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Football League — Division II

### SWINDON TOWN

SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1974

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6p



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**N. J. TROLLOPE**



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# Jack Charlton talks

During this past month or so, we have had to play on a good many pitches, most of them of the "sticky" variety, and it has made all of us realise how fortunate we are to have such a marvellous playing surface at Ayresome Park. I would like you to know though that this playing surface has only been attained by really hard and diligent work by Wilf Atkinson and his staff, who as soon as the match is over on a Saturday, usually go straight out onto the pitch, and starts putting it back after we have kicked H . . . out of it. This has meant working quite late on Saturdays and Sundays over many weeks when other people are out enjoying themselves. Well done Wilf and your lads! Ayresome Park is a credit to you and to all of us.

After our defeat at Wrexham, I was asked what I thought about the game, and in particular about the Draw, Southampton against Wrexham, and I did say at the time that Wrexham would cause Southampton quite a few problems, especially if they caught them on a sticky wicket—and so it turned out. Wrexham putting on another very stout display and by all accounts, winning on merit. This kind of thing is very good for football, and I personally like to see this happen; apart from creating much more interest in the town of Wrexham it will go a long way to helping that club, particularly financially, at a time when everyone is worried about inflation and rising prices. We wish them the best of luck.

I was very proud of our lads at Hull last Saturday. After losing two matches, one by



a big margin, it showed that they can come back with a great win by displaying character and determination. The win was a very good one, particularly their first half display. There were a few reports in the papers about my being angry at their relaxation during the course of the second half, and although this was slightly exaggerated, I have had words with one or two players who I felt were responsible, and I am sure they appreciate what is required. A special word of praise for Peter Brine who did extremely well, in an unusual position, apart from the relaxation in the second half—probably because Peter was feeling the strain of playing in a strange position, and the pace and his assessment of the game.

Once again the Juniors put up a good performance on Wednesday against Liverpool, to progress into the 5th Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. Their 3-2 victory was gained by a competent all round display. They now go forward to meet yet another First Division Junior side in the 5th Round, when we will be at home to Arsenal. The date of this match has not yet been agreed. We are very optimistic after beating both Leeds and Liverpool, of reaching the Semi-final for the first time.

It is a great thrill for the kids to be involved in this competition, against youth sides they are not liable to meet in the course of their normal games—they will only become better players because of it—well done! Keep going!

# AYRESOM

## SEASON 1973/74 FIXTURES/RESULTS/ATTENDANCES

### SECOND DIVISION

August 1973			
25	Portsmouth	A	1-0 19,799
September			
1	Fulham	H	0-2 14,977
8	Crystal Palace	A	3-2 17,554
11	Carlisle United	H	1-0 16,837
15	Aston Villa	H	0-0 19,656
17	Orient	A	0-0 9,744
22	Blackpool	A	0-0 14,784
29	Bristol City	H	2-0 17,049
October			
2	Orient	H	3-2 22,164
6	Swindon Town	A	1-0 6,787
8	Man. U. L.C.2.	A.	1-0 23,906
13	Hull City	H	1-0 22,135
20	West Brom. A.	H	0-0 18,997
23	Carlisle U.	A	1-1 11,152
27	Millwall	A	1-0 13,063
31	Stoke City (LC3)	A	1-1 19,194
November			
3	Luton Town	H	2-1 22,590
6	Stoke City (LC3-R)	H	1-2 26,068
10	Oxford United	A	2-0 8,763
17	Cardiff City	H	3-0 18,034
24	Notts. County (1)	A	2-2 16,314
December			
8	Sheffield W.	A	2-2 11,992
11	Preston N.E.	H	3-0 23,980
15	Nottingham F. (2)	H	1-0 16,764
22	Bristol City	A	1-1 13,116
26	Sunderland	H	2-1 37,038
29	Crystal Palace	H	2-0 26,115
January 1974			
5	Grantham (FAC3)	A	2-0 6,573
12	Aston Villa	A	1-1 26,906
19	Portsmouth	H	3-0 22,134
26	Wrexham (FAC4)	A	0-1 20,612
February			
2	Nottingham F.	A	1-5 18,799
9	Blackpool	H	0-0 21,913
16	Hull City (5)	A	3-1 15,287
23	Swindon Town	H	
March			
2	Sunderland (LCF)	A	
9	Millwall (6)	H	
16	West Brom. A.	A	
19	Fulham	A	
23	Oxford United	H	
30	Luton Town (SF)	A	

