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1972-73 Season

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NEWS & VIEWS

Today we entertain our friends and near neighbours from Oxford, hoping fervently for a repeat of last season's scoreline – Swindon 4, Oxford United 0.

On that occasion our visitors played entertaining football during the first-half, but missed many goal-scoring chances. The score at half-time was one goal to nil, and it was not until the final thirty minutes of the game that Swindon got on top, scoring three more goals. Arthur Horsfield, after receiving slight barracking, completed a hat-trick by scoring in the 9th, 65th and 80th minutes. John Trollope produced the fourth, after one of his well known overlaps.

The attendance numbered 14,743 spectators. We shall be pleased to repeat that figure in addition to the score-line.

Today, Oxford occupy fifth place in the League table with 33 points from 30 games. Swindon are in twenty-first position with 23 points from 29 games. A difference of 10 points, yet who would say that Oxford were in any way the better team when they defeated us 1–0 at Manor Ground on 16th December, 1972, just nine weeks ago. However, football fortunes change rapidly, and Swindon may easily gain the extra ten points.

Our present position has brought the usual crop of forebodings and prognostications, in some cases looking back and comparisons with other seasons.

Some of us can, I feel, look much further back than most of the writers. It was just fifty years ago, February 1923, that I first became actively engaged in the affairs of Swindon Town F.C., and although there may have been slight breaks, especially World War II, that involvement has continued. A few weeks after February 1923, there came to the County Ground as Stewards' helper, a young stripling who, having just left school, had started work as an office boy in the Great Western Railway. Today that lad is with us still, filling most competently the hazardous and not very rewarding position as Chief Gate Steward. A great record of service to one club.

We still remember those days and the characters in the game at that time: 'Tober' Weston (a local); Bill Waring (a great captain); Danny Bew; Charlie Crossley; Jack Johnson; 'Jock' Macconichie; 'Ossie' Randall; Frank Richardson. Later, such names as George Morrall, Alex Lambie, Ben Morton, Abe Morris, etc.

Two names stand out, however: Harold Fleming, undoubtedly the greatest player ever for Swindon; and the one and only Sam Allen, a wise and sagacious man, the doyen of managers. With due respect to all who have followed, including those who claim to have balanced the books, he still stands out, head and shoulders. Known and respected throughout the football world, he was a great negotiator, and one who was responsible for bringing some of the greatest players to Swindon. His forecasts and predictions are still coming true.

So you see, the Chief Steward and myself could so easily say: 'We have seen it all before'. True, but we still have faith in this 'our' club. Come what may it will go forward, and indeed that can be now.

A repeat today of last season's performance will be quite sufficient.



Les Allen's Column

Last Saturday's match at Queen's Park Rangers proved to be our most disappointing game to date. We failed in most departments and seemed to stop believing in ourselves as the game progressed. But let us take nothing away from Q.P.R., they are a very good side indeed, and any club that spends something in the region of £500,000 are entitled to see some reward for their outlay. We have now to do well in our remaining fixtures to keep out of relegation trouble, but with the right application on the field I am sure we can pull round. We need all the encouragement we can get from you right until the end of the season – even when things are not going quite right.

I would like to thank all the supporters who have written to me over the past few weeks giving me backing and sometimes advice. I do believe that everyone has an opinion, and your letters do not go into the wastepaper basket. One such letter on support for the team read as follows:

Dear Mr. Allen.

I would like to say how disappointed I have been with the Town end supporters. A few seasons ago no matter which team or supporters came to Swindon they were always outnumbered and could very rarely be heard because of the Town end supporters. So I would like to appeal to you and ask you to put a piece in the programme and in the local papers asking all the young supporters up to the age of about 25 to go to the Town end and make their support heard, because I think this would help the players no end. Just look at last Saturday's game between us and Aston Villa - there was no singing or chanting from the Swindon supporters. Aston Villa supporters summed it up well when they sang: 'Swindon, where are you?'. I hope you feel the same and try and do something about this. I would like to hear your views on this, if you could write back. I will be there at the Town end against Oxford and hope to see hundreds more of us.

