORNS



FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

ALBION v CRYSTAL PALACE

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 1973 KICK-OFF 3-00 pm



FOLLOW ALBION AWAY

For travelling details please contact: Harold Whitehouse at the Hawthorns Throstle Club.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

WEST HAM UNITED v ALBION

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 1973 KICK-OFF 3-00 pm



It was like a breath of fresh air blowing through a house which has been shuttered for months. Albion's F.A. Cup 3rd round, second replay victory over Nottingham Forest blew away the cobwebs which had gathered around the side's attack.

It was a result which the form books predicted—but the margin of their success at Filbert Street by 3-1 bodes well for Albion's future—a future which will see them fighting for First Division survival.

Not only was it the first time they had scored three goals in a match this term, the new found shooting form was a pay off for the efforts of manager, Don Howe and the players to overcome the problems in the attack.

There was no safety first approach in this tie breaker. Albion went straight into the attack and their positive approach paid dividends with a 6th minute goal by Len Cantello who powered in a cross shot from the left after efforts by Asa Hartford and Colin Suggett had been blocked.

In the 33rd minute Hartford made it 2-0 with a close range header after Willie Johnston's right-wing cross had been deflected to him by a Forest defender.

MATTS REPORT

Ray Matts, Express and Star

But success did not come easy to Albion. They had to work hard all the way against the Second Division outfit who fought gallantly and enthusiastically throughout the game.

In fact Forest forced Albion onto the defensive early in the second-half and their onslaught produced a 67th minute goal through John Galley.

Galley, the man Forest bought from Bristol City to help them regain premier League status, was their chief danger man and he squeezed a header just into the net after a quick free kick had caught Albion's defence off guard.

But it was encouraging to see the way the Albion rearguard contained Nottingham's determined spell of attack and consequently paved the way for their side's stronger finish.

Cantello shot just wide, Ally Brown was close and then came Colin Suggett's 86th minute goal which put the outcome beyond all doubt.

Willie Johnston slung over a left-wing cross. Hartford then knocked the ball back in front of goal and Tony Brown stepped aside for Suggett to score.

Judging by Albion's performance on Monday, it was difficult to understand why they had found the previous three games so tough—but I felt the success hinged on two important factors.

One was the introduction of Asa Hartford into the attack. He challenged, fought and worried the Forest defence into insecurity.

The other was that early goal by Cantello which gave Albion the inspiration they needed to send Forest on their way to defeat.

Cantello, assisted by Suggett, made a great contribution in midfield and Alan Merrick was strong in defence.

One must also highlight the performance of Peter Latchford in goal. He had a couple of difficult saves to make and his general handling was very safe. In fact in all these Cup-ties he has shown much potential.

Apart from guaranteeing a 4th round date with Swindon, Monday's victory must have provided an important psychological boost to the players at a time when they are faced with a tremendous task in the League.



TONY BROWN



LEN CANTELLO



PETER LATCHFORD



COLIN SUGGETT

Albion:
Latchford; Nisbet, Wilson;
Cantello, Wile, Merrick;
Suggett, Brown A, Brown T,
Hartford, Johnston.
Substitute: Robertson.
Scorers: Cantello, Hartford,
Suggett.

MATCHFACTS

Albion 3, Forest 1
Monday, 30th January, 1973
Filbert Street Ground, Leicester.
Referee: Mr K. Styles. Barnsley
Attendance: 12,606.

Forest:
Barron; Hindley, Winfield;
Chapman, Serella, Fraser;
McIntosh, Robertson, Martin,
Galley, O'Neill.
Substitute: Lyle.
Scorer: Galley.