April		
6	Notts. County	H
9	Bolton W.	H
13	Cardiff City	A
15	Bolton W.	A
20	Sheffield W.	H
27	Preston N.E.	A
May		
4	F.A. Cup Final	

### NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

August 1973			
28	Grimsby Town (LCF1)	H	2-0
September			
4	Grimsby Town (LCF2)	A	2-1
11	Sunderland	A	0-0
19	Halifax	H	1-1
26	Lincoln	A	2-0
October			
2	Rotherham	A	1-1
10	Scunthorpe	A	4-0
16	Hull City	H	1-0
23	Chesterfield	H	3-1
31	Barnsley	A	0-2
November			
13	Notts. County	H	1-0
21	Bradford City	A	1-0
December			
4	Hull City (LC1Rd)	A	0-1
18	Lincoln City	H	2-1
January 1974			
8	Sunderland	H	1-1
22	York City	H	1-3
February			
4	Mansfield	A	0-4
12	Doncaster	A	
26	Mansfield	H	
March			
6	Chesterfield	A	
12	Hull City	A	
18	Grimsby Town	A	
20	York City	A	
26	Barnsley	H	
April			
2	Bradford City	H	
9	Notts. County	A	
30	Grimsby Town	H	

(N.B. 'Boro score given first, all matches;

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II (Up to and including February 16th, 1974)

	HOME							AWAY							Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
Middlesbro	29	11	3	1	23	6	6	7	1	19	15	44			
Orient	28	8	3	3	21	10	5	7	2	23	18	36			
Blackpool	30	8	4	3	23	10	4	7	4	17	18	35			
Luton	28	8	5	1	27	15	5	4	5	12	18	35			
Carlisle	27	8	4	2	27	12	5	3	5	15	18	33			
W.B.A.	28	7	5	2	19	11	4	5	5	15	16	32			
Notts F.	28	8	3	2	28	12	2	8	5	13	16	31			
Notts C.	31	6	4	5	25	25	6	4	6	22	20	32			
Hull City	30	7	7	1	18	8	1	7	7	12	24	30			
Sunderland	28	6	6	2	22	9	4	2	8	15	19	28			
Millwall	29	7	3	5	22	13	3	5	6	15	22	28			
Fulham	28	8	3	3	17	9	2	5	7	9	17	28			
Portsmouth	27	7	4	3	19	12	3	3	7	13	31	27			
Bolton	28	9	2	3	23	12	1	4	9	8	19	26			
Cardiff	30	6	5	4	19	12	2	5	8	16	30	26			
Bristol C	29	6	4	4	17	14	4	2	9	13	23	26			
Preston	30	7	6	2	22	15	1	5	9	10	27	26			
Aston Villa	27	5	7	1	20	10	2	3	8	8	16	25			
Sheff W	29	6	5	4	22	17	1	3	10	10	26	22			
Oxford	29	5	6	3	20	16	1	4	10	6	23	22			
C. Palace	29	4	5	6	18	19	2	4	8	9	23	21			
Swindon	30	5	6	4	19	19	0	2	13	8	32	18			

## NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Up to and including Saturday, 2nd February, 1974)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	18	17	0	1	57	8	34
Newcastle Utd.	17	12	3	2	36	11	27
Middlesbrough	17	11	1	5	45	19	23
Huddersfield T.	15	10	2	3	41	23	22
York City	16	8	4	4	33	25	20
Bradford C.	19	8	2	9	36	29	18
Leeds Utd.	17	8	2	7	30	25	18
Sheffield U.	16	6	5	5	28	26	17
Barnsley	16	6	4	6	29	26	16
Grimsby Town	17	7	2	8	27	28	16
Hull City	14	5	5	4	27	24	15
Rotherham Utd.	16	5	3	8	28	36	13
Chesterfield	15	5	3	7	23	33	13
Sheffield Wed.	13	5	2	6	24	25	12
Scunthorpe U.	16	2	2	12	10	49	6
Lincoln City	20	2	2	16	20	60	6
Doncaster R.	18	2	0	16	11	58	4

