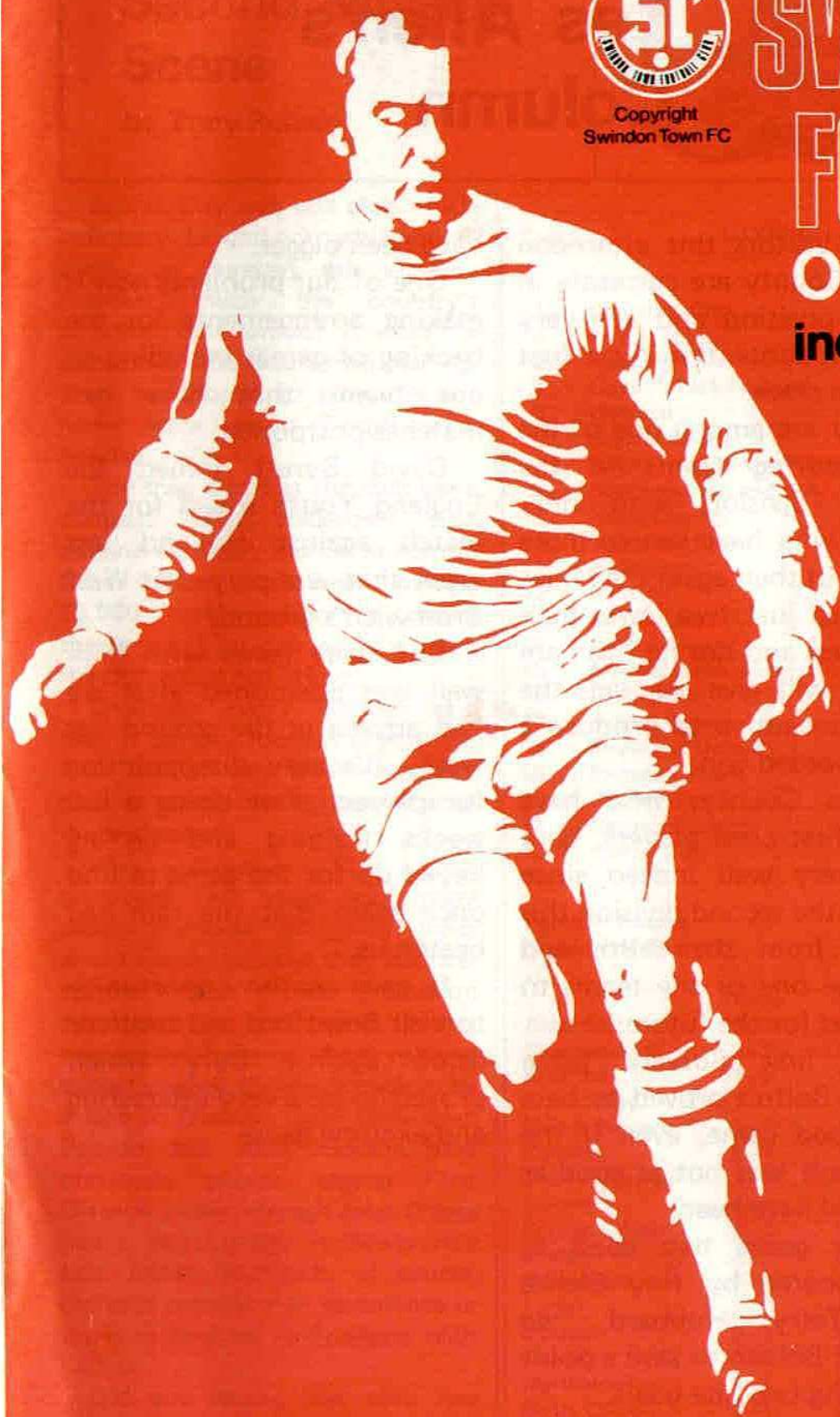




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## Les Allen's Column

Our visitors this afternoon Notts County are currently in eighth position and still very much in contention for a first division place.

They are among one of the high scoring teams in the second division with only Orient who have scored more goals, but then again they have conceded just two fewer than ourselves, and noting this I am sure it will give our lads the added incentive to produce a much needed win.