ALBION ACTION

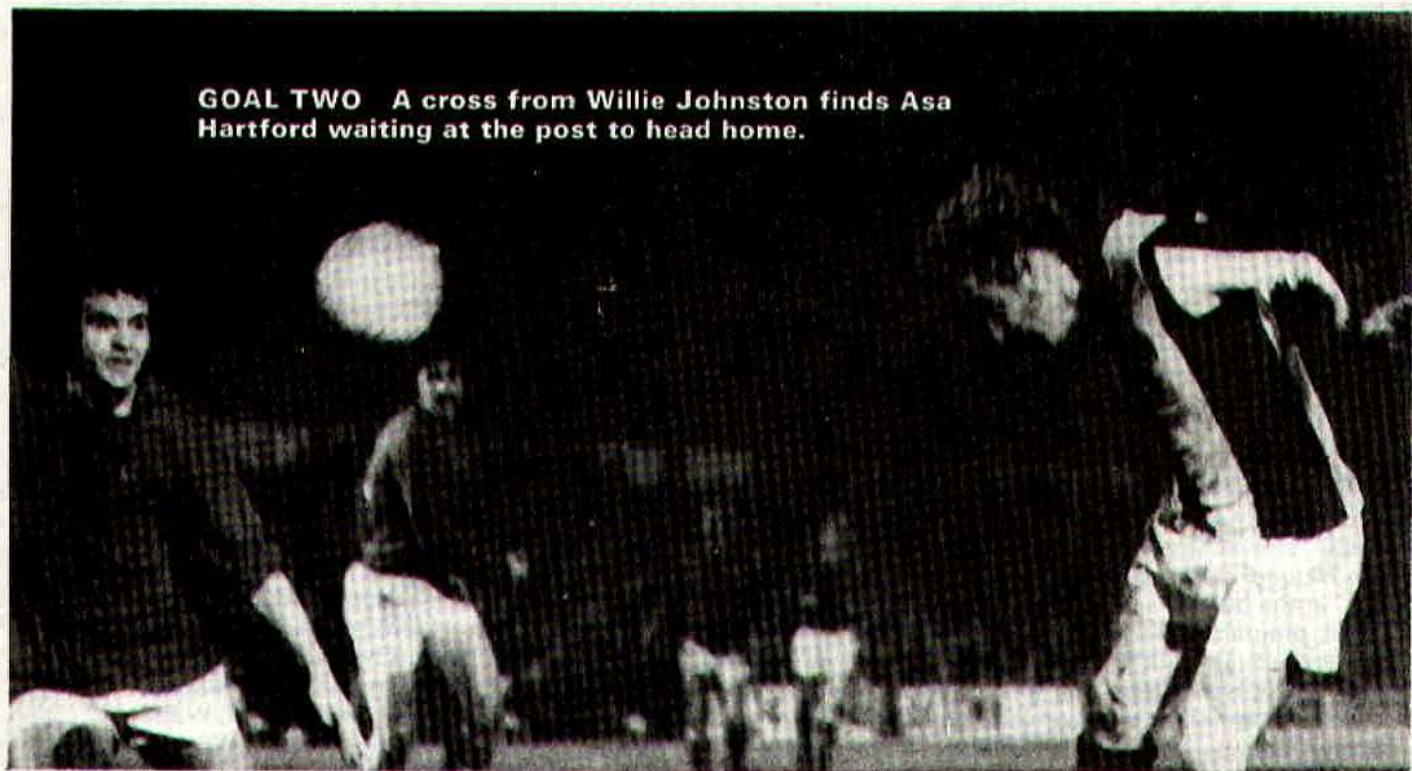
ALBION 3 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1

ACTION PICTURES
GEOFF WRIGHT, Express & Star

GOAL ONE

Len Cantello takes the ball in his stride and lets fly with a hard left foot shot to put Albion in the lead.

GOAL TWO A cross from Willie Johnston finds Asa Hartford waiting at the post to head home.



GOAL THREE Colin Suggett seals the game with a goal six minutes from time.

YOUNG ALBION



Hello Juniors,

To some people collecting football programmes is a full-time business.

Up and down the country, as well as overseas, there are many organisations who deal

in the buying and selling of such programmes—The British Programme Club in Yorkshire is one of these organisations.

Each season, as you may well know, members of The British Programme Club—of which there are almost 300—cast a vote, nominating the programme they consider to be the best in each of our four major divisions, and an award is then made to the winning clubs. Albion, Chelsea, Coventry City and Aston Villa have all won prizes in recent years.

A week or so ago, a publication was received here, at The Hawthorns, showing how club's programmes are shaping up this season, and from the list given you can see for yourselves those who are in the running for 'honours' this season.

Albion's match-day magazine is said to be an excellent production, and must again be one of the best in the land. Luton Town's programme—which is printed by the same firm who deal with ours and Villa's—is also up with the leaders. It is described as a vastly improved one.

Everton, Leicester City, Villa, Wolves, Chelsea and Norwich all produce programmes of high quality and may win awards, come seasons end. Birmingham City's is a good looking magazine but its size is a deterrent. Most programme collectors, I understand, prefer handy sizes, similar to Albion's.

Clubs whose programmes are noticeable for their size and contents, are: Blackburn, Bolton, Colchester, Manchester City,

Huddersfield, Cardiff, Watford, Preston and Walsall. It is interesting to note that Arsenal, Spurs, West Ham, Newcastle, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds and Derby—seven of our leading clubs—all have rather poor programmes, according to the B.P.C. Surprising, isn't it?