Yours sincerely,

J. RUSTT.

I wrote back to Mr. Rustt to thank him for his letter, saying that with results on the field the support comes naturally, and our results have not been good at all. This is when home supporters can do that extra cheering to see us through.

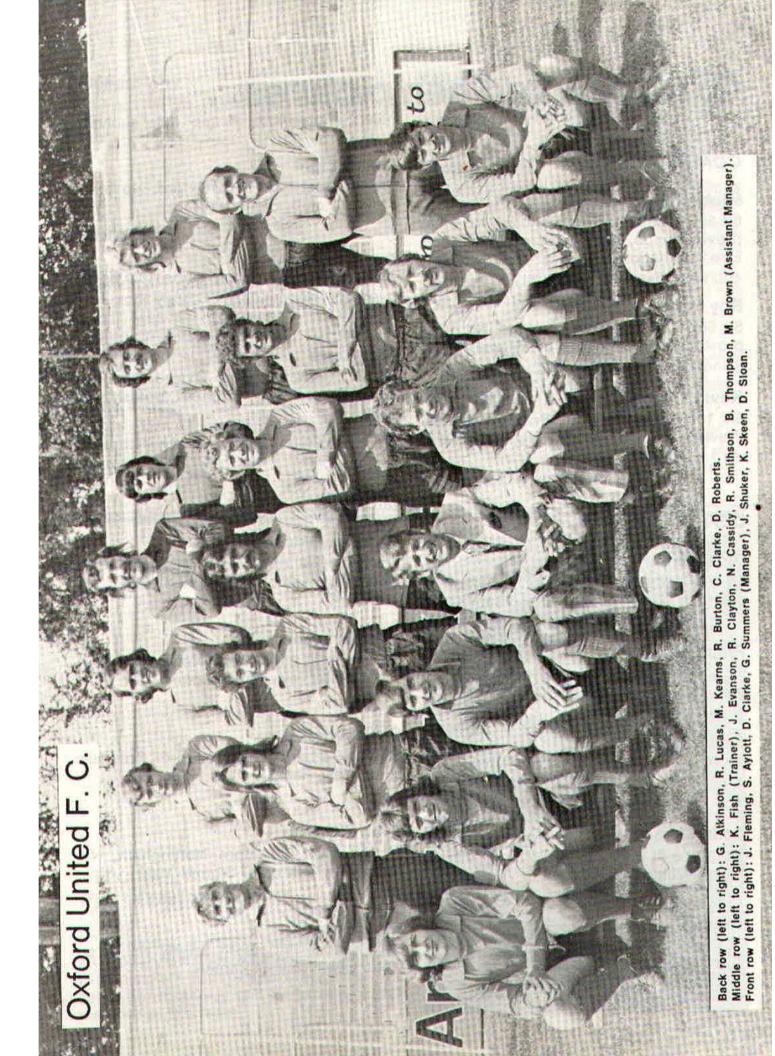
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Golden Goal Winners

ASTON VILLA (Saturday, 10th February, 1973)
1st Goal (£60) 39m 26s (Prize shared). £30 paid on
39m 24s, Mr. J. Mitchell, 5 Masefield Avenue, Swindon.
£30 paid on 39m 28s, L. H. Carter, 18 Dart Avenue,
Swindon.
Last Goal (£10) 89m 48s—A. F. Winchcombe, 59 Bourne
Road, Pangbourne, Reading.
Attendance (£10) 13,615 — Mrs. G. Hedges, 21 Rock
Close, Carterton, Oxford.

Cover photo:

Ray Treacy, the Swindon Town centre-forward, challenges strongly for this high cross but is beaten to it by the goalkeeper. A scene from the last home game against Aston Villa.



