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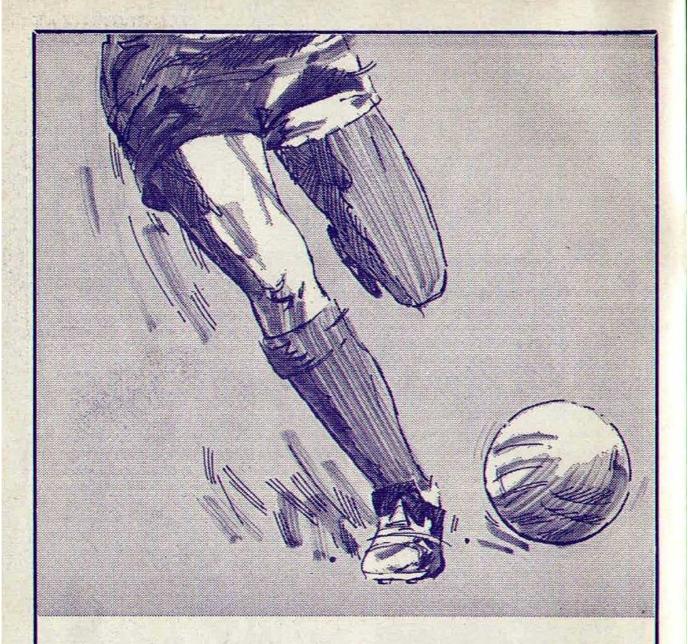
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Dave Chadwick's last gasp effort saw us to victory over Southend. After a frustrating time on the right he switched across the field to receive Allan Gauden's pass after he broke through the middle. Dick Tydeman anticipated a back pass and carefully placed his shot home off both posts to give us an early lead but Silvester headed home immediately after the interval following a free-kick award that many thought should have been in our favour.

We brought back three points from the two away games at Bury and Tranmere. Dave Galvin headed home after Dave Shipperley supplied the chance from Dick Tydeman's corner and Damien Richardson hit a Bury post with a scorcher soon after. This was the double over Bury, our third of the season.

Damien rammed home our second half equaliser at Tranmere after Peter Feely flicked on George Ley's free-kick. Rovers opened the scoring seconds before half-time after Dave Shipperley was penalised for an obscure offence but our penalty appeals for fouls on George Jacks (trip) and Peter Feely (push) went unheeded. Both Damien and Peter were doubtful at different times for the Tranmere game and Brian Yeo travelled up with the side.

Swindon Town are one of the many sides in with a chance of promotion at the end of the season. The Wiltshire side were relegated from Division Two at the end of last term together with Crystal Palace and Preston North End and all three sides are well-placed for an early return. Only three Clubs can be promoted and we have now climbed to the fringe of the teams looking for honours.

Town have won two of their away matches, 2-0 at Chesterfield and 1-0 at Bury. The points were shared at Port Vale (2-2), Charlton (3-3), Halifax (0-0), Huddersfield (2-2) and Brighton (1-1). As well as the six goals shared at the Valley, Swindon lost at Crystal Palace 6-2 and Plymouth 4-3. We went down 1-0 at the County Ground to an Eastoe effort in a game of few chances for either side.

We visit Buckingham Palace and Charlton next week. The invitation from Royal Household F.C. to play a friendly in Kensington tomorrow, followed by tea at Buckingham Palace, is due to a keen supporter of the Gills on the Household staff.

The return with Charlton next Friday evening will be full of interest and we are expecting a large following from the Medway Towns. We are organising transport and the Valley can of course be reached by train. Stand tickets for Charlton on sale today 80p each from the Secretary's office. Thursday, 6th March, 1975 is the date for the London Youth 5-a-Side finals at Islington. We play Charlton in the Quarter-Finals after defeating Crystal Palace. Transport will be organised for supporters intending to travel.

We are pleased to welcome a 40-strong party from Romney Marsh A.F.C. on their first trip to Priestfield and look forward to hearing from them.