Some other 'not-too-good' programmes are issued by Rotherham, Bradford City, Fulham, Carlisle, Torquay, Port Vale, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Northampton, Reading, newcomers Hereford, Barnsley and Bournemouth—although the latter's cover is rated highly.

Going a little further afield—into Scotland—it might be worth mentioning programmes of clubs North of the Border.

For instance, Hibernian, Celtic, Hearts, Rangers, Aberdeen, Stenhousemuir and Airdrieonians, all have small, neat compact programmes. But none of them can be put in the same category as our 'top-line' publications.

When this current season closes, a full detailed list of all programme winners will be forwarded to us at Albion, and I'm sure a good many of you who collect programmes, will want to know who have won what. I'll do my best to keep you informed.

For those of you who call in at our Club Shop, we now have several 'Special' programmes in

stock. These include Bobby Charlton's Testimonial Brochure (Manchester United v Celtic) at 15p, Rangers v Celtic, Scottish Cup Final, numerous internationals, F.A. and League Cup Finals, (Albion v Everton 1968 is one), Albion v Birmingham—Semi-Final, 1968, and a good assortment of Scottish League clubs'.

On production of your J.T.C. Membership Card, 1p will be deducted from the cost of each programme purchased. So hurry along, we have a limited number of 'Specials'. The offer lasts only a fortnight.

Going onto today's competition; I want you to sort out an old Albion team with every player beginning with the letter 'S'. Send on postcards only to: J.T.C. Comp. No. 11, W.B.A.F.C. The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, to arrive not later than Monday, 12th February. There will be a £2.00 Shop Voucher awarded to the 'selector' of the best team.

Answers to Competition Number Ten . . . (a) Ray Crawford, (b) Brian Whitehouse and (c) Bobby Hope, v Utrecht (away).

Unfortunately there wasn't a winning card sent in.

Good luck, see you at the next home game.

JUNIOR



A selection of some of the programmes on sale at the Club Shop.

2+3 REVIEW

Rob Bishop—West Bromwich Midland Chronicle

No-one has played a bigger part in the 'A'-team's recent success than 17-year-old Billy Thomas. At Coventry a fortnight ago, Albion were without a goalkeeper, so the young Scottish striker donned the green jersey—and kept a clean sheet as Albion chalked up a vital 1-0 win.

Billy was on the substitute's bench for last Saturday's home match with Derby County, but he was called on in the 37th minute following a leg injury to Jeff Angus, and he again made his presence felt by scoring one of the goals in a 3-0 victory.

These two wins have given the side a tremendous boost in their bid for the Midland Intermediate League title, and they now have the same number of points as leaders Walsall. Yet only three weeks ago Albion were showing signs of fading.

Only an 81st minute goal by Jeff Astle salvaged a draw in the match against bottom side Aston Villa, and the point Albion dropped in that game left them four points adrift.

But the following week saw a drastic change in fortunes for both of the leading clubs. Villa showed they were no mugs by inflicting a first defeat of the season on Walsall, and Albion closed the gap to two points, thanks to Angus's winning goal at Coventry.

With the Saddlers having no match last week, Albion had the opportunity to draw level at the top—and they grabbed it with both hands—overpowering a strong Derby County side at Spring Road.

Angus, normally a defender, opened the scoring before he was taken off injured, and Albion sewed the game up with two goals in a minute early in the second-half. Steve Turner scored a neat goal following a cross by Billy Bulloch, and then Thomas ran through on his own to force home number three.

The man of the match, however, was local lad David Rushbury who never put a foot wrong as he marshalled the defence, and Scottish trialist Alistair Love also showed plenty of promise on his home debut.

The Reserves have won one and lost one of their last two matches. After Stewart Woolgar had shot them into an early lead at Blackpool, they went down 3-1, but then bounced back last week with an excellent 2-0 success over Everton at The Hawthorns.

A larger than usual attendance turned up to

watch Jeff Astle begin the second phase of his comeback, but the lad who stole the limelight was striker Barry Donaghy who scored two superb goals.

Donaghy met a cross from Don Day to send a perfect glancing header into the far corner of the net in the 18th minute, and he made sure Albion took both points by scoring a fine opportunist goal after 73 minutes.

A header by Astle rebounded off a defender, and Donaghy swung his lethal right foot to send an angled drive curling into the top corner of the net from 15 yards.