Notts County, who have many first class players, have done very well indeed since joining the second division this season from the third, and must be one of the teams to be noted for the future.

Our first Sunday game against Bolton proved to be a very good game, even if the end result was not as good as it should have been.

After going two goals in front scored by Ray Clarke and Terry Hubbard, we allowed Bolton to save a point in scoring two late goals.

Once again our pitch turned into a sea of mud with continuous rain before and during the match and I am sure if the weather had not been so bad our crowd would

have been bigger.

One of our problems now is making arrangements for the backlog of games including all our teams that have had matches postponed.

David Syrett joined the England Youth squad for the match against Holland last week that was played at West Bromwich's ground.

Our away game with Millwall was postponed after we had arrived at the ground last week. It's very disappointing for players after doing a full weeks training and getting keyed up for the game to find once again that the rain had beaten us.

It gave us the opportunity to visit Brentford and see their game against Bury which proved to be a very interesting and exciting game.

# Second Division Scene

by Tony Pullein



# Robins Year-by-Year

Part 16 — Season 1935/36

Bristol City was one club which definitely decided not to play home games on Sundays this season—however much the country's situation deteriorates. It wasn't a decision of the club's own making. They had hoped to play a recent home game against Cardiff on a Sunday.

The snag was that the club has a contract with tradesmen who operate a Sunday market at Ashton Gate. The tradesmen wanted £3,000 compensation to cancel their market for one week, a figure the club could not afford.

Chairman Harry Dolman said that, if Sunday football is accepted next season, they would probably have to cancel the agreement with the tradesmen.

When Norwich City were promoted two years ago, many people forecast struggling times ahead simply because they had few players with First Division experience in their side. If that necessarily follows, then can we expect mighty Middlesbrough to be a flop in Division One? Only Alan Foggon and John Hickton have previously played regular First Division soccer, though John Craggs had a few outings in Newcastle's side. Bobby Murdoch, of course, did gain considerable experience in top-class football in Scotland with Celtic.

Did you realise that only five clubs in Division Two this season have never played in Division One? Apart from ourselves, they are Carlisle, Hull, Millwall and Oxford.

## Final Table DIVISION III (South) — Season 1935/36

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Points
1. Coventry City	42	24	9	9	102	45	57
2. Luton Town	42	22	12	8	81	45	56
3. Reading	42	26	2	14	87	62	54
4. Queen's Park Rangers	42	22	9	11	84	53	53
5. Watford	42	20	9	13	80	54	49
6. Crystal Palace	42	22	5	15	96	74	49
7. Brighton and Hove Albion	42	18	8	16	70	63	44
8. Bournemouth and B.A.	42	16	11	15	60	56	43
9. Notts County	42	15	12	15	60	57	42
10. Torquay United	42	16	9	17	62	62	41
11. Aldershot	42	14	12	16	53	61	40
12. Millwall	42	14	12	16	58	71	40
13. Bristol City	42	15	10	17	48	59	40
14. Leyton Orient	42	16	6	20	55	61	38
15. Northampton Town	42	15	8	19	62	90	38
16. Gillingham	42	14	9	19	66	77	37
17. Bristol Rovers	42	14	9	19	69	95	37
18. Southend United	42	13	10	19	61	62	36
19. Swindon Town	42	14	8	20	64	73	36
20. Cardiff City	42	13	10	19	60	73	36
21. Newport County	42	11	9	22	60	111	31
22. Exeter City	42	8	11	23	59	93	27

### Football League Division III (South)

	Home	Away
Aldershot	3-2	3-1
Bournemouth	2-3	0-1
Brighton	1-2	2-0
Bristol City	1-1	0-5
Bristol Rovers	3-0	1-2
Cardiff	2-1	1-2
Clapton Orient	2-2	2-1
Coventry	1-2	1-3
Crystal Palace	0-2	1-5
Exeter	1-1	3-0
Gillingham	3-0	1-3
Luton	3-0	1-2
Millwall	3-1	0-1
Newport	1-1	2-2
Northampton	3-1	0-0
Notts County	2-1	0-0
Q.P.R.	2-2	1-5
Reading	4-1	0-2
Southend	1-3	0-1
Torquay	4-1	1-2
Watford	1-6	1-2

