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NEWS & VIEWS

Tonight at the County Ground we have the pleasure of entertaining Burnley, who to me are the leaders in the English Football League as regards coaching and scouting.

To be able to survive on an average gate of 12,500 Burnley have, over the years, been largely forced to sell, without noticeably affecting the overall strength of the Club. Their post-war selling record shows a profit of around one and a half million pounds.

Think of some of the names — Jimmy McIlroy (Stoke), John Talbut (West Bromwich Albion), Willie Morgan (Manchester United), John Connelly (Manchester United), Gordon Harris (Sunderland), Andy Lochhead (Leicester — now Aston Villa), Willie Irvine (Preston), Alex Elder (Stoke), Brian O'Neil (Southampton), Ralph Coates (Spurs), Steve Kindon (Wolves) and, late last year, Dave Thomas sold to promotion rivals Queen's Park Rangers.

Few coaching staffs could be expected to keep up the constant flow of high-class youngsters as replacements. Burnley, since leaving Division One in 1971, have continued to attract first-class talent and have players featured in this season's England and Welsh Youth squads.

Their coaching ground at Gawthorpe is five miles away from the cobblestones of Burnley, and their scouting system must be undoubtedly the finest in Britain.

They are determined to stay in the big league. They are dedicated to winning back the First Division spot they held for 24 years, and to me Burnley deserve it for the way in which the club is run.

Unfortunately, at times Burnley have had setbacks. No doubt the night of December 18th, 1968 at West Bromwich Albion when Peter

Noble slammed the winner in a night of great thrills and drama to reach Wembley was one of them. Burnley must have felt rather upset and disappointed, but it takes two teams to make a memorable match.

In the Watney Cup this season, Burnley were beaten by Bristol Rovers and Manager Jimmy Adamson faced severe criticism, but the Board of Directors supported him 100 per cent and the facts now speak for themselves.

Only three players have survived the team of December 1968 — Colin Waldron, Frank Casper and Michael Docherty — although Jim Thomson and Doug Collins are still on the books and are regular members of the first team.

One new Burnley signing to watch will be the former England full-back Keith Newton (remember his overlap runs in Mexico?), who only three years after being valued at £90,000 when moving from Blackburn to Everton, was given a free transfer and has been a great influence on the Turf Moor youngsters.

Burnley qualified for the European Cup in 1960/61 and after beating Stade de Rheims 4-3 on aggregate were beaten by Hamburg SV 5-4 on aggregate.

The Burnley trainer is Brian Miller, a former Burnley player who in 1961 played for England against Austria in Vienna.

The record home gate at Burnley is 54,775 v. Huddersfield, February 1924 (F.A. Cup). A far cry from today but, as Mr. Bob Lord would probably point out, there was no television about then.

Enough about facts and figures. Here's hoping for two points for Swindon Town in what we hope will be an enjoyable game, fought in the same manner as on December 18th, 1968.



Les Allen's Column

Tonight our visitors are Burnley, who have been top of the Second Division for most of the season. This will be one of our biggest tests to date as we have already met some of the top teams in the Second Division recently. At the time of going to press I cannot include the result of the Cardiff game but, as we all know, points in all these games are valuable at the present time. Burnley have been in the position to be able to sell such players as Dave Thomas to Queen's Park Rangers and also have ample replacements. This must be a very nice position to be in. I believe they spend a great deal of money in their Youth development scheme, but I do feel that if you can sell a player for the kind of money Burnley do, then in the long run it will pay dividends. They have a wealth of youth players, plus a few experienced ones brought in from other Clubs, and now after being in the First Division last year are already on their way back to the top. It is beginning to look a two horse race between Burnley and Queen's Park Rangers.

Our Youth team have their match against Ipswich next Tuesday, kick-off 7.30 p.m., and if successful in this game will be away in the First Leg of the Semi-Final to either Sunderland or Chelsea.

A note of one or two of our players recently injured. Richard Legg, who has been out some time with a slipped disc, has now had a couple of 'A' team games, and will very soon be taking part in Reserve team matches. Charlie Tuson, recently signed from Crusaders, pulled a hamstring muscle in his first week here, and has been on the treatment table for the last ten days. Frank Burrows has recently recovered from his injury against Sunderland, and is now back in the first team again. Frank made a remarkable recovery from an injury such as his, which indicates what a good professional

he is. Joe Butler missed the Cardiff game with a pulled muscle, and I hope he will be fit for selection for tonight's game.

I would like to thank all the supporters for continued support of the team although results have not been up to expectations.

