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NEWS & VIEWS

Welcome, once again, for our real old friends from Grimsby Town, a club renowned throughout the football world for its wonderful hospitality at Blundell Park. How we all enjoy a visit to that seaside town.

Like us, here at Swindon Grimsby were founder members of League Division 3 (South) in Season 1920-21. That year, we finished in 4th position with 52 points from 42 games, and our visitors today were in 13th position with 39 points from 42 games.

The following season Division 3 N came into being, and a little reorganisation took place. Crystal Palace, League Champions were promoted to Division 2 and Grimsby Town was transferred to Division 3 N, their places being taken by Aberdare (I wonder how many present today remember that club), and Charlton Athletic.

Since that time Grimsby has had a most varied career, spending periods in the various divisions of the league. Probably their most successful time was from 1934 to 1939 when they were one of the strongest teams in Division 1 of all the games between the two clubs, the one of which I have the most vivid memory was played in 1938. Swindon drew 1 - 1 at Grimsby in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup having defeated Gillingham

and Queens Park Rangers in the previous rounds. The replay the following Wednesday, played in the afternoon (no floodlights in those days) went to extra time, and I well remember Alan Fowler scoring the winning goal to make the score 2 - 1 at the Town end a few minutes from time. Grimsby was a great side, with such English Internationals as G. Tweedy (an outstanding goalkeeper) Jackie Bestall, and Harry Betmead. The Swindon Team also had some great characters Alan Fowler (a grand inside forward) killed in the war George Morrall (centre-half and captain) Ben Morton (from Torquay) "Peg Leg" Hetherington, Frank Wilcockson, & not to mention Harry Cousins.

The last game between the two clubs was played on 27th February 1968. We were just running into form, and were in twelfth place with 31 points, from 29 games, but sorry to say our visitors occupied bottom position with 20 points from 29 games. The result didn't help them as Swindon won by 5 goals to nil before a gate of 12,791 scorers were Rogers 2. Terry 2, and an own goal. Although in the return fixture the result was a draw, two goals each, Grimsby was relegated to Division 4 at the end of the season. More evidence of the vagaries of football. In February 1968, Torquay United were top of Division 3, with 40 points from

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GRIMSBY MOVE UP

by Tony Pullein

A run of three wins in four games halted Grimby's slide towards the foot of the table, after a poor start to the season, and recent weeks have seen them make a steady rise up the table.

During their unsettled run, Grimsby's team underwent several changes and manager Ron Ashman went into the transfer market to sign Sheffield Wednesday's Northern Ireland international midfielder Roy Coyle. Roy joined Wednesday from Glentoran in 1972 and, during his two years at Hillsborough, he won four international caps.

Frank Barton, David Boylen and Phil Hubbard are among the other likely midfield players for today.

Barton, a former England youth international, began his professional career with Scunthorpe United, making his League debut in 1964/65. He was the club's top scorer in his last full season before moving on to Carlisle in 1968. Blackpool signed him for £20,000 in 1972 but he was on the move again a year later - - - to Grimsby.

Boylen worked his way through the junior teams to make his senior bow in 1966/67 and he has been a regular for the past seven seasons. Hubbard, a striker in his Lincoln days when he twice led the club's scoring list, joined Norwich for £20,000 in 1971 and moved on to Grimsby a few months later.

Grimsby's top scorer is Jackie Lewis, with 10 goals. He, too, is a former Lincoln player, spending two years as a regular prior to signing for Grimsby in 1970. Last season he was top scorer with 13 goals.

Rod Fletcher, Jim Lumby, Mike Hickman

and Keith Brown have all played in attack this season. Fletcher has a long record for consistent scoring, topping Lincoln's scoring list in 1969/70. After transferring to Scunthorpe he was on two occasions their leading marksman. He linked with Grimsby last season.

Lumby, a local discovery, made a sensational entry into League soccer last season, hitting eight goals in his first nine games!

Hickman is a former Brighton player who has been at Blundell Park since 1968 and had been absent since on only very rare occasions until losing his place a few weeks ago. Brown, a former Nottingham Forest reserve player, joined Grimsby last season.

Neil Freeman recently took over in goal from Harry Wainman. Freeman grew up with Arsenal and spent a few weeks on loan to Northampton but it wasn't until last season, following his transfer to Grimsby, that he got his chance in League football. Wainman had held fort in Grimsby's goal for much of the while since making his debut in 1965. He spent a period on loan to Rochdale two seasons ago.

Mike Czuczman, Clive Wiggington, Stewart Gray, David Booth and Don Beardsley are contenders for defensive positions.

