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PIN-UP PARADE

● A new pull-out-and-keep action shot of ALAN SUNDERLAND (Picture: Terry Lake Sportpix).



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WOLVES SCENE

□ APART from last week's second-round League Cup-tie at Swindon, we have only met the Wiltshire club once before . . . and that was in an F.A. Cup-tie 67 years ago and the result of that one could be taken as something of an omen!

It was, in fact, on February 22, 1908, that we lined-up against Swindon in a third-round tussle. We duly won 2-0 . . . and went on to win the trophy. So here's hoping that history will, indeed, repeat itself tonight . . . and certainly our rally at the County Ground last week, when we pulled back a two-goal deficit, should give everyone new heart as we seek to restore the balance after an indifferent start to the new season.

It was the first time we had pulled back a two-goal reverse since November 14, 1970, when after being 1-3 down **BOBBY GOULD** and **JIMMY McCALLIOG** netted to earn us a draw at West Ham.

We also recovered from a 0-2 setback almost exactly six years ago when, on September 13, 1969, we rallied to take a point at Stamford Bridge with two late goals from **HUGH CURRAN**.

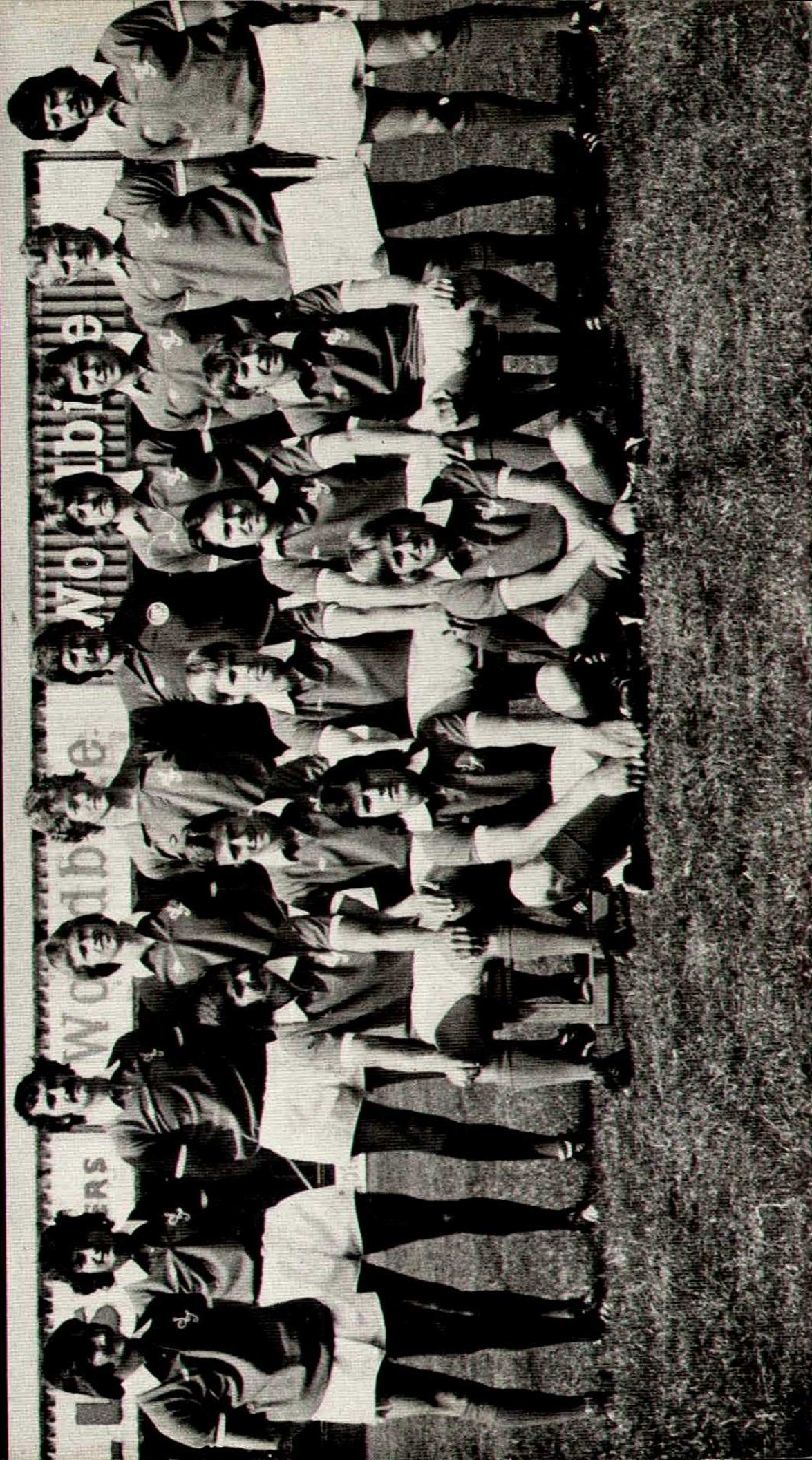
● Last week's game at the County Ground also brought back memories of an even more dramatic recovery in a cup-tie. This was at Oldham's Boundary Park in January 1967 when we were 0-2 down with less than five minutes to go, but defenders **BOBBY THOMSON** and **DAVE WOODFIELD** thundered home goals to earn us a replay and, ultimately a passage into the fourth round.