### F.A. Cup

Rd. 1 — Southall (a) 1-3

### Men Who Played

League appearances:

Armstrong, W. 28; Bowl, H. 18; Bailey, H. 1; Brae, W. 6; Beecham, E. 8; Cousins, H. 38; Cockrane, A. 13; Duckworth, T. 41; Edmonds, F. 4; Fowler, A. 34; Horrocks, S. 1; Jones, R. 1; Lowery, S. 30; McPhail, D. 9; Newbury, F. 7; Peters, F. 35; Parmley, J. 14; Parkhouse, R. 1; Rutherford J. 30; Smith, A. 42; Shanks, R. 19; Storey, W. 13; Wilcockson, S. 35; Wells, T. 34.

League scorers:

Lowery 14, Fowler and Peters each 12, Parmley 9, Wells 7, Bowl and McPhail each 2, Cochrane, Wilcockson, Shanks, Storey, Jones (R.W.) and Hunt (Torquay) each 1.

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# Notts County promotion hopes hit

BY  
TONY  
PULLEIN

It is beginning to look as if Notts County's hopes of jumping from the Third to the First Division in successive seasons have dissolved, following a run of adverse results during December and January. Yet, even if they do fail to claim one of the top three positions, Notts County can look back on considerable progress. We should not forget that it is scarcely three years since the club was in the Fourth Division!

Under the shrewd guidance of manager Jimmy Sirrel, Notts County have taken each rise in their stride and now, so soon after returning to Division Two, they can look back on victories over such outstanding teams as Aston Villa, Fulham, Blackpool and Sunderland.

Mr. Sirrel believes the best football is simple football. His team moves the ball around swiftly and they possess two fine strikers who are adept at seeing the ball end up in the net. Kevin Randall and Les

Bradd are both around the double figure mark this season.

Randall had a few games in Bury's League eleven but left for Chesterfield in 1966. He was their top scorer in three of his first five seasons and altogether scored 97 League goals for the club before joining County last season.

Bradd was top scorer with 25 goals in 1971/72, the second time he has come out on top for County. Earlier he did it in his first season (1967/68) after joining them from Rotherham. In one spell this season he scored in five successive games.

The man who puts across the final pass for so many Randall/Bradd goals is outside-right Jon Nixon. A County discovery, Jon came into the side in 1969/70 and has held his place for the past three seasons. He scored eighteen goals last season.

In a recent juggle with his line-up, Mr. Sirrel introduced young Paul Dyer to the attack.

Paul's only previous League experience has been in six games as substitute last season.

In midfield Notts County combine the skills of Don Masson and Eric Probert with the energies of Arthur Mann.

Masson, who began his professional career with Middlesbrough, is another player who likes coming forward to hit vital goals. He was top scorer in his first two seasons, was second-highest in 1970/71 and last season grabbed eight. His tally of eight goals this season includes five penalties—two in one game against Fulham.

Notts County paid a club record £30,000 fee to sign Probert from Burnley last summer—£5,000 more than the previous record set up 23 years ago for the transfer of Leon Leuty. Eric made his Burnley debut in 1968/69 but he was not a regular member of the promotion team

When Manchester City bought Arthur Mann from Hearts in 1968 the £65,000

fee was a club record, beaten only with the arrival of £200,000 Rodney Marsh. It was intended he should be the successor to Tony Book but Book had other ideas so Mann did not get a lot of joy at Maine Road. Arthur spent a short period on loan to Blackpool and joined County in 1972. Now he has switched from full-back to play in midfield.

Ian Bolton was drafted into the midfield recently. Another youngster, Ian had enjoyed only one previous League game, and that as substitute, two seasons ago.

When Brian Stubbs was forced out of the side through injury, the defence has been lining up: John Brindley, David Needham, David McVay and Bob Worthington.

Brindley was an occasional first-teamer with neighbouring Nottingham Forest until joining County in 1970. Needham and McVay, the central defenders, are both County discoveries. Needham made his League debut in 1965/66 and has now played more than 400 games for the club. McVay made a sensational rise to Second Division football when he played at Crystal Palace on the opening day of this season, only a few weeks after leaving school.