Spurs keeper Terry Lee has joined us on a month's trial with an option to the end of the season and will cover for Ron Hillyard, our only ever-present player. Born in Stepney, Terry played at Newcastle last season for his only League appearance. Mike Gibson is due to return to Bristol as unfortunately the shoulder injury sustained at Workington keeps recurring.

Mark Agate

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Chaos in the Southend penalty area following a Gills corner.

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BLUES SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

With the Gills. We extend a warm welcome to the Swindon supporters who will be here today and look forward to meeting their Supporters Club officials at our Headquarters.

We entertained Southend supporters at Black Lion Playing Fields in the morning before the League match and in an enjoyable sporting game we won 3-0 with goals from Graham Pimblett, Mick Christie and Jim Parsons. The events of the afternoon were therefore all the more deplorable and we would ask our supporters not to let their enthusiasm get the better of them when confronted with obvious trouble-makers.

The 'Travelling Hornets' of Watford will also play our side of supporters, k.o. 11.00 a.m. at Black Lion Playing Field on Saturday, 8th March, 1975.

Miss Wendy Spencer was elected Miss Gillingham F.C. at the Social Club after the Southend game and will be performing various official duties. The contest was organised by the Blues Supporters' Association and we thank the judges—Tony Toms, George Jacks, Dave Galvin and Damien Richardson. Wendy will now progress to the area finals organised by the National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs.

We have received several new lines in the Sales Shops which are well worth a visit. Special offers to Members on some lines.

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SWINDON

GOALKEEPERS

Jim Barron began his career with Wolves, but after eight first team outings was transferred to Chelsea and then joined Oxford in March 1966. He soon established himself as first choice and made 152 league appearances before Nottingham Forest signed him in July 1970, and he arrived at the County Ground last August. His deputy is Jimmy Allan who was the regular custodian last term and is a former apprentice professional.

DEFENDERS

The back four comprises full backs Will Dixon and John Trollope and central defenders Colin Prophett and Frank Burrows. Dixon was a free transfer signing from Reading in the 1973 close season. A Londoner, he was a member of Arsenal's reserve side before joining Reading in the summer of 1969 and played 150 games for them before his release. Trollope is the longest serving player on the staff, having graduated through the junior sides to turn professional in July 1960. The following month he made his league debut and his total of 570 appearances to the end of 1973/74 is a club record. Burrows' early football was played for Raith Rovers before he moved south to Scunthorpe in the summer of 1965. His performances marked him as one of the best in the lower divisions, and after joining Swindon he became the established centre-half in over 200 games until losing his place a year ago. He was loaned to Mansfield last March but has now returned to first team duty, and plays alongside Prophett who was transferred from Norwich last October after a period on loan. Developed by Sheffield Wednesday, whose colours he wore on 113

occasions, he signed for Norwich in May 1973 and played in 34 First Division matches.

The reserve defenders are Joe Butler and Ron Potter. Butler joined his local club, Newcastle, and made three League appearances before moving to Swindon in August 1965 since when he has played over 300 matches. Potter hails from Wolverhampton but made a handful of appearances for WBA before joining Swindon in November 1970, and enjoyed his best season in 1972/73 when he missed only two matches.

MIDFIELD

Swindon are served in midfield by Terry Hubbard, Hugh McLean and John McLaughlin. Hubbard is a club development who made his debut in January 1972 and has won a regular place this term; McLean arrived from WBA last July whilst McLaughlin was transferred from Colchester in December 1973. He is one of the many young players produced by the Essex club in recent years and is an England youth international.

FORWARDS

Peter Eastoe cost a club record fee of £70,000 last March when he signed from Wolves after being on loan since the previous November, but it has proved well spent. After topping the scorers with eight goals last term, he leads the way this season with 22 goals in all competitions at the time of writing. Supporting him in both making and taking goals is winger Dave Moss, who began with his local club Witney as an amateur before turning professional with Swindon in 1969. He made the number seven shirt his own in August 1973 and was runner-up to Eastoe with six goals in 1973/74. The goalscoring potential was given a further boost in November with the signing of Northern Ireland international Trevor Anderson from Manchester United.