Golden Goal Winners

ASTON VILLA (Saturday, 10th February, 1973)

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Cover photo:

Rod Thomas opens the scoring for Swindon with a well-taken goal.

Burnley F.C.



Back row (left to right): Jimmy Adamson (Manager), Joe Brown (Chief Coach), Michael Docherty, Geoff Nulty, Alan West, Alan Stevenson, Colin Waidron, Jim Thomson, Keith Newton, Harry Wilson, Brian Miller (Trainer).
Front row (left to right): Doug Collins, Eric Probert, Paul Fletcher, Billy Ingham, Martin Dobson (Captain), Leighton James, David Thomas, Frank Casper.

Burnley FC pen pictures

Paul Bradshaw

Born Sheffield on 2nd October, 1953. Played outside-right for Sheffield, Yorkshire and England Schoolboys. Signed professional forms for Burnley 5th October, 1970. Over past two seasons has been a regular winger for England Youth, and played a very prominent part in the winning of the little World Cup in Spain during the summer of 1972.

Frank Casper

Barnsley born, transferred from Rotherham United to Burnley in June 1967. Has played 174 League games for the Clarets up to the start of the season. Aged 27, he was leading scorer in his first two seasons for Burnley, and again last season with 19 goals in League and League Cup. Has played for Football League.

Doug Collins

Joined Burnley from Grimsby Town for a substantial fee in September 1968. Quickly made an impression with his great enthusiasm and ability to work the ball either in midfield or on the wing. Only three first team appearances last season (substitute seven times). Comes from Newton in Derbyshire. A very good cricketer. Age 26.

Leighton James

Native of Gorseinon, South Wales. Aged 19, in his first full season (36 appearances), was capped for Wales at Under-23 and full international level. One of Claret's top stars in the All-Nations Youth Tournament at Washington, Sunderland in May 1972, a competition won by the Burnley youngsters. More than useful cricketer.

Jim Thomson

Fair haired Scot who joined the Clarets for a large fee from Chelsea in September 1968. Prior to being promoted to the first team last season, Jim did a good job with the youngsters in the Central League. His 14 first team appearances were in the back four, being most prominent in the centre during the final successful run in. Good in the air.

Michael Docherty

Born in Preston, 21 years ago, son of famous father Tommy Docherty, at whose request he joined Burnley. Docherty senior was then Manager of Chelsea. Mick quickly made his mark at Turf Moor by captaining the Burnley team which won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1968. His position then was right-half, but last season he operated at right-back for most of his 40 first team appearances. His tenth appearance of the 1972/73 season was his century for the Clarets.

Jeff Parton

Born in Swansea on 24th February, 1953. Jeff has already played in goal for Wales Youth and Under-23 teams. Signed professional forms for Burnley on 27th February, 1970. Made his first team debut at Watford on 20th January, 1972.

Alan Stevenson

Signed from Chesterfield on 20th January, 1972 for a big fee. 17 appearances in goal last season, with his selection as reserve for the England Under-23's as a reward for some brilliant displays. A very safe handler of the ball who gives confidence to his team mates. Married during summer months; now residing in Burnley area. Represented Derbyshire at table tennis. Age 21.

Alan West

A talented young player with great potential, Alan comes from Hyde, Cheshire. Made his First Division debut in 1969/70, and played in the first team 28 times last season. 'Called up' by Sir Alf for Under-23 games last season. Burnley are hoping for big things from this brilliant ball player in 1972/73. Age 20.

Geoff Nulty

From Prescott, Lancashire, he joined Burnley on a free transfer from Stoke City. Originally a left-back, he was converted into a striker but last season his eleven first team appearances were mostly at left-back. He was also the Clarets' leading Central League scorer with 10 goals. Very good in the air. Geoff is a versatile, enthusiastic team man who always works hard for his team. Age 23.

Billy Ingham

Born Stakeford, Choppington, Northumberland. Even though only small, performed admirably as a schoolboy at County level. Joined Burnley from school, signing professional on 1st November, 1969. Made good impression in Central League before settling down in a midfield role in the first team for the final games of last season. Red-headed, smallest player on the books, Billy is very popular with the fans. Age 19.

Paul Fletcher

Transferred from Bolton Wanderers for a big fee in March 1971 and quickly made a good impression with the Turf Moor fans. Big-hearted striker and very hard worker. Very dangerous in the air. An ever-present in his first full season with the Clarets, scoring 10 goals. Age 21.

Eddie Cliff

Liverpool born full back who was a member of the Burnley team which won the Football Association Youth Cup in 1968. Made his first team debut at Southampton in October 1970, and later played in three more First Division games. Made 14 first team appearances last season. Age 20.