Czuczman learned his game with Preston although he didn't get into their League eleven. Grimsby signed him in 1971 and he began to play regularly last season.

Wiggington is a Grimsby discovery who made his first League appearance in 1968/69. David Booth joined Grimsby

for a £12,000 fee in 1972 after spending four years as a regular member of Barnsley's defence. Stewart Gray was signed from Doncaster four seasons ago. He served his apprenticeship at Belle Vue, making his first League appearance in 1967/68.

Beardsley spent his early years with Hull City, moved on to Doncaster in 1972 for a loan spell and transferred to Grimsby last season.

Grimsby's manager is Ron Ashman who took over at the beginning of last season. Earlier he spent six years in charge at Scunthorpe, yet many older fans continue to associate him with Norwich City. In 19 post-war years with them he lived through some of their toughest days then, as captain, led them to happier times.

He joined Norwich as an amateur centre-forward in 1944 but after a run in the first-team in this position he was so severely barracked by the home crowd that he was dropped and played at left-half. Later he switched to his most successful spot at left-back.

During his stay at Carrow Road managers came and went, the entire board of directors resigned and the club almost went bankrupt. Still Ron Ashman played on. But in 1959 circumstances changed: dramatically. Under Ashman's captainship, Norwich fought their way all the way to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup as a

Third Division side - - - - and their Wembley dream was only smashed after Luton, then in the First Division, had beaten them in a replay.

A year later he achieved his greatest ambition - to lead Norwich into the Second Division. And in 1962 he was a member of their League Cup winning team.

When his playing career finally came to an end in 1964 he had built a club record of 590 League appearances. And, after a spell as acting manager, he was given complete control of the club. But as often happens when familiar faces have to run the show, things didn't go well for him in the managerial chair.

He left in June 1966 but just over a year later he was back in the managerial game, with Scunthorpe.

The Grimsby club was founded in 1878, joined the Football League initially in 1892 and were on two subsequent occasions voted out of the competition ! They have played in all sections of the competition, their last spell in the First Division ending with relegation in 1947.

Since then they have moved regularly up and down through the bottom three section without ever making a serious bid to return to Division One. At the moment their main concern is to continue their recent improvement and untangle themselves from yet another relegation battle.

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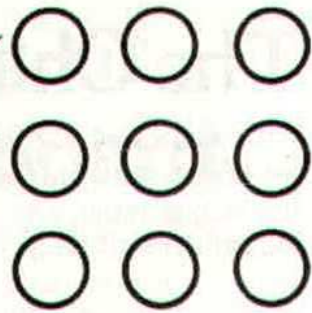


Grimsby Town's first team squad (from left):

back row: Alan Marley, Martin Young, Don Bearsley, Harry Wainman, Mike Czuczman, Neil Freeman, Stewart Gray, Clive Wigginton, Keith Brown, Bob Cumming; front row: Phil Hubbard, Rod Fletcher, Frank Barton, Mike Hickman, Ron Ashman (manager), Colin Appleton (coach), Dave Booth, Jack Lewis, Jimmy Lumby, Dave Boylen.

Third Division Scene

by Tony Pullein



'CRIPPS' CAREER BEST

Harry Cripps has been playing League soccer for almost 14 years. He created a Millwall Club record of over 400 first-team appearances, yet he had never before achieved what he did at Bournemouth last Saturday when he scored Charlton's winning goal.

Having scored in each of their previous two games, Harry made it three in a row for the first time in his long career. His effort ended Charlton's dreary run of five consecutive away defeats so that now, confidence repaired, they can have a crack at knocking the top clubs off their perch.

No shortage of goals last week end, particularly at Chesterfield where Watford swept into an early lead. Then the home side fought back to go 3 - 1 up and, later, 4 - 2. But goals from Jenkins and Morrissey in the closing ten minutes earned Watford a 4 - 4 draw.

Another thriller at Huddersfield where it all happened after the interval in out match. Syrett and Eastoe, the division's top scorer, put us 2 - 0 up. Then Gowling struck back with two goals in two minutes.

Gillingham's dismal run of eight games without a win ended on Saturday when George Jacks hits a last minute winner against Brighton. The Sussex club had held the lead from the 11th minute when Paul Fuschillo, the former Blackpool player, hit his first ever League goal. Peter Feely equalised for Gillingham with 12 minutes to go.

That was a vital win for Gillingham because, with Aldershot above them gaining a surprise point at Peterborough, it kept them within a point of the Shots even though they were still in bottom place.