Oxford United pen pictures

GOALKEEPERS

Micky Kearns

6ft 3in. 13st 12lb. Born Banbury. No other previous club, signed professional 1968. Eire International.

Roy Burton

5ft 9in. 12st 2lb. Born Wantage. No other previous club, signed professional 1970.

Kevin Thomas

6ft 1in. 13st 4lb. Born Prescott, Lancs. Previous club, Tranmere. Signed 1971.

DEFENDERS

Peter Hatch

5ft 10in. 11st. Born Wargrave. No other previous club, signed professional 1966.

Richard Lucas

5ft 11in. 12st 8lb. Born Witney. No other previous club, signed professional 1967.

John Shuker

5ft 9in. 11st 5lb. Born Manchester. No other previous club, signed 1960.

Colin Clarke

6ft. 12st 8lb. Born Penilee. Previous club, Arsenal. Signed 1965.

Rodney Smithson

5ft 11in. 11st 9lb. Born Leicester. Previous club, Arsenal. Signed 1964.

Jimmy Light

5ft 8in. 11st 7lb. Born Oxford. No other previous club. Signed 1971.

David Roberts

5ft 11in. 11st 5lb. Born Hemel Hempstead. Previous club, Fulham. Signed 1971.

Nick Lowe

5ft 9in. 12st 10lb. Born Oxford. Previous club, Oxford City. Signed professional 1970.

MIDFIELD

Graham Atkinson

5ft 10in. 12st 7lb. Born Birmingham. Previous club, Aston Villa. Signed 1964.

John Evanson

5ft 8in. 11st 11lb. Born Newcastle. Previous club, Towcester. Signed 1965.

Steve Aylott

5ft 11in. 11st 6lb. Born Ilford. Previous club, West Ham. Signed 1971.

John Fleming

5ft 7in. 10st 2lb. Born Nottingham. No other previous club. Signed 1970.

Brian Thompson

5ft 8in. 10st 11lb. Born Brierly Hill. Previous club, Wolverhampton.

Michael Way

5ft 7in. 11st 2lb. Born Salisbury. No other previous club, signed professional 1969.

FORWARDS

Hugh Curran

5ft 9in. 11st 8lb. Born Glasgow. Previous clubs Millwall, Norwich and Wolves. Signed in September 1972 for a Club record fee of £50,000.

David Sloan

5ft 7in. 12st 7lb. Born Lisburn, Northern Ireland. Previous club, Scunthorpe United. Signed 1968. Northern Ireland International.

Ken Skeen

5ft 10in. 12st 6lb. Born Cheltenham. Previous club, Swindon Town. Signed 1967.

Nigel Cassidy

5ft 10in. 12st 6lb. Born Sudbury. Previous club, Scunthorpe United. Signed 1970.

Derek Clarke

5ft 8in. 10st 7lb. Born Willenhall. Previous club, Wolverhampton. Signed 1971.

Keith Gough

5ft 8½in. 11st. Born Willenhall. Previous club, Walsall. Signed 1972.

Geoff Bray

5ft 9in. 11st 4lb. Born Gillingham. Previous club, Gillingham. Signed 1971.

WELCOME TO THE COUNTY GROUND

We extend a hearty welcome to Mick McGovern, Swindon's recent signing from Queen's Park Rangers. We hope he will settle down quickly and become a useful member of the team.