Central League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coventry City	26	17	5	4	52	25	39
Derby County	28	17	5	6	58	34	39
Sheffield Wednesday ..	29	14	8	7	56	32	36
Stoke City	28	15	5	8	58	40	35
Liverpool	25	14	6	5	59	33	34
ALBION	28	14	6	8	47	37	34
Everton	26	13	6	7	36	22	32
Aston Villa	27	12	6	9	37	35	30
Blackpool	25	13	3	9	36	29	29
Sheffield United	25	11	6	8	38	30	28
Manchester City	28	9	10	9	40	47	28
Wolverhampton W. ..	25	11	5	9	34	28	27
Nottingham Forest ..	25	10	7	8	38	35	27
Manchester United ..	25	10	6	9	31	30	26
Leeds United	28	9	5	14	31	41	23
Newcastle United ..	22	10	1	11	39	33	21
Huddersfield Town ..	26	6	6	14	32	53	18
Bury	24	7	3	14	33	39	17
Burnley	26	5	5	16	32	46	15
Bolton Wanderers ..	27	4	6	17	26	64	14
Preston North End ..	25	3	7	15	23	49	13
Blackburn Rovers ..	26	3	3	20	24	58	9

Intermediate League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Walsall	12	9	2	1	38	15	20
ALBION	13	8	4	1	28	12	20
Leicester City	11	7	2	2	26	15	16
Stoke City	11	5	3	3	31	22	13
Coventry City	14	4	4	6	19	18	12
Shrewsbury Town ..	13	4	4	5	17	26	12
Wolverhampton W. ..	11	5	0	6	21	22	10
Derby County	13	3	3	7	25	26	9
Nottingham Forest ..	12	2	4	6	20	27	8
Birmingham City ..	12	3	2	7	14	26	8
Aston Villa	12	4	2	6	16	28	8
Mansfield Town ..	12	3	2	7	17	35	8

THE JESSE PENNINGTON STORY

By Tony Matthews, Albion statistician.

PART 4

Another incident involving Jesse and money occurred in October, 1908. Albion allocated Jesse a benefit match against Leeds. It was a fixture unlikely to attract a huge crowd (only 13,500 turned up), and as the beneficiary took all the proceeds, Jesse felt rather upset and demanded to see the management. A short, sharp discussion ensued which ended with Jesse threatening to leave Albion. In fact he DID ask for a transfer, but his request was promptly turned down by the board. Then Mr Bassett stepped in. The whole affair was happily resolved in a matter of minutes.

During the next 12 months Jesse actually got two more benefits. Neither produced astronomic sums of money, but what he did receive helped tremendously in building up his business and securing his future.

The great war of 1914-18 chopped a sizeable chunk out of Jesse's playing career. He 'guested' for local teams during the 'fighting' and had 14 outings with Albion. Expenses were paid, but these were sometime highly inflated. Non-competitive football wasn't the same as the League stuff and Jesse was soon itching to get back into the big-time.

He frequently spoke of a Mr Jack Judge from Oldbury, who wrote the immortal war-song: *It's a Long Way to Tipperary*. One day Jack thanked Jesse for assisting his team, Oldbury Town. Replied Jesse: "I wouldn't have done if you hadn't written *Tipperary*."

Jack incidentally, used to compile little ditties about Albion stars. They were printed on cards and Jack sang them to the crowd on the popular side at The Hawthorns, selling the rhymes later at 2d apiece.

There were certainly some hefty blokes around at the same time as Jesse, including that mountain of a man, Willie 'Tiny' Foulke, who had spells with both Chelsea and Sheffield United.

"He seemed to fill the entire goal with his 24 stone," claimed Jesse. "And if anyone ran into him it was like running into a brick wall. One day Albion were playing Chelsea at The Hawthorns when Fred Shinton, a beautifully built chap, weighing 12 stone, got knocked out near their goal. Out came 'Tiny'; he lifted Fred up with one hand and passed him over to our trainer. Soon after 'Tiny' himself came a cropper — bowled over by little



WILLIE
'TINY'
FOULKE

Adam Heywood—it took four men to lift him!"

As a matter of fact, Foulke was part of the heaviest defence Jesse ever came across in first-class soccer. When Foulke was with Sheffield, his full-back partners were Thickett (16 stone) and Boyle (14 stone). "Some of us were like pygmies against them," chuckled Jesse.

Without a doubt the finest team Albion had during Jesse's days at West Bromwich was the one which won the First Division title in 1919-20. They were a superb bunch of lads, among them: Sam Richardson, Joe Smith, John Crisp, Alf Bentley, Tommy Magee, Fred Morris, Howard Gregory, Hubert Pearson and Arthur Cook.

That terrific season saw Albion break four records. They ran up 28 wins, banged in 104

League goals, totalled 60 points and made a then huge profit of £7,432. In addition they carried off the Charity Shield, beating Spurs 2-0 in London.