Worthington is one of three brothers in League football. He started at Halifax, signed

for Middlesbrough in 1966 and settled at Meadow Lane two years later.

The goalkeeping position has been shared by Eric McManus and Roy Brown. An Irishman, McManus left Coleraine to sign for Coventry City in 1969 but he got only rare chances in their senior side. County signed him last season.

Brown was once with Tottenham but played only once in their First Division team. After joining Reading in 1968 he became their regular 'keeper. County signed him in 1970 and he was for two years on permanent duty until making way for McManus this season.

Manager Jimmy Sirrel is the man who has revitalised England's oldest League club. County were floundering in the Fourth Division when he arrived but he quickly got to grips with their problems and in 1971 they won the Championship of the Fourth Division.

After narrowly missing further promotion a year later, they clinched things last term in one of the tensest finishes the Third Division has ever known. But, as rivals like Bournemouth and Grimsby collapsed, County battled through to the end and a final run of 11 undefeated games earned them their long-awaited return to Division Two after an absence of 15

years.

Looking back, Mr. Sirrel must consider one of his master strokes was the signing of Kevin Randall soon after last season kicked off. He replaced Tony Hateley who, after creating a new club scoring record, moved on to Oldham. County paid Chesterfield £20,000 for Randall but he quickly repaid them with regular goals and he finished top scorer with 23 goals.

During the recent close season, Mr. Sirrel signed two players from Burnley—midfield man Eric Probert and defender Eddie Cliff.

Formed in 1862, Notts County were one of the original 12 League clubs in 1888.

Though they were relegated in 1893, they narrowly missed gaining immediate promotion and they reached the F. A. Cup final for a second time in 1894, winning the trophy for the only time in their history when crushing Bolton 4-1 in the final.

As Second Division champions in 1897, County regained their First Division status and held it for 16 years. After hopping between the top two divisions for several years they left the top section in 1926, never again to return.

In 1930 County dipped into the Third Division (South) for the first time in their history. They later jumped back on several occasions.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Tuesday, 12th February 1974  
(Not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts
					For	Ag.	
Norwich City	27	17	5	5	57	25	39
A.F.C. Bournemouth	28	17	4	7	52	32	38
Leicester City	26	15	6	5	39	17	36
Ipswich Town	29	14	6	9	58	42	34
Arsenal	27	12	8	7	36	28	32
Luton Town	27	12	6	9	59	42	30
Plymouth Argyle	24	11	7	6	42	30	29
Swindon Town	25	11	6	8	39	32	28
Queens Park Rangers	24	9	9	6	43	31	27
Tottenham Hotspur	27	9	9	9	29	32	27
Birmingham City	26	10	6	10	26	26	26
Fulham	25	9	8	8	27	28	26
Oxford United	24	9	7	8	22	18	25
Crystal Palace	25	10	5	10	31	36	25
Bristol Rovers	27	8	9	10	37	47	25
Chelsea	26	9	6	11	38	32	24
West Ham United	24	9	5	10	30	31	23
Cardiff City	28	8	5	15	30	50	21
Bristol City	27	7	4	16	30	52	18
Southampton	27	5	7	15	30	61	17
Swansea City	23	6	3	14	29	48	15
Reading	23	2	1	20	18	58	5

## MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

to 7th February 1974

	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts.
					For	Ag.	
Leicester	13	9	3	1	22	7	21
Birmingham City	10	6	4	0	20	9	16
Aston Villa	14	6	4	4	33	28	16
Wolves	14	7	2	5	24	24	16
Coventry City	13	5	5	3	26	15	15
Bristol City	14	6	2	6	26	24	14
Notts County	13	6	2	5	22	22	14
W.B.A.	13	5	4	4	21	17	12
Oxford	14	3	1	10	21	36	7
Northampton	10	3	1	6	13	26	7
Swindon Town	11	2	2	7	12	18	6
Nottingham Forest	13	2	2	9	14	28	6