MOON

Anderson scored twice on his international debut against Cyprus in May 1973 and had joined the Old Trafford staff from Portadown in October 1972. Began last season well but lost his place in the autumn as the club struggled to retain First Division status.

The squad is completed by **Tom Jenkins** and **David Syrett.** Jenkins was released by West Ham and Orient and drifted into the Southern League with Margate before Reading gave him a second chance in the summer of 1969. Less than six months later they received a record £60,000 fee for his transfer to Southampton where he held the left wing position until August 1972. Three months later Swindon saw him as the replacement for Don Rogers. Twenty-one-year-old Syrett hails from Salisbury and created a big impression in 1973/74 with five goals in twenty outings.

John Skilling

PAST PERFORMANCES

Gillingham v Swindon, League record

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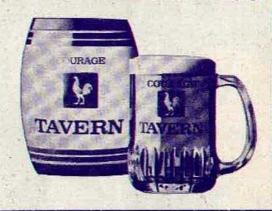
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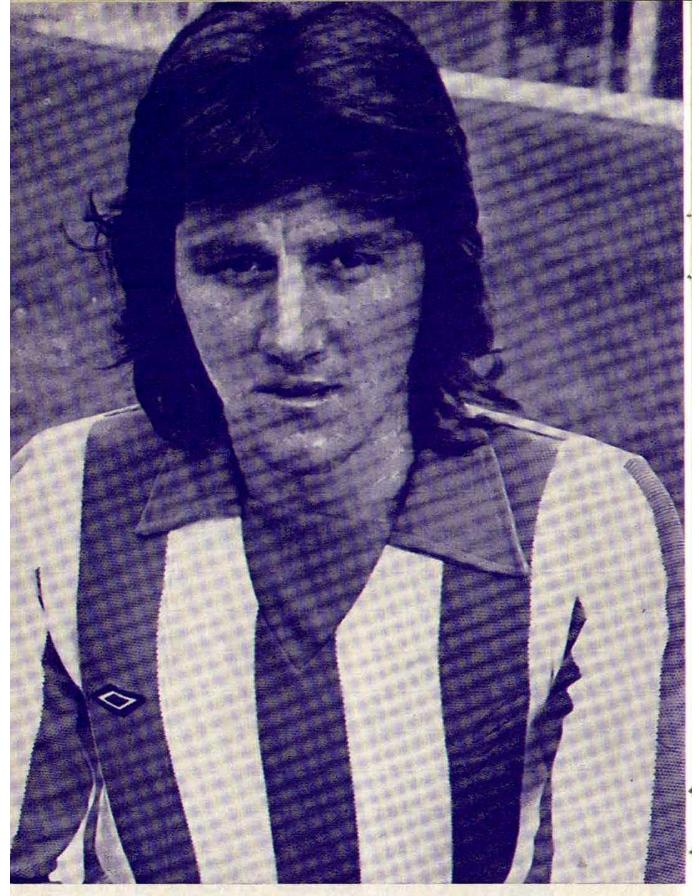
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PRIESTFIELD / 16 DAVE WILTSHIRE

Dave gained a regular place in the side following the departure of Keith Lindsey to Dartford. Since then he has settled down well and become more confident and impressive with each performance. Dave originally joined the Gills as a forward in January last year from Canterbury. He was previously to he had become his father, Harry, was a player and prior to that gained Town and County Schoolboy honours.

Born: Folkestone—July 1954. League record: Gills 17(4) apps, 1 goal.

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SCRAPBOOK OF 10 YEARS AGO

A single goal from Rodney Green was enough to give the Gills both points against Carlisle on Saturday, 27th February 1965 and open up a small gap at the head of Division Three.