● Our most dramatic recovery in post-War games was, however, in November, 1956, when after trailing 0-3 to Preston at Molineux just after half time, we rallied to win 4-3 with **HARRY HOOPER** getting a hat-trick and **BOBBY MASON** getting his first goal in our colours.

● Apart from pre-season games, **ALAN SUNDERLAND**'s goal at Swindon was his first for our first team since he got the winner against Leicester in April, 1974 . . . while **JOHN RICHARD**'s equaliser kept up his remarkable record of having scored in **SEVEN CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE CUP-TIES!** After scoring in each game in our 1973-4 winning year from the fourth round onwards, he got our only goal against Fulham last season.

● Tonight's referee is **CLIVE THOMAS**, from Treorchy, in Glamorgan. Clive took two matches in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany and last season handled a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Holland and a European Cup-Winners' Cup game in West Germany. He started refereeing as a teenager after once being on Norwich City's books and graduated to the League through local leagues and the Welsh League. Clive has refereed several internationals and important European games. He is married with two daughters and is General Secretary of the Boys' Clubs of Wales and also runs a sports shop. His other interests include table tennis and basketball.

SUNDOWN TOWN



□ THE story of Swindon Town is practically the story of football south of the Thames. Founded in 1881 by a clergyman, the Rev. W. Pitt, as an amateur club, it was quickly accepted as the best in Wiltshire, and the Wilts Cup was nearly always held by Swindon Town. In fact, one season the final was contested between the first and the second teams of the one club!

In time they broadened their attitudes, began to engage professionals in 1894 and was accepted as one of the original members of the Southern League Div. 1, in which they had, with Millwall and Southampton, continuous membership from the inception in 1894 to 1920 when, with fellow clubs, they became a founder-member of Division III (S) of the Football League.

During this period they had varied fortunes. They finished its first season at the foot of the table and so became a wholly professional side with a wage bill of £10 a week. In 1900 they reached fourth position, but the financial resources were so inadequate that they had to part with many good players, several of whom went to Nottingham Forest.

In 1902 they were a bad last and the "Railwaymen" were in sore straights. Thanks, however, to the hard work of such men as Sam Allen, a devoted club man, difficulties were overcome for a time.

Season 1907-8 began its most memorable period. Swindon Town entered the F.A. Cup for the first time, reached the third round and three years later got to the semi-final to be beaten by Newcastle United, the ultimate winners, at Tottenham.

Two years later they again reached the semi-final, losing to Barnsley in a replay. Between 1907 and 1914 they won the Southern League Championship twice and were never lower than fifth in the final tables.