## MATCH DIGEST

Saturday, 9th February, 1974  
DIVISION II

**MIDDLESBROUGH v BLACKPOOL**

Result: Middlesbrough 0, Blackpool 0

Team: Platt, Craggs, Spraggon, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Murdoch, Mills, Hickton, Foggon, Armstrong (Sub. Smith).

Tuesday, 12th February, 1974

NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
**DONCASTER R. v MIDDLESBROUGH**

Result: Doncaster R. 1, Middlesbrough 2

Team: Cuff, Huntington, Cochrane, Stonehouse, Creamer, Taylor, McFall, Smith, Poskett, Scaife, McAndrews. (Sub. McGivern).

Scorers: Poskett, McGivern.

Saturday, 16th February, 1974

NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP

**MIDDLESBROUGH v STOCKTON**

Result: Middlesbrough 2, Stockton 0

Team: Cuff, Huntington, Cochrane, Stonehouse, Creamer, Taylor, McFall, Scaife, Poskett, McAndrews, McGivern. (Sub. Hedley).

Scorers: Poskett, Scaife (penalty).

Saturday, 16th February, 1974

DIVISION II

**HULL CITY v MIDDLESBROUGH**

Result: Hull City 1, Middlesbrough 3

Team: Platt, Craggs, Spraggon, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Brine, Mills, Hickton, Foggon, Armstrong (Sub. Gates).

Scorers: Hickton, Mills, Foggon.

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

### League:

Platt 29, Craggs 27, Spraggon 28, Boam 29, Maddren 29, Mills 26, Hickton 28, Foggon 28, Armstrong 29, McMordie 7, Souness 23, Murdoch 27, Smith 4, Taylor 4, Brine 2, Creamer 2, McAndrew 1, Gates 1, Cochrane 1.

League Cup: Platt 3, Craggs 3, Spraggon 3, Boam 3, Maddren 3, Mills 1, Hickton 2, Foggon 3, Armstrong 3, Souness 2, Murdoch 3, Smith 2, Gates 1, Brine 1.

### FA Cup:

Platt 2, Craggs 2, Spraggon 2, Souness 2, Boam 2, Maddren 2, Murdoch 2, Mills 2, Hickton 2, Foggon 2, Armstrong 2.