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## FOR THE RECORD

			F.A.	Home Attendance
25 Aug.	Sheffield Wed.	H.	3-1	8267
1 Sept.	Preston N. End	A.	1-1	
8 Sept.	West Brom. Albion	H.	1-0	11583
11 Sept.	Bristol City	H.	0-1	13991
15 Sept.	Notts. County	A.	0-2	
18 Sept.	Notts. Forest	A.	0-2	
22 Sept.	Millwall	H.	1-3	7756
29 Sept.	Orient	A.	0-0	
2 Oct.	Notts. Forest	H.	0-0	6353
6 Oct.	Middlesbrough	H.	0-1	6787
13 Oct.	Luton Town	A.	1-2	
20 Oct.	Oxford United	H.	1-0	7537
23 Oct.	Bristol City	A.	0-1	
27 Oct.	Portsmouth	A.	1-3	
3 Nov.	Carlisle United	H.	2-2	6480
10 Nov.	Sunderland	A.	1-4	
17 Nov.	Blackpool	A.	0-2	
24 Nov.	Aston Villa	H.	1-0	8476
1 Dec.	Crystal Palace	A.	2-4	
8 Dec.	Fulham	H.	1-1	5568
15 Dec.	Bolton	A.	0-2	
22 Dec.	Orient	H.	2-2	5718
26 Dec.	Cardiff City	A.	1-2	
29 Dec.	West Brom. Albion	A.	0-2	
1 Jan.	Preston N. End	H.	3-1	8299
19 Jan.	Sheffield Wed.	A.	1-2	
26 Jan.	Hull City	H.	1-1	4389
3 Feb.	Bolton	H.	2-2	8864
16 Feb.	Millwall	A.		
19 Feb.	Notts. County	H.		
23 Feb.	Middlesbrough	A.		
26 Feb.	Luton Town	H.		
2 March	Cardiff City	H.		
9 March	Portsmouth	H.		

Please note the alterations to the February & March fixtures from the original fixture lists.



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Ray Clark sees his diving header glance into the net for our first goal against Bolton and Ray's first for the club.

## Season 1973-74

League appearances and  
goal scorers as at 13/2/74

J. Allan	27	
R. Bunkell	1 (1 Sub.)	
F. Burrows	27	
J. Butler	28	1
R. Clarke	2 (2 Sub.)	1
M. Colins	2 (3 Sub.)	
W. Dixon	6	
P. Eastoe	11	7
J. Gabriel	6	
T. Hubbard	13	1
T. Jenkins	27	2
R. Legg	11 (2 Sub.)	1
M. McGovern	15 (4 Sub.)	1
J. McLaughlin	3 (1 Sub.)	
D. Moss	25 (1 Sub.)	5
D. Munks	7	
C. Porter	5 (2 Sub.)	
R. Potter	14 (1 Sub.)	
A. Spratley	1	
D. Syrett	12 (9 Sub.)	3
F. Sperti	1	
K. Stroud	12 (2 Sub.)	
R. Thomas	14	
R. Treacy	15	4
J. Trollope	23	

## The man in the middle

### TERRY BOSI

(Codsall, Wolverhampton) works as a sales representative for a plywood importer in the Midlands. Married with a son, he took up refereeing after injury ended his playing career. Graduated through the Wolverhampton Amateur and Works Leagues, the Worcester Combination and West Midland League. Promoted to the League line in 1967, and the full referee's list in 1971. On the line for a European Cup tie (Ajax v Hanover) 1969 and 1972 F. A. Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley (Barnet v Stafford R). A keen cricketer, he also plays bowls, table tennis and swims.

## Forthcoming matches

Saturday, 23rd February 1974  
Football Combination  
**BIRMINGHAM CITY**  
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th February 1974  
Division II  
**LUTON TOWN**  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 2nd March 1974  
Division II  
**CARDIFF CITY**  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, 9th March 1974  
Division II  
**PORTSMOUTH**  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19th, 1974 - Kick off 2 30p.m.

## SWINDON TOWN v. NOTTS COUNTY

### Swindon Town

### Notts County

- 1 Spratley
- 2 Dixon
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Munks
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Potter
- 7 Moss
- 8 Hubbard
- 9 Eastoe
- 10 Clarke
- 11 Butler

- 1 McManus
- 2 Brindley
- 3 Mann
- 4 McVay
- 5 Needham
- 6 Stubbs
- 7 Randall
- 8 Masson
- 9 Bradd
- 10 Probert
- 11 Carter

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