Since Swindon Town have been in the Football League they have been obliged to seek re-election in the years 1933, 1956 and 1957 and five times reaching fourth place before finally gaining promotion to Division II at the end of season 1962-63 when they finished in second position in Division III.

Following an outstanding start in 1963-64 when they set up a record for a newly promoted club, being

● Back (left to right): Trevor Anderson, David Syrett, Frank Burrows, Peter Eastoe, Jim Allan, Jim Barron, Tom Jenkins, Ken Stroud, John Trollope, Colin Probert. Front: Wilf Dixon, David Moss, Terry Hubbard, John McLoughlin, Joe Butler. On ground: Clive Gardner, Geoff Chalklin.

MANAGER

● DANNY WILLIAMS played for Rotherham for 19½ years during which time he appeared 621 times. The first ten years of this period he played as a part-timer, putting in a full shift in the mines each day in addition to training and playing. He eventually became manager of Rotherham and stayed there for three years before resigning and moving his home to Bournemouth.

It was from Bournemouth that he joined Swindon as manager in 1966 and he stayed with them for four years during which time Town gained promotion to the Second Division and won the League Cup Final in 1969.

Following these achievements, Danny moved to Sheffield Wednesday as manager, but remained with them only for sixteen months. His next club was Mansfield, where he worked most successfully for two and a half years, before being asked to rejoin Swindon in March, 1974.



● JOHN TROLLOPE... joined Town in 1960 and has now made over 650 appearances.

undefeated for nine games, Town finished well down in the League. The following season saw them relegated to Division III after only two seasons in the higher sphere.

The club again gained promotion to Division II at the end of season 1968-69, being runners up to Watford. During the same season they beat Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley to win the Football League Cup. Their Division II status lasted until April, 1974 when they were again relegated to Division III.

Town's F.A. Cup record as a Football League Club shows that they have reached the fourth round of the competition ten times, the fifth round four times and the sixth round twice, this being in 1925 and 1970.

Originally the Swindon team played in green shirts on the Croft, but they moved to County Ground in 1896 and they have occupied it since then without interruption, even in War-time.

The capacity is now 31,000, but the highest pre-war attendance was 24,730 at the Cup-tie with Burnley in 1929, but this was easily surpassed at the F.A. Cup game with Arsenal in January, 1972, when the record 32,000 was established.

Naturally, with so long a history of professional players, many outstanding men have been connected with the club. Perhaps the best known was HAROLD FLEMING, always an attractive and dangerous inside forward, capped nine times for England. Then must come GRENVILL MORRIS, capped for Wales twenty-one times, and JOHN WALKER, the international back for Scotland, capped nine times.

Others of renown were the backs, HARRY KAY, J. HOGAN, S. LAMB and F. RICHARDSON. And in more recent years the names of BILLY LUCAS, capped for Wales, NORMAN UPRICHARD, for Ireland, MIKE SUMMERBEE for England, ERNIE HUNT who gained an Under 23 cap, and DON ROGERS spring more readily to mind, also ROD THOMAS who has been capped for Wales, and RAY TREACY who has played for Northern Ireland teams many times.

The only present player to play for his country is TREVOR ANDERSON for Northern Ireland.

Winners of the League-Cup Winners Cup Competition in 1969, against Roma, and Anglo-Italian Inter League Clubs Competition in '70 against Naples in the inaugural year of both competitions, Swindon Town are hoping for even bigger things in the future.

SWINDON ABC

JAMES ALLAN (goalkeeper): Born Inverness. Signed as an apprentice professional from Brora Rangers in October, 1970, and signed professional in July, 1971. He made his debut in the First Team in September 1971. Height: 5' 11". Weight: 11st. 7lbs.

TREVOR ANDERSON (forward): Born Belfast. Signed November 1, 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland international. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 2lbs.

JIM BARRON (goalkeeper): Born Tantobic, Co. Durham. Signed July 22, 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United. Height: 5' 11 1/2". Weight: 12st. 7lbs.