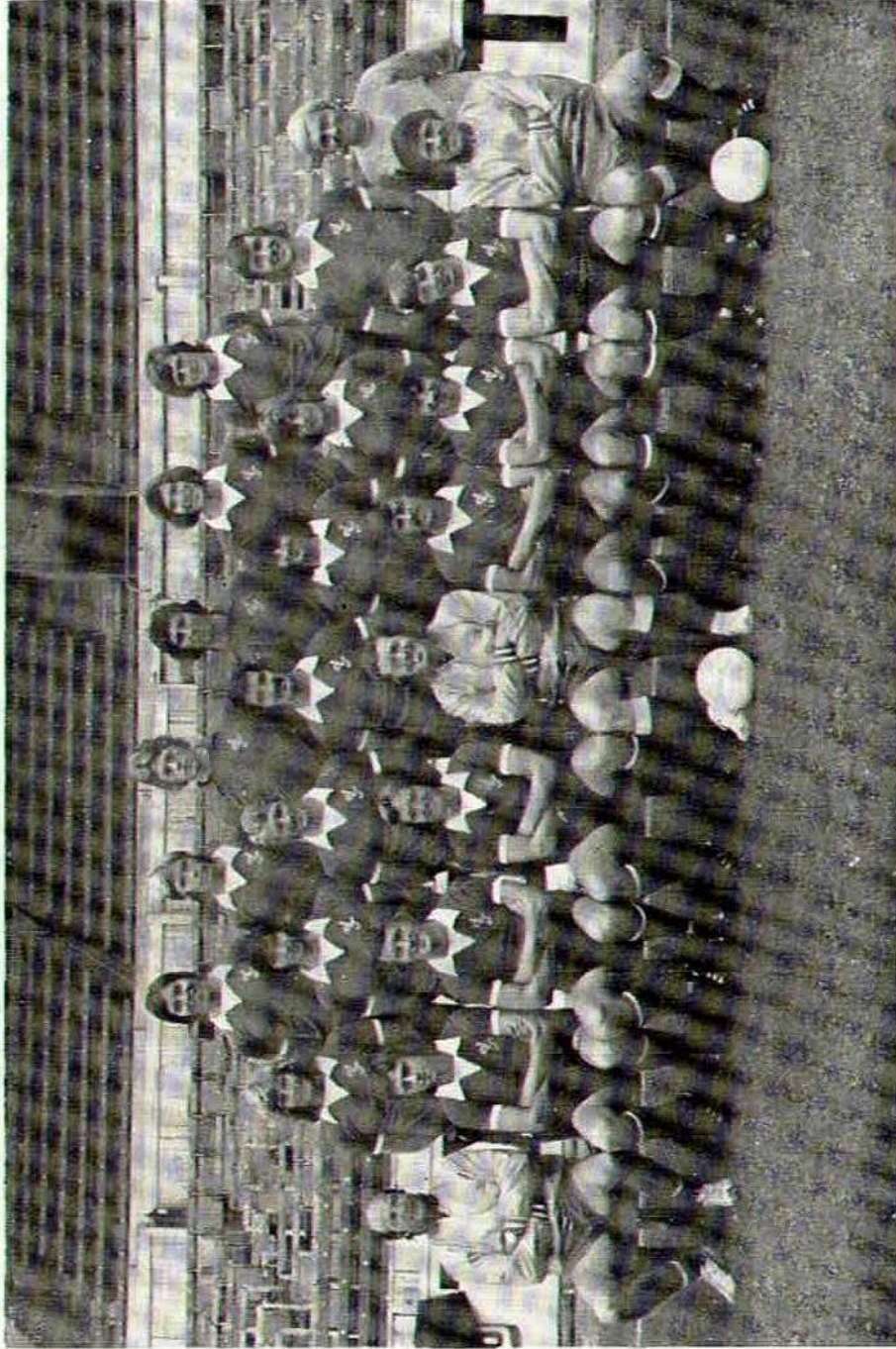
### Goalscorers:

#### League:

Craggs 3, Boam 2, Taylor 1, Foggon 11, Hickton 5, Mills 6, Armstrong 3, Smith 4, Souness 2, Murdoch 4.

League Cup: Smith 1, Brine 1, Foggon 1

F.A. Cup: Mills and Armstrong.



# SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1973-74

BACK ROW (left to right): K. Stroud, T. Hubbard, J. Allan, A. Spratley, C. Porter, R. Legg.  
CENTRE ROW: M. Collins, R. Potter, J. Trollope, F. Burrows, R. Clarke, T. Jenkins, R. Thomas, K. Morris (Physiotherapist)  
FRONT ROW: M. Owen (Reserve Team Trainer), D. Moss, M. McGovern, R. Bunickell, L. Allen (Manager), C. Tuson, R. Treacey, J. Butler, G. Edleston (coach)

# INTRODUCING...

## SWINDON TOWN

BY TONY PULLEIN



A run of adverse results has placed Swindon in serious danger of relegation. But manager **Les Allen** has not been sitting back waiting for things to happen. With some of the money received from the sale of defender Rod Thomas, to Derby, and striker Ray Treacy (who has joined Preston) he has purchased defenders **David Munks**, **John McLaughlin** and **Bill Dixon**. Mr. Allen also signed **Peter Eastoe** on loan from Wolves, but he has now been recalled to Molineux.