Swindon Town V Oxfor

Saturday, 24th February, 1 Division II

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Allan
- 2 Thomas
- 3 Trollope
- 4 McGovern
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Potter
- 7 Moss
- 8 Butler
- 9 Treacy
- 10 Noble
- 11 Porter
- 12 Howells

Colours: red shirts black shorts MATCH BALL donated by S. NORTHOVER

Freshwater Caravan Site Burton Bradstock Bridport Dorset

Referee Mr W J Gow (Swansea)

Linesmen Red Flag: Mr T Payne

Yellow Flag: Mr S G Phelps (Glouces

(Aston Villa)

Town V Oxford United

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Division II

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OXFORD UNITED

- 1 Burton
- 2 Lucas
- 3 Shuker
- 4 Roberts
- 5 Clarke
- 6 Evanson
- 7 Sloan
- 8 Fleming
- 9 Cassidy
- 10 Curran
- 11 Skeen
- 12

Colours: gold and black

e J Gow (Swansea)

ag: Mr T Payne

Flag: Mr S G Phelps (Gloucester)

Rod Thomas



Fixture list 1972/73

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12	Queen's Park Rangers(H)	2-2
16	Sheffield Wednesday(A)	1-2
	(League Cup 1) Carlisle United(A)	0-3
19	Carlisle United(A)	2-1
26	Bristol City(H) Sheffield Wednesday(H)	1-0
29		1-0
2	Sunderland(A)	2-3
5	Derby County (League Cup Rd. 2)(H)	0-1
9	Blackpool(H)	0-0
16	Aston Villa(A)	1-2
19	Huddersfield Town(A)	1-1
23	Portsmouth(H)	1-1
26	Luton Town(H)	0-2
30	Hull City(A)	2-3
Oct	ober	
4	League Cup (3)	
7	Burnley(A)	1-2
14	Preston North End(H)	3-2
21	Nottingham Forest(A)	2-2
28	Brighton & Hove Albion(H)	2-2
P. Carlotte	vember (4)	
1	League Cup (4) Luton Town(A)	1-0
4	Huddersfield Town(H)	1-1
11	Orient (F.A. Cup 1)(H)	3-1
22	League Cup (5)	
25	Middlesbrough(A)	2-0
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9	Millwall (F.A. Cup 2)(A)	1-1
16	Oxford United(A)	0-1
		2-2
23	Fulham (H) Portsmouth (A)	11
26 30	Carlisle United(H)	Р
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6	Bristol City (A)	0-3
13	Bristol City(A) F.A. Cup (3) Birmingham City(H)	2-0
20	Sunderland(H)	1-1
23	Cardiff City(H)	P
		0-2
27	Blackpool(A)	0-2
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3		0-2
3	Aston Villa (H)	0-2
10	Aston Villa(H)	1-3
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Football Combination

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15	Plymouth Argyle(H)	3—1
19		
26	West Ham United(A)	2-1
Se	otember	
2	Arsenal(H)	1-0
6	Crystal Palace(A)	1-1
9	Bournemouth & Boscombe(A)	5-0
16	Oxford United(H)	1-1
19	Norwich City(H)	1-2
- VIATE !	Bristol City(A)	1-1
30	Queen's Park Rangers(H)	1-0
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-	tober	
7	Tottenham Hotspur(H)	1-3
10	Swansea City(A)	0-2
21	Bristol Rovers(H)	0-1
24	Fulham(A)	1-0
28	Leicester City(A)	0-3
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No	vember	
4	Fulham(H)	1-1
11	Southampton(A)	1-2
18	Birmingham City(A)	0-2
25	Reading(H)	1—3
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9	Cardiff City(H)	1-0
16	Crystal Palace(H)	
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30	Plymouth Argyle(A)	1-4
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27	Bournemouth & Boscombe(H)	0-2
31	Oxford United(A)	0-2
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3	Ipswich Town(H)	0-4
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7	Chelsea(H)	*****
11	Cardiff City(A)	******
21	Birmingham City(H)	*****
28	Norwich City(A)	*****

May 5 F.A. Cup Final

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The man in the middle

W. J. Gow

Swansea

Seconded to both the F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. referees' panels in 1966 by which time he had been a Football League Referee for three years. A schoolmaster, he started refereeing in 1953 in Swansea and graduated through the Welsh League and the Football Combination before being elected to the League line in 1961.