FRANK BURROWS (centre-half): Born Larkhall Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in the first team. Regular member of promotion winning side of season 1968-69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup-Winners' Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter club competition winning team season 1969-70. Height: 6' 1". Weight: 12st. 8lbs.

**BREW
XI**

**For the men of
the Midlands**

M&B



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JOE BUTLER (full-back): Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August, 1965 where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's junior team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Regular member of promotion winning side of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup-Winners' Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter club competition winning team season 1969-70. Height: 5' 6 1/2". Weight: 10st. 10lbs.

WILF DIXON (full-back, midfield): Born London. Signed September, 1973, from Reading. Height: 5' 8". Weight: 10st. 6lbs.

PETER EASTOE (forward): Born in Tamworth, Staffs. Signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers on March 13, 1974, having joined Wolves as a boy. Played only 19 games last season during which time he became the club's top goal scorer. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 3lbs.

TERRY HUBBARD (inside-forward): Born Newport. Joined club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional 1969. Has now established himself as a regular first team and Welsh Under-23 player. Height: 5' 9". Weight: 10st. 10lbs.

TOM JENKINS (winger): Born London. Signed from Southampton in October, 1972, after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Formerly with Orient and Reading he also had a spell with Southern League Margate. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 10lbs.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN (right-back): Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the club from Colchester on December 3, 1973. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 10st. 6lbs.

DAVID MOSS (inside-right): Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969. Height: 5' 9". Weight: 11st. 3lbs.

COLIN PROPHETT (defender): Born Crewe. Signed November 1, 1974, from Norwich City after previous season with Sheffield Wednesday. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 2lbs.

KEN STROUD (midfield): Born London. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970. Height: 5' 11". Weight: 12st.

DAVID SYRETT (forward): Born in Salisbury. Joined the club as an apprentice professional on July 13, 1972, and as a professional on November 8, 1973. During the past season he became a member of the first team squad and was also a member of the England Youth Team. Height: 5' 10". Weight: 11st. 3lbs.

JOHN TROLLOPE (full-back): Born Wroughton, near Swindon. Joined the club from school and has become its longest serving professional, signing in August 1960. Since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 650 appearances for Swindon. Height: 6'. Weight: 12st. 4lbs.



PETER
EASTOE



TREVOR
ANDERSON



DAVID
MOSS



TOM
JENKINS



7 OUT OF 7

● There must be something about the Football League Cup as far as JOHN RICHARDS is concerned. Particularly when it comes to getting goals . . . because he has now scored in each of our last seven ties. The most memorable was, of course, the winner in the 1974 Final against Manchester City (above). Though one of his most spectacular was during the same run against Liverpool in the sixth round (right). Keep it going, John!





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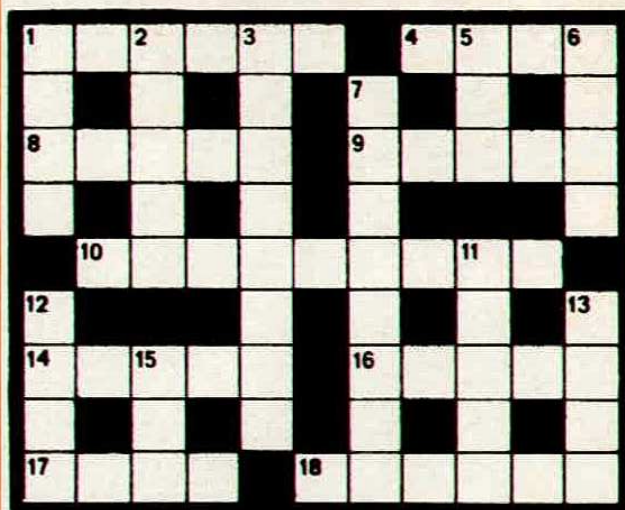
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WOLVES WORD



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ACROSS

- Belgium's national stadium (6)
- Feature on badges of, for example, Torquay and Tranmere (4)
- Birmingham's 'big' buy from Wolves (5)
- Tony Book bought him for Christmas last year (5)
- Home of 1920's League club and birthplace of the Charlton brothers (9)
- Stark's Parkers (5)
- Famous old international with Belfast Celtic and Glasgow Celtic (5)
- Southport are the "... grounders" (4)
- Huddersfield striker bought from Blackburn (6)