Aldershot failed in their appeal against the Football League's decision to deduct a point for playing an inelligible player. Now, as relegation threatens, they carry the additional burden of knowing that, in the end, it could well be that administrative error----- rather than anything they do on the field ----- which could ultimately cost them their Third Division status.

Bobby Charlton was on target again for Preston, netting his third penalty of the season in the 2 - 0 win over Grimsby.

A glance at the top of the Third Division table these days is like taking a step backwards into the past. Preston top Blackburn Rovers second . . . Charlton not far behind. A few years ago they were all in contention in the First Division. And it's not beyond the realm of possibility that all three could take a step back up towards the top this season.

Top Third Division attendances at the weekend were:

	Aggregate	Average
1. Crystal Palace	134,259	16,782
2. Brighton	105,524	13,191
3. Preston	99,905	11,101
4. Peterborough	73,524	9,191
5. Blackburn Rovers	60,324	8,618
6. Southend United	71,104	7,900

The Chairmans Column

With a third of our league matches played we find ourselves in a very good position in the league table, and hope that the remaining results will be as productive for points.

We found that travelling a long distance on a Monday, after a hard game on the Saturday was not to our liking at Tranmere, and I felt that the heavy going on our own ground seemed to sap some of the energy which we needed on the Monday. After this disappointment we travelled again to Huddersfield and here we put up a very spirited display in spite of having two players injured, with David Moss having to leave the field and Joe Butler hobbling about, remaining on the field rather than leave us with ten men. Joe with his usual tenacity played in some pain and more than justified his presence on the field.

Again we had a coach load of supporters at Huddersfield with of course our regulars. Not only do they give us vocal support but again another match ball has been donated from a Mr. Andy Fitzgerald and Mr. Paul Plowman who came from Brighton and Tonbridge respectively.

A lot of publicity has been given to our football playing surface, and after my former remarks on how successful our efforts have been, it was a blow to find that my remarks had been premature, due to the results of our continual rainfall, and we were not helped by having to play a County game in mid week which churned up the turf into a sea of mud.

After expert advice we have been told that although our draining efforts have been very good the turf which was placed down the centre of the pitch contained a clay substance which stopped the water from getting to the drains. We are working on this, and in spite of dramatic headlines appearing in our local paper, we shall get it right.

If costs were not the problem there are

alternatives to our troubles, we could either keep our ground protected by an air filled cover which is blown up like a balloon when required, this is a method used successfully by Leicester City, and another alternative, and to my way of thinking the real solution, would be to lay an Astro Turf surface, which although is a synthetic turf, has recently received the official approval of F.I.F.A. This governing body, whom control world football, have given its blessing to be used in the Olympic Soccer Competition, where pitches can be improved by this method. One has only to see the state of some pitches abroad to understand this, and already in Algeria two stadiums have been laid in this synthetic turf. Earlier in the year, as was reported in our local paper my fellow director, Mr. Charles Day, and I, attended a demonstration of the turf laid down on a London County Council school playing field, and we were more than impressed. Like all new inventions we in this country are cautious to adopt at its early stage, and the biggest criticism at the moment is the fear of leg burns from physical contact with the synthetic grass, although this has proved negative against our injuries sustained over a season in comparison.

In the United States where the pitches are being used extensively they have made a study of this factor and a prominent Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. William McColl M.D. and a former football player with the Chicago Bears, has been made Chairman of a special committee set up to look into these aspects.

As I said money is the problem, and we feel that priority number one is to provide a team that gives entertainment to our public, and with this in mind we the Board are committing ourselves to the limit hoping that the support will return and give Danny the chance to build the side to success.

With an away game at Tranmere on the Monday, Huddersfield on the Saturday,

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GRIMSBY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

CLUB HISTORY

Founded 1878 as Grimsby Pelham, changed to Grimsby Town the following year. Original members of Division 2 when formed in 1892.

Ground: Blundell Park, Cleethorpes,
Gate records: Cup: 31,651 v Wolverhampton, Round 5, February 1937. League: 26,605 v Stockport County, Div. 3 (North), April 1962.

Championships: Division 2, 1900-01 and 1933-34; Division 3 (North). 1955-56; Division 4: 1971-72.

Seasons in Division 1: 1901 to 1903, 1929 to 1932 and 1934 to 1948.
Best Scoring Season: 1933-34 - 103 goals in 42 league games.
Best defensive season: 1955-56 - conceding 29 goals in 46 games.

Highest league win: 9-2 v Darwen, 1898-99; highest away win: 7-0 v Bristol Rovers, 1957-58.