A very experienced international referee, he has taken charge of numerous European Nations Cup ties, European Cup games and internationals. He refereed the Northern Ireland v Scotland game in 1965/66, the Welsh Cup Final in 1967 and Football League Cup semifinal in 1969/70. He also took charge of the England v Northern Ireland game last season.

Married, with two daughters, he is interested in painting and gardening.

Division II

(up to and including Tuesday, 20th February, 1973)

				P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Burnley			***	29	15	12	2	50	28	42
Q.P.R				30	15	11	4	56	32	41
Aston Villa	***			29	13	10	6	36	29	36
Fulham	***		***	29	12	10	7	45	32	34
Oxford United				30	14	5	11	37	30	33
Blackpool	***	***	***	30	12	9	9	43	36	33
Luton Town	***			29	12	9	8	36	32	33
Middlesbrough				31	11	10	10	28	35	32
Sheffield Wed				30	11	8	11	45	41	30
Millwall				30	11	7	12	40	34	29
Bristol City	***			29	10	9	10	38	38	29
Hull City				29	9	10	10	43	39	28
Portsmouth				29	10	8	11	35	33	28
Preston North	End		***	30	10	8	12	29	45	28
Nottingham Fo	prest			29	9	9	11	31	36	27
Carlisle United	d			28	9	8	11	41	34	26
Sunderland				26	8	9	9	37	34	25
Huddersfield 7	Town			30	6	12	12	26	38	24
Cardiff City	***		***	27	9	5	13	31	40	23
Orient				29	6	11	12	27	36	23
Swindon Town			***	29	6	11	12	34	49	23
Brighton				30	3	9	18	31	68	15

Key of the board

First Section

A-Bolton v Luton Town

B-Carlisle United v Arsenal

C-Coventry City v Hull City

D-Derby County v Queen's Park Rangers

E-Leeds United v West Bromwich Albion

F-Manchester City v Sunderland

G-Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsea

H-Wolverhampton v Millwall

I-Leicester City v Sheffield United

J-Liverpool v Ipswich

K-Manchester United v Crystal Palace

L-Norwich City v Newcastle United

M-Tottenham Hotspur v Everton

N-Burnley v Bristol City

O-Middlesbrough v Portsmouth

P-Nottingham Forest v Fulham

Q-Orient v Aston Villa

R-Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth

S-Rochdale v Plymouth

T-Rotherham v Tranmere

Second Section

A-Southend v Blackburn Rovers

B-Walsall v Oldham Athletic

C—Watford v Swansea City

D-Bradford City v Aldershot

E—Gillingham v Exeter City

F-Lincoln v Newport County

G-Reading v Barnsley

H-Torquay v Darlington

Forthcoming matches

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY Division II - ko 7.30 pm CARDIFF CITY

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH Division II - ko 7.30 pm BURNLEY

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH
5th Round FA Youth Challenge Cup
SWINDON TOWN v IPSWICH

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH Division II - ko 3 pm NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(up to and including Saturday, 17th February, 1973)

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Ipswich Town		301	29	19	6	4	62	19	44
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Tottenham Hotspur		***	29	15	12	2	51	23	42
Birmingham City .		***	29	16	5	8	48	30	37
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		***	29	13	9	7	28	23	35
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West Ham United	***	111	28	4	5	19	14	55	13

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The Rose & Crown, Shilton, Oxon. Clanfield Football Club, Oxon.

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Why not make use of our Box Office? You will not receive a more efficient or cheaper service.

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Tickets for future Football League matches when Swindon Town are playing at home may also be booked through any of the agents indicated above.

Golden Goal Competition

Would you like £60?

You would? - then make sure you buy your Golden Goal tickets at every first team home match. For a minimum outlay of only five new pence you could win at least £60 with the possibility of two further prizes of £10.

Last season nearly £2,000 was won by lucky Golden Goal ticket supporters. You could be one of this season's lucky winners.

Don't forget - the more tickets you buy the greater is your chance of winning that £60.