DOWN

- England right-back who made his 23 appearances in consecutive matches (4)
- Redditch referee much noted for his notebook last season (5)
- Referee's faculty much criticised by hard-done-by fans (8)
- Forward Blackburn had from Huddersfield (3)
- Park where Accrington used to entertain (4)
- Where Mike Bamber is chairman (8)
- Newcastle international ... Burton had to retire after a bad knee injury (5)
- Wilf McGuinness formerly managed ... Salonika (4)
- Hatters' Jim or John (4)
- Robins or Ross (3)

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FOLLOW WOLVES

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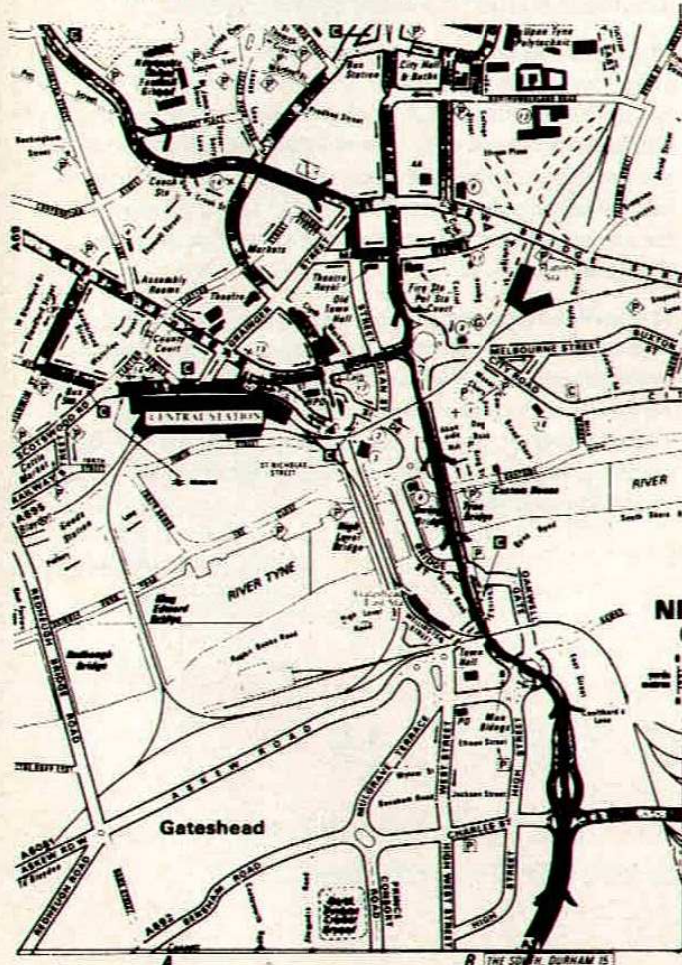
NEWCASTLE UNITED (September 20)

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Forward (signs **Motorway M1**) to Junction 30. Leave Motorway and at roundabout take first exit **A642** (signs Rothwell) and in 1 mile at roundabout follow signs **A64** to Oulton. Keep left **A642** to Garforth and in 2¼ miles bear left to join **A1** (signs **The North**) to Wetherby and Scotch Corner.

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If, after cautioning the goalkeeper for time-wasting by lying on the ball, the same 'keeper commits the same offence later in the game, what decision should you make?

(Answers on Page 14)

TALK-IN PAGE

☐ **MORE** than 2,400 official cautions—or bookings, as most people choose to call them—were made by referees in the Football League last season.

Four hundred of these cautions were for what I regard as the most futile offence of all—dissent. Apart from physical fouls such as punching, kicking or tripping, dissent was the most frequent offence.

In addition to that category of recorded cautions there was a large number of bookings for encroachment by players when free-kicks were being taken by opponents.