Keith Newton

Joined Burnley on free transfer from Everton in June 1972. Originally transferred in 1969 to Everton from Blackburn Rovers, with whom he had progressed through their F.A. Youth Cup winning team in 1959. Played for England in 24 full and four Under-23 internationals. Was a member of the World Cup team in Mexico in 1970. Will certainly play an important role in the back four at Turf Moor. Age 31.

Eric Probert

Another Yorkshireman from the Barnsley area. Eric joined Burnley from school and made rapid progress to the first team. In 1968, when only 16, he played for the Clarets against Arsenal, thereby becoming the second youngest player to appear for Burnley in the First Division. Played an important part in the final six consecutive wins of last season. A very determined, hard working midfielder player. Age 20.

Martin Dobson

Club captain, he comes from Rishton near Blackburn, and is aged 24. After great success as a schoolboy centre-forward, he joined Bolton Wanderers, but was later given a free transfer and signed for the Clarets. Performs equally well as a back-four defender or in midfield, but it was as centre-half that he represented England at Under-23 international level. An elegant, skilful player who is better than average in the air. Ever present last season. Enjoyed the summer in flannels with Read in the Ribblesdale League. Very useful cricketer.

Colin Waldron

Oldham born, Colin began his career with Bury. After a spell with Chelsea he moved to Turf Moor in October 1967. His tremendous displays at centre-half last season made him Burnley's most prominent and popular player. Played in first 40 League games and all F.A. Cup and League Cup-ties last season. In partnership with Colin Bell of Manchester City, a former Bury colleague, Colin runs a restaurant at Whitefield, near Manchester. Age 24.

Billy Rodaway

A very promising Liverpool born defender. Made first team debut at Turf Moor against Preston on 25th April, 1972. His schoolboy achievements read like a James Bond book – played for Liverpool, Lancashire and England schoolboys with all nine appearances for England in one season. He is also the proud possessor of an English Schools Shield Winners medal. Signed professional on 27th October, 1971. Age 17.

Harry Wilson

The third very good player to come from Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham, but Harry is the first defender, Harry Potts and Ralph Coates being his predecessors. Born on November 29th, 1953, he represented his county and country at Schoolboy level, and has played for England in Youth internationals. Made first team debut at Chelsea on 26th April, 1971, facing brilliant ball player Charlie Cooke. Signed for Clarets on 2nd December, 1970. 10 first team appearances last season.



Swindon Town v Burn

Friday, 2nd March, 197
Division II

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Downsborough
- 2 Thomas
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Stroud
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Potter
- 7 Moss
- 8 Smart
- 9 Treacy
- 10 Noble
- 11 McGovern
- 12

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Yellow Flag: **Mr B C Spofford** (Birming

◀ **Peter Noble**

n Town v Burnley F.C.

Friday, 2nd March, 1973

Division II

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BURNLEY

- 1 Stevenson
- 2 Docherty
- 3 Newton
- 4 Dobson
- 5 Waldron
- 6 Thomson
- 7 Nulty
- 8 Casper
- 9 Fletcher
- 10 Collins
- 11 James
- 12 Ingram

Colours:
claret and blue

e
Kew (Amersham)

men
ag: Mr G M Hughes (Ross-on-Wye)

Flag: Mr B C Spofford (Birmingham)

Roger Smart ▶



Fixture list 1972/73

Division II

August

12	Queen's Park Rangers	(H)	2-2
16	Sheffield Wednesday	(A)	1-2
	(League Cup 1)		
19	Carlisle United	(A)	0-3
26	Bristol City	(H)	2-1
29	Sheffield Wednesday	(H)	1-0

September

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

October

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

November

1	League Cup (4)		
4	Luton Town	(A)	1-0
11	Huddersfield Town	(H)	1-1
18	Orient (F.A. Cup 1)	(H)	3-1
22	League Cup (5)		
25	Middlesbrough	(A)	2-0

December

9	Millwall (F.A. Cup 2)	(A)	1-1
16	Oxford United	(A)	0-1
23	Fulham	(H)	2-2
26	Portsmouth	(A)	1-1
30	Carlisle United	(H)	P

1973

January

6	Bristol City	(A)	0-3
13	F.A. Cup (3) Birmingham City	(H)	2-0
20	Sunderland	(H)	1-1
23	Cardiff City	(H)	P
27	Blackpool	(A)	0-2

February

3	F.A. Cup (4) West Brom. Albion	(A)	0-2
10	Aston Villa	(H)	1-3
17	Queen's Park Rangers	(A)	0-5
24	Oxford United (F.A. Cup 5)	(H)	1-3
27	Cardiff City	(H)	3-0