After 35 games the top of the table now read: Hull 46 points, Gillingham 45, Carlisle 43, Mansfield 43.

Certainly Gillingham's chances of gaining one of those two promotion places now looked brighter than at any other stage of the season, But seven days later those hopes took a nosedive with an unexpected defeat at lowly Oldham.

The Gills created enough chances to have won easily but the defence, most unusually, conceded two soft goals.

Meanwhile the reserve side continued to conquer the Metropolitan League. Their latest success was a 3-1 win at Charlton thanks to Micky Williamson, Bob Ridley and an own goal.





Bob Ridley

Micky Williamson

MIDWEEK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	21	11	6	4	40	29	28
Orient	19	11	5	3	44	20	27
Luton	20	9	6	5	43	31	24
Colchester	18	9	5	4	39	28	23
Portsmouth	18	10	2	6	39	29	22
Peterborough	17	7	6	4	35	20	20
Charlton	17	7	6	4	28	24	20
Brighton	15	7	1	7	29	34	15
Gillingham	15	4	6	5	25	24	14
Brentford	16	4	6	6	23	29	14
Watford	19	2	9	8	18	28	13
Cambridge	18	4	3	11	23	34	11
Millwall -	18	4	2	12	22	57	10
Northampton	15	1	3	11	19	40	5

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	-A	Pts
Ipswich	22	14	6	2	66	24	34
Tottenham	21	13	2	6	56	25	28
Arsenal	22	10	7	5	43	26	27
Fulham	21	10	6	5	49	28	26
West Ham	20	10	5	5	38	25	25
Orient	19	8	8	3	38	23	24
Southend	19	10	3	6	38	32	23
Crystal P.	21	9	4	8	34	40	22
QPR	20	10	0	10	32	34	20
Chelsea	18	7	4	7	41	31	18
Watford	19	6	2	11	30	52	14
Portsmouth	20	5	3	12	32	50	13
Charlton	-17	5	3	9	21	34	13
Reading	21	5	2	14	20	61	12
Millwall	22	3	5	14	21	49	11
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THE GAP NARROWS

BY TERRY PHILLIPS (Kent Messenger)

The gap between Football League and non-League soccer is closing rapidly. And if some Third and Fourth Division clubs go parttime next season there will be very little difference in standard.

Last season I covered a Gillingham side that scored more goals than any other League side in the country. This year I have moved over to Maidstone, covering one of the most progressive non-League clubs, Maidstone United.

And having watched most of the Fourth Division sides last season I am convinced that many non-League outfits would do far better than the likes of Workington and Darlington.

The growing ability of sides outside the Football League to make long runs in the F.A. Cup gives weight to that view.

Look at Wimbledon and Leatherhead, both of whom went out to First Division clubs in the Fourth Round this season.

Maidstone also went through six rounds of the F.A. Cup, playing eight games, before going out at Swindon in the second round.

I'm not suggesting that Stones would come to Priestfield Stadium and beat Gills, in fact I'm convinced Gillingham would win any clash between the clubs.

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Gillingham have a good side at the moment and I couldn't see them slipping up against any non-League outfit.

But many of the Southern League and Northern Premier League clubs, and I've seen several games from the Northern section, would do well against Fourth Division clubs.

would do well against Fourth Division clubs. Sides like Maidstone, Yeovil, Kettering, Wigan and Stafford Rangers are committed to winning a place in the Football League.

And those who have gone in are still doing well, clubs like Hereford, Cambridge United and Oxford United.

For some time now the non-Leaguers have been pushing strongly for the formation of a Super League, made up of the best clubs from the Southern League and Northern Premier.

They want automatic promotion and relegation between this formation and the Fourth

It would certainly be a boost for the non-League clubs and it could also help some of the lower League clubs.

At the moment if a Fourth Division club is voted out, like Bradford Park Avenue and Barrow, there is absolutely no chance of them ever winning their place back. For some, like Bradford, it signals the end of their club.