The last League game of that brilliant campaign was against Chelsea (home) on 1st May. Some 35,668 fans turned out to see the League Championship flag unfurled by Mr Billy Bassett as Jesse led out his victorious team, who ended on

a dazzling note—beating the Londoners 4-0.

Surely no greater honour can be accorded to a sportsman than to captain his country at his own particular game. Jesse earned that honour when he led England against Wales at Highbury on 15th March, 1920. His international career was, in fact, rapidly drawing to a close. His best pal, Bob Crompton, had played his last match for England and Jesse, now almost 37, had one game left, against Scotland, at Hillsborough, on 10th April, 1920. He was again skipper and helped his country to a memorable 5-4 win on a pitch that resembled a paddy-field.

When he and team-mate Fred Morris, who scored in that match, walked into the dressing room at the end, they were greeted by the news that Albion had won the First Division. That evening I'm sure Jesse gave up being a teetotaler!

He was never again considered for England. "I hadn't the right to expect it at my age," declared Jesse, who played in 21 Home international Championships (eight in successive years against Scotland), and had visited Budapest, Vienna and Dublin.



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In each ticket you will find a time printed which refers to the game played at the Hawthorns on the Saturday of the week shown on the front of the ticket. The winning goal time will be published in the 'Sports Argus', on the Saturday in question and also on the following leaflet. Winners will have until Mid-day on the following FRIDAY to claim.

Should a game not be played at The Hawthorns during the season, for any reason, another local game will be used and the time published as usual.

* £200 FRUIT MACHINE PAYOUT

Everyone enjoys a flutter on the Fruit Machine - easy to play and easy to check. You collect all prizes below £1 straightaway.

* £200 TREASURE CHEST

Look for the Special Message 'YOU HAVE WON A £100 HOLIDAY' and OFF YOU GO ON THE FABULOUS CONTINENTAL HOLIDAY OF YOUR CHOICE.

ALSO THERE ARE TEN GOOD QUALITY WATCHES TO BE WON!

We need more Agents to sell ten or more Tickets each week.

How about you?

Call, write or phone The Pools Office, The Hawthorns, West Bromwich. Tel 553 1728

and NUMBERS GAME



Save the forward line 7-11 inclusive win £5.

Save the back four 2-5 inclusive win a Quality Teaset.



Find a number 12 and choose either cufflinks, 3 pairs of tights or an Italian silk scarf.



Remember to save each, any week, any colour counts.

* £200 SUPASIX-SUPER PRIZES

If your SUPASIX number contains a "6" you have won a prize. Prizes include fabulous Tea Sets, Cameras, Shirts, Towels, Can Openers and Tights.

ALBION LINE-UP

No 8—GORDON NISBET

Picture—GEOFF WRIGHT

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LINE-UP



ALBION v SWINDON

Navy Blue and White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

Red Shirts, Black Shorts

Peter LATCHFORD	1	Jimmy ALLAN	
Gordon NISBET	2	Rod THOMAS	
Ray WILSON	3	John TROLLOPE	
Len CANTELLO	4	Joe BUTLER	
John WILE	5	Roger SMART	
Alan MERRICK	6	Ron POTTER	
Colin SUGGETT	7	David MOSS	
Tony BROWN	8	Ray BUNKELL	
Alistair BROWN	9	Ray TREACEY	
Asa HARTFORD	10	Peter NOBLE	
Willie JOHNSTON	11	Tom JENKINS	
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OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr R. C. CHALLIS
 A magazine production officer and married with two sons he lives in Tonbridge, Kent. He started refereeing with the RAF in Singapore in 1952 and graduated to the Southern League through the various Leagues in Kent, becoming a League referee in 1968.

LINESMEN:
 Mr R. G. Sheppard
 Dunstable (Yellow Flag)
 Mr R. K. Clay
 Gainsborough
 (Red Flag)

A	Arsenal Bradford City		1/2 TIME	
B	Bolton Wanderers Cardiff City			
C	Carlisle United Sheffield United		L	Newcastle United Luton Town
D	Chelsea Ipswich Town		M	Oxford United Queen's Park Rangers
E	Coventry City Grimsby Town		N	Sunderland Reading
F	Derby County Tottenham Hotspur		O	Sheffield Wednesday Crystal Palace
G	Everton Millwall		P	Wolverhampton W. Bristol City
H	Hull City West Ham United		Q	Burnley Huddersfield Town
J	Leeds United Plymouth Argyle		R	Port Vale Watford
K	Liverpool Manchester City		S	Wrexham Walsall

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