And, while there is no statistic to show it, you could safely bet on it that most of the dissenting players ran into trouble for arguing about free-kicks, or if not arguing, kicking the ball away or demonstrating in a variety of other familiar ways their disapproval of the referees' decision.

In whatever form dissent is shown it can only be construed by a referee as a direct challenge to his authority, so, regardless of the circumstances, the offending player exposes himself to risk.

Yet, to judge by all the sinister whispers one hears in football, it may well be that some managers and players do not regard that risk as senseless as some of us might see it to be.

They may see it as a form of intimidation that might eventually sway a weak referee. And, as we all know, many big names of players have been bandied about by rivals who have accused them of trying to brainwash the refs. so as to wrest from them the control of games.

While that kind of claim will be seen by referees—particularly the strong and unyielding ones—as a slander, I often think their authority would be all the greater if the game had some form of instant punishment far more drastic than a booking for the offence of dissent.

Two of our winter games in this country—neither of them, admittedly, as strongly supported as soccer—have this kind of deterrent in their laws. They are Rugby League and Rugby Union. It applies in the case of dissent over penalties, which are the equivalent of direct free-kicks in soccer. If, in either of these games, a player protests, encroaches or shows dissent in any way over a kick awarded to the opposition, the referee can immediately order his team back 10 yards and give the other side the obvious advantage of taking their kick that distance nearer goal.

If, after this reminder that the referee is boss, the dissenting player hasn't cooled off—or if his teammates haven't managed to gag him—the referee can order his side back yet another 10 yards. He can go on repeating the process until the point at which the protests must surely end.

People who see more of these games than I do tell me that a second order by the referee for another 10-yards retreat by the dissenter's team is rarely necessary. Yet in one recent game an offending team were ordered back 30 yards in all. Usually, however, the player who has made his side suffer even by one extra 10-yards order gets the message . . . swiftly and clearly.

Most managers in soccer make earnest attempts to stamp out dissent by players, even to the extent of fining the hot-heads who expose themselves to the danger of suspensions. These attempts will become all the more strenuous now that the League has a new disciplinary code under which clubs are to be punished for excessive numbers of penalty points incurred by their players.

I believe that instant justice on the field would help the managers as well as the referees. Admittedly, too much tinkering with the rules of any game is not a good thing and the soccer law-makers have been wise to resist many of the recommendations over the years for them to do so. But any idea for stamping out dissent must be worth looking at.

RON CROWTHER
(Daily Mail)

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WOLVES DIARY

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RESULTS, GATES etc.