A pyramid system throughout soccer is needed to enable a club to start, say, in the Rochester and District League, and work their way right through.

Gradually moving through county leagues, the Southern League and, if they can do it, right into Division One.

Well, maybe it will come one day but for now I wouldn't mind see Gillingham take on Maidstone in a pre-season friendly, a match many fans would like to see.

The rivalry between the clubs is well known, and although I believe Gills would win, Maidstone certainly wouldn't be disgraced.

Finally I would like to thank Gillingham for giving me so much pleasure last season; I followed them all over the country and the football was a joy to watch.

GOALS

If statistics are anything to go by then it's a good bet that most of the goals today will be at the Rainham End. So far this season 20 of the 30 goals Gillingham have scored at home have been at that end of the ground. There have only been three games in which Gillingham have failed to score there and in two of them they failed to score at all! However, the same theory does not hold quite so true for visiting teams. Of the 18 goals Gills have conceded at home there has been only a slight majority, eight to ten, in favour of the Rainham End.

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Division 3

(Up to and including Saturday, 15th Feb.)									
	P	W	D	L	F		Pts		
Blackburn	30	16	7	7	56	41	39		
Plymouth	30	16	6	8	55	43	38		
Charlton	30	15	7	8	54	42	37		
Swindon	30	15	7	8	44	39	37		
Preston	30	15	5	10	44	35	35		
Crystal P.	31	13	9	9	45	43	35		
Walsall	30	12	9	9	46	33	33		
Hereford	31	13	7	11	47	41	33		
Peterborough	28	13	7	8	29	32	33		
Port Vale	30	11	10	9	43	38	32		
Gillingham	31	12	8	11	45	40	32		
Colchester	31	11	10	10	48	45	32		
Southend	31	11	9	11	35	33	31		
Wrexham	31	10	9	12	47	41	29		
Bury	32	9	9	14	35	37	27		
Watford	30	7	13	10	38	50	27		
Grimsby	31	10	6	15	41	54	26		
Brighton	29	9	7	13	33	42	25		
Aldershot	32	10	6	16	33	44	*25		
Halifax	29	7	11	11	32	46	25		
Tranmere	29	9	6	14	41	39	24		
Chesterfield	30	9	6	15	40	49	24		
Bournemouth	28	9	5	14	30	37	23		
Huddersfield	30	8	5	17	31	54	21		
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Division 3: Feely 14, Richardson 14, Chadwick 2, Galvin 2, Jacks 2, Ley 2, Tydeman 2, Gauden 1, Hill 1, Lindsey 1, Shipperley 1, Wiltshire 1, Yeo 1, Opps 1.

League Cup: Galvin 1, Jacks 1, Richardson 1.

Midweek League: Gregory 6, W. Fogarty 4. M. Swaine 3, Knight 2, Pickett 2, Richardson 2, Yeo 2, Hill 1, Lindsey 1, A. Muskett 1, O'Donnell 1, M. Sterling 1, M. Weatherley 1, Wilks 1, Opps 1.

Youth Team: M. Weatherly 12, W. Fogarty 6, P. Kerr 3, M. Swaine 3, A. Muskett 2, A. Shingleton 2, N. Ford 1, M. Jones 1, M. Sterling 1.

Average Home Attendance (Div. 3): 7,204.

FOLLOW THE GILLS TO CHARLTON

This Friday, 28th February, 1975

Children 35p Depart-Gillingham F.C. (Main Stand) 5.30; Gillingham Bus Station 5.30; Chatham, Globe Lane 5.40; Rochester High Street 5.45; Strood, Winget's Factory 5.50.

Book-Gills Social Club evenings and after match; Main Stand Press Room today; Blues Supporters' Association today.

NEXT at PRIESTFIELD

WATFORD

Football League Division 3 Saturday, 8th March, K.O. 3.00 p.m.

Midweek League

Wednesday, 12th March, K.O. 7.15 p.m.