Highest number of league goals in a season:
First Division - Tim Coleman, 1930-31 - 35.
Second Division - Pat Glover, 1933-34 - 42.
Northern Section - Jimmy Carmichael, 1921-22 - 37.

Third Division - Ron Rafferty, 1961 - 62 - 34.

Fourth Division - Matt Tees, 1971-72 - 27.
Midland League - Pat Glover, 1929-30 - 71.
By a winger - Stuart Brace, 1969-70 - 25.

Most goals in a match:
League - Tommy McCairns - 6 - against Leicester, Fosse. Division 2 April 11th 1896.

F.A. Cup - Bob Blanthorne - 5 - against Carlisle United. February 1st 1908.
In any game - Ron Rafferty - 6 - against Lincoln City, November 7th 1960 in Lincs. Senior Cup Grimsby won 8-3.

Key of the board

Saturday, November 2nd, 1975

- A Arsenal v Wolverhampton
- B Birmingham v Chelsea
- C Everton v Manchester City
- D Ipswich v Liverpool
- E Leeds v Derby
- F Leicester v Burnley
- G Newcastle v Luton
- H Q.P. Rangers v Coventry
- I Sheffield United v Carlisle
- J Stoke v Tottenham H.
- K West Ham United v Middlesbrough

- L Blackpool v Sheffield Wed.
- M Bolton v Nottingham Forest
- N Bristol Rovers v Southampton
- O Cardiff v Sunderland
- P Fulham v Aston Villa
- Q Manchester United v Oxford United
- R Notts County v Hull City
- S Oldham v Millwall
- T Portsmouth v Bristol City
- A West Brom. Albion v Norwich

- B Blackburn v Bury
- C Bournemouth v Port Vale
- D Charlton v Plymouth
- E Colchester v Wrexham
- F Crystal Palace v Peterborough
- G Halifax v Preston N.E.
- H Hereford v Huddersfield
- I Tranmere v Brighton
- J Watford v Aldershot

- K Chester v Rochdale
- L Hartlepool v Workington
- M Mansfield v Bradford City
- N Reading v Darlington
- O Rotherham v Newport
- P Shrewsbury v Lincoln
- Q Southport v Exeter

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Our recent visit to Tranmere indicated all too clearly that complacency is no substitute for effort and our display in that match was far below par but it was a lesson learnt well for at Huddersfield last Saturday every member of the team gave their all and we were unfortunate not to have come away with both points. Our point was earned with three regular members of the first team absent through injury i.e. Barron, Jenkins and Prophett, which makes the performance even more creditable.

I would earnestly request the lads behind the Town End to continue to shout their encouragement to the players who appreciate and respond to such adulation. Let us once again provide at the County Ground a place where folk can spend a Saturday afternoon in peace and enjoyment.

At the time writing we are anxiously awaiting the results of the treatment of our injured players and it is too early at this moment of time to know whether or not they will be available for team selection. One thing is certain, Joe Butler after his brave display at Huddersfield, will not be available. Joe has his leg in plaster, or in a 'pot' as we say in the game, but we hope that he will be fit for our visit to Brighton. Having reduced our first team pool this season through financial necessity the last thing I wish for is a crop of injuries but that is the situation and, as I said earlier, the players who have deputised have responded well.

You will no doubt notice that two fences have been erected on the terraces but I would emphasise that we are not expecting a re-occurrence of misbehaviour by our younger supporters, in fact we are extremely pleased with the way they are supporting the team this season. The fences are to comply with the recommendations of a working party formed by the Minister of Sport following crowd disorders at certain grounds. Unfortunately when such an incident occurs all clubs are tarred with the same brush whether or not they experience this kind of involvement.

profile on Frank Burrows



Frank was born in Larkhall, Lanarkshire, and as a schoolboy he played for his County. On leaving school he went to work as an apprentice engineer, and continued his playing career with Alloa Youth and Sauchie Boys Club. At 16½ he signed as a part time professional with Raith Rovers, and played with that Club until he completed his engineering apprenticeship. At 21 he was signed by Fred Goodwin for Scunthorpe United. In 1968 he joined Swindon and he became a member of the team that won the Football League Cup and Anglo/Italian Cup.

Frank holds a full F.A. Coaching Badge, and is a Senior Coach with the Club's Youth Team.

Frank is married and he resides in Stratton St. Margaret with his wife Mary and two children Derek aged 7 and Lorna 2. His hobbies include reading, driving, and in his words a bad game of golf. He admits to liking all kinds of music from classic to pop, providing they have melody.