FIRST DIVISION

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Gate	74-75 Result	74-75 Gate
Aug. 16	MANCHESTER U.	H	0-2	31,973	—	—
" 20	Stoke City	A	2-2	22,551	2-2	30,611
" 23	Middlesbrough	A	0-1	22,595	1-2	27,443
" 26	Q. P. RANGERS	H	2-2	19,380	1-2	20,320
" 30	ARSENAL	H	0-0	18,144	1-0	19,303
Sep. 6	Leeds U.	A	0-3	24,460	0-2	31,224
" 9	Swindon (LC2)	A	2-2	12,252	—	—
" 13	BIRMINGHAM C.	H	—	—	0-1	28,256
" 20	Newcastle U.	A	—	—	0-0	29,660
" 23	ASTON VILLA	H	—	—	—	—
" 27	WEST HAM U.	H	—	—	3-1	24,794
Oct. 4	Liverpool	A	—	—	0-2	42,449
" 8	League Cup (3)	—	—	—	—	—
" 11	SHEFFIELD U.	H	—	—	1-1	15,187
" 18	Derby Co.	A	—	—	0-1	31,109
" 25	EVERTON	H	—	—	2-0	33,120
Nov. 1	Tottenham H	A	—	—	0-3	27,238
" 8	IPSWICH TOWN	H	—	—	2-1	20,123
" 12	League Cup (4)	—	—	—	—	—
" 15	Burnley	A	—	—	2-1	20,144
" 22	DERBY CO.	H	—	—	0-1	24,515
" 29	MANCHESTER C.	H	—	—	1-0	21,716
Dec. 3	League Cup (5)	—	—	—	—	—
" 6	Leicester City	A	—	—	2-3	25,070
" 13	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	—	—	2-0	21,066
" 20	Manchester U.	A	—	—	—	—
" 26	COVENTRY CITY	H	—	—	2-0	20,002
" 27	Norwich City	A	—	—	—	—
Jan. 3	F.A. Cup (3)	—	—	—	—	—
" 10	Birmingham City	A	—	—	1-1	33,785
" 14	League Cup (SF)	—	—	—	—	—
" 17	LEEDS U.	H	—	—	1-1	34,875
" 21	League Cup (SF)	—	—	—	—	—
" 24	F.A. Cup (4)	—	—	—	—	—
" 31	STOKE CITY	H	—	—	2-2	28,216
Feb. 7	Q. P. Rangers	A	—	—	0-2	16,596
" 14	Ipswich Town (5)	A	—	—	0-2	22,187
" 21	BURNLEY	H	—	—	4-2	17,945
" 24	Aston Villa	A	—	—	—	—
" 28	Everton (LCF)	A	—	—	0-0	36,902
Mar. 6	TOTTENHAM (6)	H	—	—	2-3	20,647
" 13	Sheffield U.	A	—	—	0-1	20,290
" 20	Manchester C.	A	—	—	0-0	29,326
" 27	LEICESTER C.	H	—	—	1-1	20,564
Apl. 3	West Ham (SF)	A	—	—	2-5	31,708
" 10	NEWCASTLE U.	H	—	—	4-2	23,526
" 13	Arsenal	A	—	—	0-0	27,572
" 17	Coventry City	A	—	—	1-2	20,248
" 19	NORWICH CITY	H	—	—	—	—
" 24	LIVERPOOL	H	—	—	0-0	33,499
May 1	F.A. Cup Final	—	—	—	—	—

Central League

Aug.	16—Liverpool	A 3-1
"	19—BURY	H 4-0
"	23—COVENTRY C.	H 4-1
"	27—Stoke City	A 0-1
"	30—Manchester U.	A 0-3
Sept.	6—W. B. ALBION	H 3-4
"	13—Blackburn R.	Away
"	20—NEWCASTLE U.	Home
"	24—Aston Villa	Away
"	27—Bolton W.	Away
Oct.	4—BLACKPOOL	Home
"	11—Sheffield U.	Away
"	18—EVERTON	Home
"	21—ASTON VILLA	Home
"	25—Derby County	Away
Nov.	1—NOTTINGHAM F.	Home
"	8—Burnley	Away
"	15—PRESTON	Home
"	22—Everton	Away
"	29—Manchester	Away
Dec.	6—HUDDERSFIELD T.	Home
"	16—Coventry City	Away
"	20—LIVERPOOL	Home
"	27—SHEFFIELD W.	Home
Jan.	3—Leeds United	Away
"	10—BLACKBURN R.	Home
"	17—W. B. Albion	Away
"	24—MANCHESTER U.	Home
"	31—Bury	Away
Feb.	7—STOKE CITY	Home
"	14—BURNLEY	Home
"	21—Preston	Away
"	28—DERBY C.	Home
Mar.	10—Nottingham F.	Away
"	13—SHEFFIELD U.	Home
"	20—MANCHESTER C.	Home
"	27—Huddersfield T.	Away
Apr.	3—BOLTON W.	Home
"	10—Newcastle U.	Away
"	17—LEEDS U.	Home
"	19—Sheffield W.	Away
"	24—Blackpool	Away