Look out for the Golden Goal ticket sellers and make yourself some money.

The prizes must be won every time.

Tickets bearing the time in minutes and seconds will be on sale before the game — price five pence. The ticket with the exact

time when the first goal is scored will win £60. If exact time not claimed prize will be paid to the nearest claim received.

The ticket bearing the time when the last goal is scored will win £10. Again if exact time is not claimed the prize will be paid to the nearest claim received.

The Official Announcer will be the timekeeper and he will announce the official time of both goals.

Should only one goal be scored the winning ticket holder will receive £70.

In the event of no goals tickets bearing no score will win £10.

A further prize of £10 will also be given for the ticket bearing the number corresponding to the official attendance at the match.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

There is really no need for me to mention our serious position in the League and it will require 100% effort by everyone to secure our future in Division Two. None of us wish to return to the third Division again and I would appeal to you all to get right behind the lads, especially during the next three home matches, which are so very vital. Things are not going well at the moment, but we know that the team can play well as was shown recently against Division One opposition. So would you please, whatever team is selected, give them your whole-hearted support.

It is so essential that we stay in Division Two, as I am sure with the wealth of talent in our Youth team, the future must be very exciting. The Youths did well in their replay against Bournemouth, winning 4-0, and now play

Ipswich Town at the County Ground on Tuesday, 6th March, kick-off 7.30 p.m. in the quarter-finals. I am sure you will all be there, not only to enjoy a good game but to support these lads who could well hold the future of Swindon Town in their hands.

We welcome to the County Ground Mick McGovern, 22 years of age, recently signed from Queen's Park Rangers, and trust that he will have a happy and successful career with us.

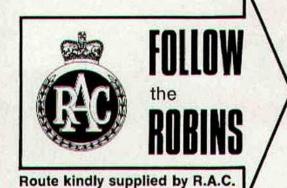
Congratulations to John Trollope on playing his 100th consecutive game, and we hope John will avoid injury and carry on to break all club records. A dedicated professional and a great club man, proud to wear Swindon's colours and, John, we are proud to have you.

F. L. COLLINGS, Public Relations Officer.

Cumbes, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, makes a despairing dive to try and stop this Dave Moss shot from entering the net. The opening had been made by a short free kick taken by Rod Thomas out on the right wing which Moss hit with tremendous power through the wall of defenders.







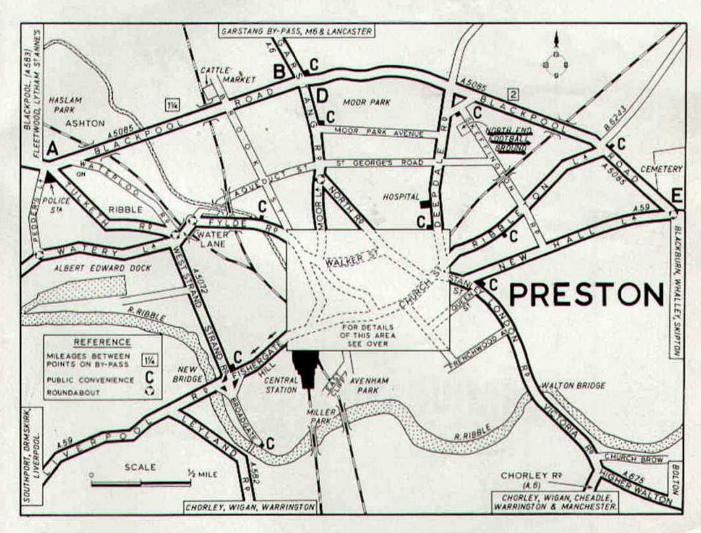
to Preston North End Saturday 10th March

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Travel on M6 until reaching Intersection 29, and after turning off on to the A6 follow signs 'Preston A6'. Continue into Preston via Victoria Road and London Road (see map), then into Deepdale Road, Preston North End F.C.

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