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DIVISION 3

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
		F	A
1974			
Aug. 17	Bury	H	0 2
20	League Cup 1		
	Portsmouth	H	0 1
24	Port Vale	A	2 2
31	Blackburn Rovers	H	2 0
Sept. 3	Tranmere Rovers	H	0 0
7	Crystal Palace	A	2 6
14	Plymouth Argyle	H	2 0
17	Aldershot	H	3 2
21	Charlton Athletic	A	3 3
24	Walsall	A	0 2
28	Watford	H	2 2
Oct. Oct. 5	Chesterfield	A	2 0
	Southend United	H	2 0
12	Halifax Town	A	0 0
19	Wrexham	H	2 1
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	0 3
26	Huddersfield Town	A	2 2
Nov. 2	Grimsby Town	H	
5	Chesterfield	H	
9	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
13	League Cup 4		
16	Gillingham	H	
23	F.A. Cup 1		
30	Colchester United	H	
Dec 4	League Cup 5		
7	Hereford United	A	
14	F.A. Cup 2		
21	Peterborough United	H	
26	Plymouth Argyle	A	
28	AFC Bournemouth	H	
1975			
Jan. 4	Aldershot (3)	A	
11	Hereford United	H	
15	League Cup SF		
18	Colchester United	A	
22	League Cup SF		
25	Preston North End	A	
Feb. 1	Brighton & Hove A.	H	
8	Grimsby Town	A	
15	Preston North End (5)	H	
22	Gillingham	A	
Mar. 1	Blackburn Rovers (LCF)	A	
8	Walsall (6)	H	
15	Watford	A	
18	Bury	A	
22	Crystal Palace	H	
28			
29	Peterborough United	A	
31	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Apr. 1	Charlton Athletic	H	
5	Huddersfield Town (SF)	H	

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
		F	A
5	Huddersfield Town (SF)	H	
11	Southend United	A	
19	Halifax Town	H	
22	Port Vale	H	
26	Wrexham	A	
May 3	F.A. Cup Final		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
		F	A
1974			
Aug. 17	Ipswich Town	A	0 5
20	Bristol Rovers	A	Postponed
24	Oxford United	H	0 4
27	Bristol Rovers	H	0 1
31	Arsenal	A	0 1
Sept. 7	Q.P.R.	H	0 3
14	West Ham United	A	0 5
18	Oxford United	A	0 1
21	Crystal Palace	H	0 3
28	Bournemouth	A	2 2
Oct. 9	Reading	A	Postponed
12	Cardiff City	H	1 0
19	Chelsea	A	0 4
22	Southampton	H	Postponed
26	Swansea City	H	Postponed
Nov. 2	Bristol City	A	
9	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
16	Luton Town	A	
23(1)	Norwich City	H	
30	Birmingham City	A	
Dec. 7	Leicester City	H	
14(2)	Ipswich Town	H	
17	Fulham	A	
28	Swansea City	A	
Jan. 1	Plymouth Argyle	H	
1975			
4 (3)			
11	Leicester City	A	
18	Birmingham City	H	
25 (4)	West Ham United	H	
Feb. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
8	Luton Town	H	
15(5)	Norwich City	A	
22	Bristol City	H	
26	Crystal Palace	A	
Mar. 1	Arsenal	H	
8(6)	Q.P.R.	A	
15	Fulham	H	
29	Bournemouth	H	
31	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Apr. 7	Cardiff City (SF)	A	
12	Reading	H	
22	Southampton	A	
26	Chelsea	H	
May. 3	F.A. Cup Final		

FOR THE RECORD

DIVISION 3

16th October - WILTS PROFESSIONAL SHIELD TROWBRIDGE 0

SWINDON TOWN 5 (MacLean 3, Syrett & Moss)
Allan, McLaughlin, Trollope, Gill, Broom,
Munks, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, McGovern, MacLean
(s) Young

19th October - FOOTBALL COMBINATION CHELSEA 4

SWINDON TOWN 0
Allan, Chalklin, Tanner, McGovern, Broom,
Young, Munks, Farr, Gilligan, Algar, Slattery
(s) Thompson

19th October - Division III

SWINDON TOWN 2 (Butler, Moss)
Barron, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Prophett,
Moss, Butler, Eastoe, MacLean, Dixon (s) Syrett

WREXHAM 1

Lloyd, Jones, Fagg, Evans, May, Thomas, Moir,
Whittle, Davies, Smallman, Griffiths (s) Dwyer

21st October - Division III

TRANMERE ROVERS 3
Johnson, Webb, Flood, Moore, Philpotts, Palios,
Coppell, Mitchell, Young, Allen, Seasman
(s) Crossley

SWINDON TOWN 0

Allan, McLaughlin, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter,
Prophett, Moss, Dixon, Eastoe, MacLean,
Butler (s) Burrows

23rd October - F.A. YOUTH CUP - Round 1

BOGNOR REGIS 2
SWINDON TOWN 1 (Gilligan)
Lawrence, Hooman, Tanner, Algar, Thompson,
Chalklin, Gardner, Fisher, Farr, Gilligan,
Brinkworth T. (s) Brinkworth R.