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Man. Utd.	6	5	1	0	14	4	11
West Ham	6	4	2	0	10	6	10
Leeds Utd.	6	4	1	1	9	5	9
Q.P.R.	6	2	4	0	12	6	8
Liverpool	6	3	2	1	10	7	8
Coventry	6	2	3	1	8	4	7
Newcastle	6	3	1	2	12	8	7
Arsenal	6	2	3	1	6	4	7
Middlesbro	6	3	1	2	8	6	7
Everton	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Norwich C.	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Derby C.	6	2	2	2	9	11	6
Man. City	6	2	1	3	8	5	5
Ipswich T.	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
Burnley	6	1	3	2	7	8	5
Leicester C.	6	0	5	1	7	10	5
Aston Villa	6	2	1	3	7	11	5
Tottenham	6	1	2	3	8	10	4
Stoke City	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
WOLVES	6	0	3	3	4	10	3
B'Ham C.	6	0	2	4	6	13	2
Sheff. Utd.	6	0	1	5	3	15	1

(Up to and including September 6)

LEAGUE CUP

CHAT.

□ **MIDLAND** clubs have, in general, fared well in the League Cup with **Aston Villa** sharing with **Spurs** the distinction of being the only club to have won it twice, while Villa, **W.B. Albion** and **Norwich** are the only clubs to have reached three finals.

● Four established First Division sides—**Everton**, **Liverpool** **Coventry** and **Newcastle**—have never progressed beyond the last eight of the League Cup. The record of **Leeds** is also a surprising one. Apart from winning the competition in 1968 they have never got beyond the last 16 and on one of the three occasions in which they got that far they crashed 7-0 to West Ham.

● Two Third Division clubs, **Q.P.R.** (in 1967) and **Swindon** (in 1969), have won the League Cup, while **Aston Villa** reached the 1971 Final when in Division III. **Rochdale** reached the Final in 1962 when in Division IV and **Chester** reached the semi-final last season in the same year that they won promotion from Division IV.

● The early rounds of the League Cup usually bring a fair amount of discomfiture to Division I teams (and West Ham's failure to beat a Bristol City team reduced to ten men did not make most match pints go down very sweetly in the vicinity of Upton Park on Tuesday) but several teams seemed to use the opportunity to play themselves back into form after a poor start to the season.

● **Birmingham's** 4-0 win against the packed **Orient** defence should do them the world of good, though only one of their goals (that from **BOB HATTON**) came from one of their usual front runners. The others were netted by defender **JOE GALLAGHER** (all of whose last three goals have come in cup-ties) and, **TONY WANT** (with only his second goal in first class football and his first since the game against **Norwich** in November 1972) and new midfielder **ROY MORTON** with his first goal in first class football.

Spurs, on a real hiding-to-nothing mission, came safely through at **Watford** against a side currently in the Division IV re-election zone with teenager **CHRIS JONES** getting his third goal in four away games this season.

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● Another London player to net in three out of four away games this season is **Q.P.R.'s DAVE THOMAS**, who joined in the shooting practice at **Shrewsbury** after the home side had taken a shock half-time lead. Defender **DAVID WEBB** was also on the mark in the 4-1 win with his first goal since netting for Chelsea against Manchester City in February 1974.

● Defenders are doing a fair amount of scoring these days and **Everton's MICK LYONS** emphasised that he is far from being just a back four man when netting in the League Cup-tie against **Arsenal**. It was his third goal in successive home games. The other home goal came from Welsh international **DAVID SMALLMAN**, his fourth so far this season, while two comparatively new names appeared on the Arsenal scoresheet. **ALEX CROPLEY** got his first cup goal for them to add to the one League goal he got against Carlisle in February, while **FRANK STAPLETON** in only his third first-team game, got his second goal in successive games.

● Sweet revenge for **Leeds** after their protracted sixth round F.A. Cup-tie defeat by **Ipswich**. In their 3-2 win both **DUNCAN MCKENZIE** and **ALLAN CLARKE** scored their third goals in successive games.

● Moving away from Division I sides, a brief word of congratulations to **Darlington** and **Doncaster** who have both reached Round III for only the second time. **Darlington's** second round win was all the more meritorious as it was against **Luton**, who all but stayed in Division One last season and who were a goal up at half time. These are great days for the North Easterners so long the cinderellas, for they have now lost only once in eight League and cup games this season.

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