March

2	Burnley	(H)
3	League Cup (Final)		
10	Preston North End	(A)
17	Nottingham Forest (F.A. Cup 6)	(H)
24	Brighton & Hove Albion	(A)
31	Middlesbrough	(H)

April

7	Cardiff City (F.A. Cup Semi-Final)	(A)
14	Millwall	(H)
20	Fulham	(A)
21	Orient	(A)
24	Hull City	(H)

May

5	F.A. Cup Final		
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Football Combination

August

15	Southampton	(H)	2-3
19	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	3-1
26	West Ham United	(A)	2-1

September

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
23	Bristol City	(A)	1-1
30	Queen's Park Rangers	(H)	1-0

October

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

November

4	Fulham	(H)	1-1
11	Southampton	(A)	1-2
18	Birmingham City	(A)	0-2
25	Reading	(H)	1-3

December

2	Chelsea	(A)	2-2
9	Cardiff City	(H)	0-1
16	Crystal Palace	(H)	1-0
23	Ipswich Town	(A)	1-3
30	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	1-4

1973

January

6	West Ham United	(H)	4-0
13			
20	Arsenal	(A)	1-4
27	Bournemouth & Boscombe	(H)	1-1
31	Oxford United	(A)	0-2

February

3	Ipswich Town	(H)	0-4
17	Bristol City	(H)	P
24	Queen's Park Rangers	(A)	0-1

March

3	Tottenham Hotspur	(A)	0-4
10			
17	Bristol Rovers	(A)
20	Swansea City	(H)
24	Leicester City	(H)
28	Reading	(A)

April

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

Gordon Kew

Amersham

An insurance claims superintendent, Gordon Kew was a linesman in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool. He has also refereed an F.A. Challenge Trophy semi-final in 1969 and an F.A. Amateur Cup semi-final the year before.

Married with three children, he started refereeing in Leeds in 1951 and went on to officiate in the Yorkshire League and the Central League before being elected to the Football League line in 1959. He became a League referee in 1966.

He is interested in classical music.



Joe Butler

Division II

(up to and including Tuesday, 27th February, 1973)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Burnley	30	15	13	2	51	29	43
Q.P.R.	30	15	11	4	56	32	41
Aston Villa	30	13	10	7	36	33	36
Oxford United	31	15	5	11	40	31	35
Fulham	30	12	10	8	46	34	34
Middlesbrough	32	12	10	10	31	35	34
Blackpool	30	12	9	9	43	36	33
Luton Town	30	12	9	9	38	35	33
Millwall	31	12	7	12	43	36	31
Sheffield Wed.	30	11	8	11	45	41	30
Bristol City	30	10	10	10	39	39	30
Nottingham Forest	30	10	9	11	33	37	29
Hull City	29	9	10	10	43	39	28
Portsmouth	30	10	8	12	35	38	28
Preston North End	30	10	8	12	29	45	28
Carlisle United	28	9	8	11	41	34	26
Sunderland	26	8	9	9	37	34	25
Orient	30	7	11	12	31	36	25
Swindon Town	31	7	11	13	38	52	25
Huddersfield	30	6	12	12	26	38	24
Cardiff City	28	9	5	14	31	43	23
Brighton	30	3	9	18	31	68	15

Forthcoming matches

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH

5th Round FA Youth Challenge Cup
SWINDON TOWN v IPSWICH

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH

Division II - ko 3 pm
NOTTINGHAM FOREST

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH

Football Combination - ko 7.30 pm
SWANSEA CITY

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH

Football Combination - ko 3 pm
LEICESTER CITY

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(up to and including Saturday, 24th February, 1973)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ipswich Town	30	20	6	4	64	20	46
Arsenal	30	19	6	5	61	25	44
Tottenham Hotspur	29	15	12	2	51	23	42
Birmingham City	30	16	5	9	49	32	37
Oxford United	30	13	11	6	41	28	37
Chelsea	30	13	9	8	29	25	35
Queen's Park Rangers	28	14	5	9	43	29	33
Cardiff City	29	13	7	9	38	33	33
Crystal Palace	28	13	4	11	37	33	30
Southampton	32	12	5	15	46	51	29
Bristol Rovers	29	12	4	13	44	38	28
Fulham	30	9	10	11	32	28	28
Bristol City	28	10	7	11	33	41	27
Norwich City	31	8	8	15	33	45	24
Leicester City	28	8	7	13	29	45	23
Reading	28	9	5	14	27	49	23
Swindon Town	30	8	6	16	34	49	22
Swansea City	28	8	4	16	43	61	20
Plymouth Argyle	29	7	6	16	26	50	20
Bournemouth	25	5	7	13	21	32	17
West Ham United	30	4	6	20	14	58	14

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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.