26th October - Division III

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2
Poole, Hutt, Garner, Pugh, Ellma, Dolan, Hay,
O'Neill, Gowling, McLead, Gray (s) McGinley

SWINDON TOWN 2 (Eastoe, Syrett)

Allan, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Munjs
Moss, Syrett, Eastoe, Butler, MacLean,
(s) McLaughlin

Preston	16	7	1	1	17	6	2	2	3	10	9	21
Blackburn	14	6	1	0	13	5	3	2	2	8	7	21
Colchester	16	5	2	1	14	6	2	4	2	10	10	20
Peterboro	15	5	3	0	11	4	3	1	3	7	11	20
Charlton	15	6	2	0	21	10	2	1	4	7	12	19
Crystal Pal	15	7	0	1	17	7	2	0	5	4	12	18
Swindon	16	5	2	1	13	7	1	4	3	11	18	18
Southend	17	6	1	2	15	6	1	2	5	3	10	17
Plymouth	16	7	1	0	15	4	1	0	7	6	17	17
Watford	16	4	3	0	11	6	1	4	4	12	19	17
Walsall	15	5	2	1	17	5	1	2	4	7	12	16
Hereford	16	5	2	2	16	5	1	2	4	5	12	16
Port Vale	15	4	2	0	13	6	0	5	4	7	14	15
Wrexham	14	3	2	1	13	7	2	2	4	10	13	14
Bury	16	3	2	2	8	4	2	2	5	7	13	15
Grimsby	16	4	1	3	15	11	2	1	5	7	15	14
Chesterfield	15	3	3	2	12	10	2	0	5	11	16	13
Bournemouth	14	3	1	3	9	5	2	1	4	4	8	12
Halifax	16	2	4	2	11	10	0	4	4	6	15	12
Tranmere	15	4	1	2	11	5	0	2	6	5	13	11
Brighton	16	4	3	1	12	10	0	0	8	4	19	11
Aldershot	16	4	1	3	13	11	0	2	6	3	14	10
Gillingham	15	2	3	2	8	8	0	2	6	6	16	9

Aldershot: One point deducted for playing ineligible player.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

Table of results to Tuesday 29th October 1974 (not inclusive)

Chelsea	15	11	3	1	30	8	25
Bristol City	15	9	3	3	33	16	21
Ipswich Town	13	9	1	3	36	13	19
Luton Town	14	7	4	3	29	15	18
Plymouth Argyle	12	8	1	3	21	14	17
Leicester City	16	6	5	5	20	14	17
Norwich City	12	6	3	3	21	10	15
Arsenal	15	6	3	6	15	13	15
Oxford United	15	7	1	7	20	19	15
Southampton	12	5	4	3	27	19	14
Cardiff City	13	6	2	5	27	24	14
A.F.C. Bournemouth	13	5	3	5	17	21	13
Q.P.R.	14	5	3	6	20	26	13
Tottenham Hotspur	13	5	3	5	18	24	13
Bristol Rovers	14	5	3	6	10	18	13
Crystal Palace	13	5	2	6	19	24	12
Birmingham City	15	3	5	7	12	18	11
Fulham	14	3	4	7	11	20	10
West Ham United	13	1	4	8	11	27	6
Swansea City	13	1	4	8	11	27	6
Swindon Town	11	2	1	8	4	28	5
Reading	11	2	0	9	11	33	4

HOME ATTENDANCES

Opponents	Attendances	League Average
Bury	6441	6441
Portsmouth (L.Cup)	4779	-
Blackburn Rovers	4951	5696
Tranmere Rovers	5511	5634
Plymouth Argyle	5496	5599
Aldershot	5733	5626
Watford	6326	5743
Southend	6690	5878
Wrexham	6731	5985



Action from the home game with Wrexham

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The Evening Advertiser

News and Views - continued

One man who will feel at home at the County Ground today is the Manager,, Mr Ron Ashman, for many years such a stalwart for Norwich City, and who played many fine games here at left-back. Welcome back sir, pleased to see you, such an example to young players and an ornament to the game.