McLaughlin, a 19-year-old who won a regular place in Colchester's Fourth Division side last season, initially took over at right-back but he then gave way to Bill Dixon, the former Arsenal and Reading player, who started this season with Colchester.

So the back four has been lining up: Dixon, **Harry Burrows**, David Munks and **John Trollope**.

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. Munks, a former England youth player, began his career with Sheffield United, transferring to Portsmouth in 1969. He is now settling down after his latest transfer.

Trollope has been on parade — apart from a short injury absence — continually for 12 seasons. He has now beaten the club record of 554 League appearances set up by Maurice Owen nine years ago, and in one unbroken run he played 368 consecutive games.

The midfield players include Terry Hubbard, Joe Butler, Tom Jenkins, Ken Stroud and David Syrett.

Hubbard, who made his debut in 1970/71, is a player who appears destined for the very top. And, following an injury-imposed lay-off, Tom Jenkins has been displaying the type of football that made him a force in the First Division—though

he has now switched from outside-left to midfield.

Swindon paid a club record £50,000 fee to Southampton for Tom last season. Once discarded by West Ham and Orient, Tom drifted into non-League football with Margate until given a come-back chance by Reading in 1969. Within weeks he was the subject of a £60,000 transfer to Southampton.

Butler, who was signed from Newcastle in 1965, has played in several positions for Swindon, proving one of their most valuable players over the years. He recently shifted again from defence to midfield.

Syrett, who made his debut this season, and Stroud both developed in the club's junior teams.

Peter Eastoe, who took over as chief striker, scored four goals in his first five games for Swindon. **Mick McGovern**, a £10,000 signing from Queen's Park Rangers last season, was enjoying regular League soccer for the first time until struck down by injury a few weeks ago.

Raiding down the left wing is **David Moss**, now filling the role left vacant by the departure of Don Rogers last season. Moss is another Swindon discovery.

Goalkeeper **Jimmy Allan** developed at the County Ground, made his League debut in 1971/72 and this season took over permanently from Peter Downborough. Because of his religious beliefs, Allan became the first professional to take advantage of the option in his contract not to play on a Sunday. This gave Alan Spratley an £8,000 close-season signing from Queen's Park Rangers, his first game in Swindon's first team.

Manager Les Allen, the former Spurs and England player, began his managerial career with Queen's Park Rangers and took over at Swindon last season as successor to Dave Mackay.



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- 3—FRANK SPRAGGON
- 4—GRAEME SOUNESS
- 5—STUART BOAM
- 6—WILLIE MADDREN
- 7—PETER BRINE
- 8—DAVID MILLS
- 9—JOHN HICKTON
- 10—ALAN FOGGON
- 11—DAVID ARMSTRONG

Sub:

Referee:

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Burrows, R. Potter, S. Peplow, R. Howel  
Noble, J. Butler.

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Maddren, Gates, Hickton, Mills, McMor  
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- TOM JENKINS—11

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## ST TIME WE MET AT AYRESOME PARK

Saturday, 25th November, 1972

Post: 0-2 Attendance: 11,418

Jan. R. Thomas, N. J. Trollope, R. Smart, F.  
R. Potter, S. Peplow, R. Howell, R. Treacy, P.  
Butler.

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## TODAY'S VISITORS Swindon Town

Year Formed: 1881.  
Turned Professional: 1894.  
Limited Company: 1894.  
Previous Ground: 1881-96 The Croft.

### Honours:

Football League, Best season in Div. 2:  
5th 1969-70; Division 3, runners-up:  
1962/63, 1968/69.

F.A. Cup: Best Season: Semi-finalists:  
1910, 1912.

Football League Cup: best season,  
winners: 1968-69.

Anglo Italian Cup: winners: 1970.

Record victory: 10-1 v Farnham Utd.  
Breweries F.A. Cup 1st rd., 28th Nov.,  
1925.

Record Defeat: 1-10 v Manchester C.,  
F.A. Cup, 4th rd. replay, 25th Jan.,  
1930.