A glancing header by Peter Noble spells danger for Cardiff City, but the ball just missed the far post.

Peter Noble breaks through the Cardiff City defence only to be stopped at the last second by a fine diving save by the goalkeeper.





The Cardiff City centre-half clears his lines with a strong header during last Tuesday's match at the County Ground.

The Cardiff City goalkeeper collects the ball despite the close attention of Dave Moss.





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Saturday 10th March**

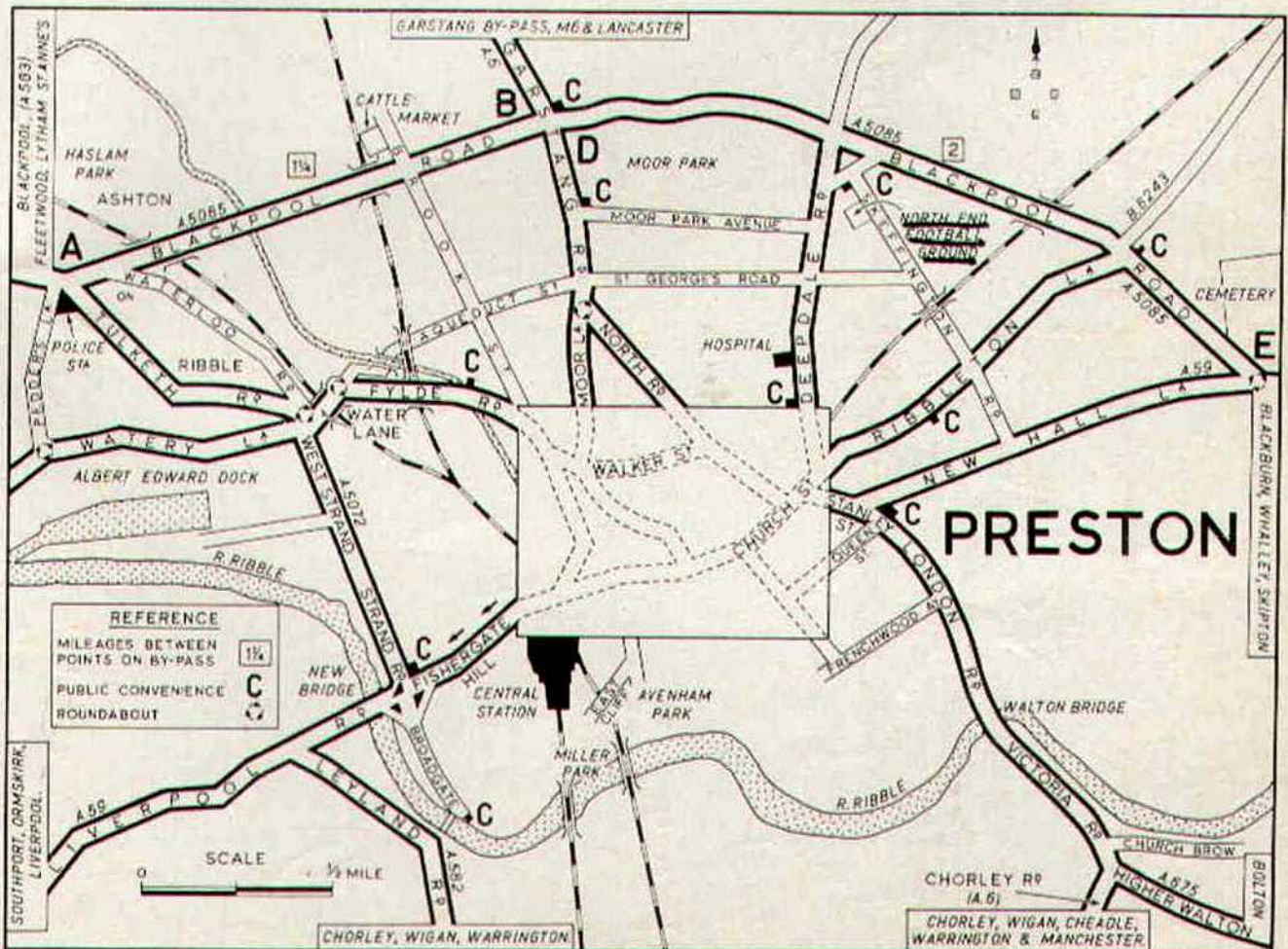
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