31 games. Today they languish in the lower half of Division 4.

Grimsby returned to Division 3 at the end of season 1971 - 72 being champions with 63 points from 46 games with a goal average of 88 to 56.

The details of previous encounters between the two clubs are as follows:-

	H	A
1920-21 (Third Division, South)	0 0	0 3
1959-60 (Third Division)	3 2	0 3
1960-61 " "	3 0	2 3
1961-62 " "	5 0	1 0
1963-64 (Second Division)	2 1	2 1
1965-66 (Third Division)	0 0	2 2
1966-67 " "	3 1	4 3
1967-68 " "	5 0	2 2

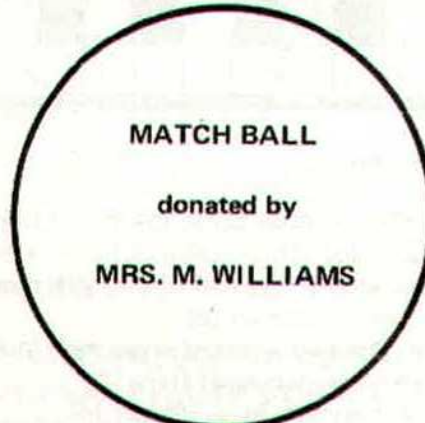
F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

1937-38 (away) 1 - 1 (home) 2 - 1
Swindon's score shown first.

Summary of League Encounters

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Home	8	6	2	0	21	4	14
Away	8	3	2	3	13	17	8
	16	9	4	3	34	21	22



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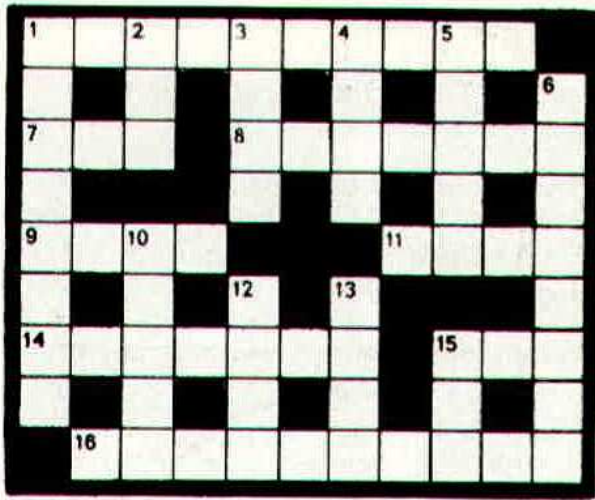
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

compiled by David Peck.

The first four correct entries opened by The Secretary, The Swindon Town F.C. County Ground, Swindon will each receive two tickets to a home Football League match. Please mark your envelope "Ninety-Niner"

CLUES - Across

1. Star Dutch defender in the World Cup finals (10).
7. England international of 100 years ago: Pelham --- Donop (3)
8. Club that had a record seven men in an England team against Italy (7)
9. St. Mirren play at --- Street (4)
11. Shots' stopper (4)
14. Their line-up includes Sullivan, Suggett and Stringer (7)
15. Round with no match for your side (3)
16. Colchester ex-Swindon midfielder (3,7)

CLUES - Down

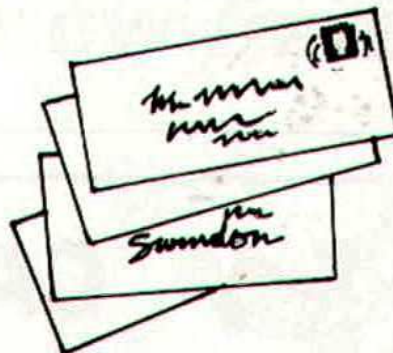
1. Brazil's dead-ball blaster (8)
2. --- Nixon (Peterborough) (3)
3. Oxford forward (4)
4. Cumbrians' keeper (4)
5. --- Machin (Brighton) (5)
6. Park where Beardsley and Booth are backs (9)
10. Hungary international who was with Aberdeen before moving to Ajax (5)
12. Magpies' midfielder (4)
13. Forest forward Sam Widdowson introduced such protective guards a 100 years ago (4)
15. Buzzer blazoned on Brentford's badge (3)

SOLUTIONS - Across

1. Forfar (Athletic); 4. Mick; 8. Reece;
 9. Henry (Derby); 10. Wanderers (Bolton);
 14. Astle; 16. Tiger(s) (Hull); 17. Kidd (Arsenal);
 18. United.