Most League Points: 64, Division 3, 1968-  
69.

Most League Goals: 100, Division 3(S),  
1926-27.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Harry  
Morris, 47, Division 3(S), 1926-27.

Mosts League Goals in Total Aggregate:  
Harry Morris, 216, 1926-33.

Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas, 29,  
Wales.

Most League Appearances: Maurice Owen,  
554 (1946-63).

Record Transfer Fee Received: £150,000  
from C. Palace for Don Rogers, Oct.,  
1972.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £50,000 to  
Southampton for Tommy Jenkins, Oct.,  
1972.

Address of Supporters Club: Swindon  
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Address of Club Shop: Souvenir Shop,  
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Swindon.

Ground Capacity: 31,500.

Record Attendance: 32,000 v Arsenal, F.A.  
Cup 3rd rd., 15th Jan., 1972.

Record Receipts: £12,594 v Arsenal, F.A.  
Cup 3rd., 15th Jan., 1972.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

**ROBERT RABY** (Leeds). Took up refereeing in the Sheffield and Hallamshire C.F.A. and progressed through the Yorkshire League to The League line in 1963-64. Appointed to the supplementary list in 1969-70 and the full list the following season. A linesman for the 1968 F.A. Charity Shield game (Manchester C. v

W.B.A.), the 1970 F.A. Charity Shield game (Chelsea v Everton) has officiated in the Anglo-Italian Cup tournament and European games. A factory manager, married with two sons, he is keen on junior refereeing and youth soccer and also likes gardening and swimming.

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### Pick-up points and departure times:

Saltburn (Station Square)	11.45 a.m.
Marske Centre	11.50 a.m.
Redcar (Flemings Garage)	12.00 midday
Ayresome Park, Middlesbro'	12.30 p.m.

### BOOKINGS TAKEN ON:

Saturday, 23rd Feb: 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th Feb.:  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Persons going through the turnstiles at the time of the match will receive a ticket but owing to the fact that pulling out individual seats from piles of tickets is causing hold ups in the rate of admission to the game, turnstile men have been instructed to discontinue this practice immediately.

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	Key No. 1 Orange	Key No. 2 Green	Key No. 3 White	Key No. 4 Yellow
<b>A</b>	Birmingham C. Arsenal	Newcastle U. Liverpool	Cardiff Aston Villa	Preston Fulham
<b>B</b>	Burnley West Ham	Norwich Derby C.	Luton T. C. Palace	Sheff. W. Sunderland
<b>C</b>	Chelsea Q.P.R.	Southampton Man. City	Millwall Notts F.	West Brom A. Bristol City
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<b>E</b>	Leicester Sheffield U.	Tottenham H. Ipswich	Orient Hull C.	Huddersfield Rochdale
<b>F</b>	Man. Utd. Wolves	Bolton W. Carlisle	Oxford Portsmouth	Rotherham U. Darlington

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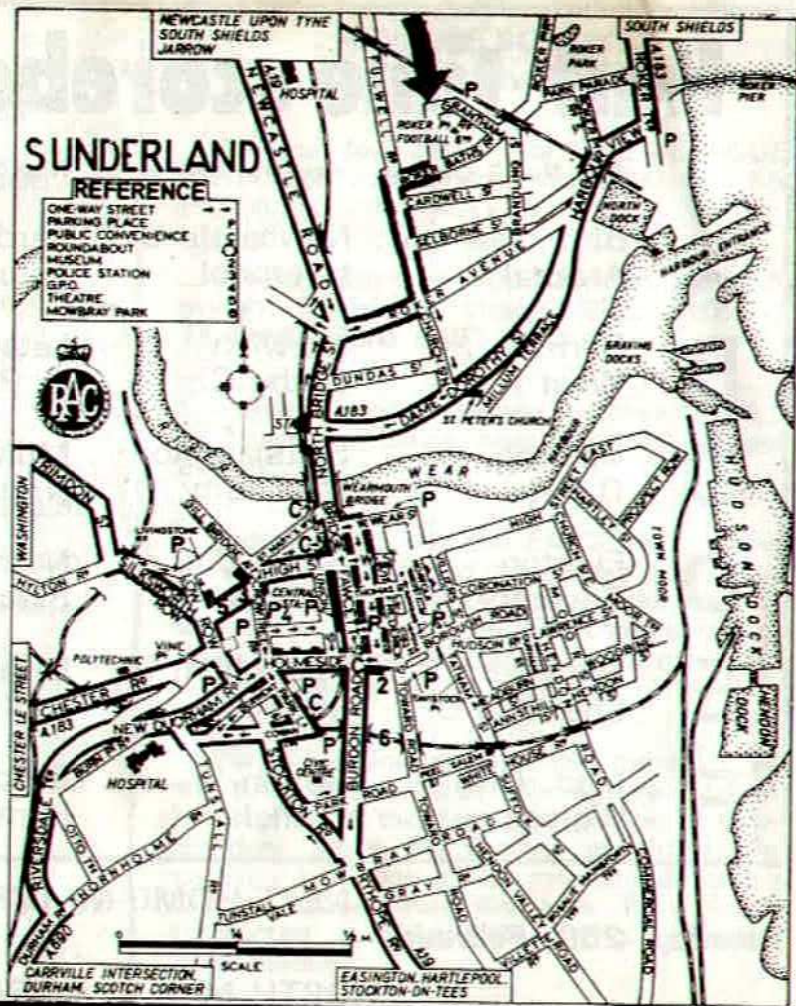
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roundabout into New Durham Road—  
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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

Having received a large number of messages and letters, I wish to clear the air regarding my past statements to the Press, relating to the televising of Football League games. I do not propose to go into the pros and cons as to whether television is good for the game, but whether the present offer from the television authorities is reasonable in comparison to the cost paid by them for their other sources of entertainment. Their existing payment which ends this season, and their proposals for the next three years are ludicrous.

It must be realised that only a handful of the 92 League clubs can exist on the cash they receive through the turnstiles, whilst at the same time, many millions of pounds are circulating in commerce, and not only television but the football pools, press, transport and many businesses thrive on the existence of the clubs. It is only right therefore, that those who benefit so much by our efforts should be prepared at least to ensure that we have the necessary financial support to plough back into the game.

The hard facts are these. A team like the Boro needs an average attendance of about 25,000 at each of our home games, just to maintain a Second Division set up. This is without allowing for the financing of any items such as new signings, major ground improvements etc. The contribution made to our finances from television and radio is negligible. For example, for the 1972/73 season we received £3,245, made up of £2,045 from the League Television Pool, £1,200 from Tyne Tees and Yorkshire T.V., £3.15 per match broadcast by B.B.C. Radio, and nil from Radio Teesside. These are gross figures from which must be deducted the loss of revenue for seating occupied by technicians, etc. during the game.

Make no mistake, we are in the entertainment business in a big way, and our first loyalties are to the fans who come to Ayresome Park. If their entertainment is to be shared by millions of non-attenders, the television authorities should recognise that they must pay a figure which is far more realistic than the present offer in return for the many hours of viewing supplied by the football clubs.



My suggested figures of 3½ million per year television (£65,000 a week) equal to one ½p per person for the 10-15 million viewers who want football on their screens live.

Edited versions do not give a proper and true picture of the game.

From the various pools giants, not less than £10 million, preferably £15 million. After putting £1 million a year for the benefit of players, a further million to a joint Football Association and Football League Fund, the rest should go to the clubs and properly used, would result in vastly improved stadiums for all types of sport, plus better performances from clubs in the lower divisions.

There is no doubt that a worried board almost always affects the playing standards and all praise must be given to the Directors (especially to those of 3rd and 4th Division), for their very hard work trying to keep their heads above water, year after year.

The figures above are positively realistic more so when a young man playing football for millions of people has a football "life" for an average of ten years, after which time he has to start all over again—very often from the bottom rung of the ladder.



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