SOLUTIONS - Down

1. See 13 down; 2. Riesa; 3. Aberdeen; 5. Ian;
 6. Kaye; 7. Charlton; 11 & 12 down. right-back (Alf Ramsey); 13 & 1 down. Fred Ford;
 15. Ted.



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Chairman's column continued

we still managed to squeeze in at Bognor Regis on the Wednesday for our Youths. We had a good game, but eventually lost 2 - 1 with a penalty given against us in the last five minutes for handball. Our youngsters were very disappointed, but I am sure that on this showing they will win more than they will lose. This game was in the English Youth Cup, which many supporters

will remember when we reached the final, and lost on the second leg to Manchester United in 1964.

With thoughts of cup ties we enter the F.A. cup first round on November 23rd, and I know we all hope for a run in this one. If we get success it means I am sure, a return of some of our lost supporters.

GOOD AFTERNOON SUPPORTERS

GRAHAM DREW – Commercial Manager.

Doug Woodman has asked me to thank all his many friends who have rallied around and given us so many valuable orders to get our Sports Shop off the ground. We know after only 4 weeks, success is in the bag and we aim to give a service second to none in the Wiltshire area. So now you know that for any sports equipment you may require in the near future we will be pleased to quote you.

We have received hundreds of replies to our request for nominations for 'The Supporter of the Year' and some of the reasons for nomination given are simply fantastic, like the lad who comes from Surrey and every weekday match sits on the station until 5-0 am to get a train home that's what I call real support. During the past few weeks we have received many letters from abroad. Here are just a few countries we get regular mail from, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, U.S.A. China, Japan, South Africa and India. This just goes to show that the club has built up connections with supporters all over the world, and the following is growing every day.

I would like to give a hearty welcome to Jo Dean who, although she has only been with us for two weeks, is proving to be a girl in a million she is now learning all the aspects of pools work and is so quick to learn it is unbelievable, she will certainly be a great asset to us in the future.

A weekend in Paris for Two, that's the first of many prizes to be won in one of our Christmas Competitions. I am sure you will agree this is a prize well worth winning.

The winner of our first continental holiday which was drawn on Saturday 19th October by Mrs. Queenie Hook is Mrs. P. Wilmer of 30, Fanstones Road, Eldene, Swindon and her prize for her and her husband is eight days on the Costa Del Sol, Spain so they will shortly be off to find the sunshine.

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**Inter-School Penalty
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**Swindon Schools Football
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For St. Josephs Comprehensive School
Thomas Blake David Crosten

For Faringdon School
Darren Weeks, Geoffrey White, Alan
Chapman

For Highwood School, Nailsworth
David Bence, Robert Pass, Christopher
Stratford

For Burford Grammar School
A. Paget, S. Brookbanks, D. Woodward

Rules.

1. Each school will enter a team of 3 boys. These competitors must be 14 years of age or under on August 31, 1974
2. Each team member will take 3 penalty kicks under Football Association rules. From each 1st Round Heat, the team scoring most goals will go through to the next round. The same will apply to the subsequent rounds.
3. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be decided by a 'sudden-death' competition - each member of the tying teams taking penalty kicks in turn until one competitor does not score.
4. Competitors must report to the County Ground Dressing Room entrance (under the new North Stand) at the time stated.
5. In the event of the League match being postponed because of weather or condition of the playing surface, that day's Heat will also be postponed and will be held on the re-arranged League match day.

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John Trollope scoring his offside goal against Wrexham

Frank Burrows attacking with determination in Wrexham's visit to the County Ground.



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The man in the middle

ERIC READ (Bristol)

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HOME MIDLAND YOUTH FIXTURES

6th November
v Wolverhampton Wanderers

(K.O. 2.30 p.m. Shrivensham
Rd Ground)

27th November
v Northampton Town

29th January 1975
v Aston Villa

12th February
v West Bromwich Albion

19th February
v Leicester City



David Moss scoring Swindon's second goal against Wrexham in our last home match.

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- 3 Trollope
- 4 Hubbard
- 5 Potter
- 6 Prophett
- 7 Jenkins
- 8 Syrett ○
- 9 Eastoe
- 10 Dixon
- 11 MacLean
- 12 Munks



GRIMSBY

- 1 Freeman
- 2 Church
- 3 Czuczman
- 4 Booth
- 5 Coyle
- 6 Wiggington ○ 9
- 7 Gray
- 8 Barton
- 9 Hubbard ○
- 10 Lewis ○
- 11 Boylen
- 12 Brown

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