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Dave Smith . . .

Winning the "Fourth Division Championship" didn't only give us silver, handshakes, and "hail fellow well met," it gave us the opportunity to have a very important auction at our Championship dinner.

From the auction of a first-team strip, match ball of our last match in the Fourth Division and a "sweaty jock strap," we gathered a princely sum of £135.

From a cricket match with James Maude & Co. (which we actually won! sorry Barry!) and a subsequent raffle in their well-appointed Social Club, we also raised another £35 or thereabouts. Another donation by the players enabled us to present to Thieves Wood School a cheque of sizeable proportion.

Why Thieves Wood School, some people might say? Well, we have in our time given time and money to other Schools and Colleges, but we are trying in the future to cover all these centres again!

By the way, Thieves Wood School is a school for severely physically handicapped children. We had a great morning up there last week, where we played table-tennis, snooker, chess, draughts and five a-side football. We lost the five a-side football mind you, but we were confined to wheel chairs like the boys. A great experience for everybody. At the end of the day, it makes you wonder about other trivialities and personal annoyances!

Well, we brought back Jimmy McCaffrey on Wednesday and not knowing the outcome of our game with Manchester City, I cannot assess his performance. Picking any team is not an easy task. We have to think about balance, formation and in-form players (and fit players). Jimmy was left out because of lack of form—all players experience this throughout a season—some are unlucky to have healthy competition, while others are lucky the other way. Of course, it's always in 'my opinion' and I can be proved wrong. Jimmy had done extremely well in the Reserves and deserves his opportunity. It is up to him now to show his undoubted talent.

Let us also hope that we give a good account of ourselves in the Cup game—let's hope we won!

We eagerly await the challenge of Swindon Town (and Danny Williams) to-day. Like ourselves, injuries early on in the season denied them a strong settled side. Just recently, they have recovered well. Both sides are predominantly attack minded but at the same time aware of lowly positions, so it has the makings for an honest encounter. Let us hope it's a successful one for us.

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INTRODUCING

Swindon Town Football Club

DANNY WILLIAMS

Danny 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 the 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 only remained with them for sixteen months. His next club was Mansfield where he worked most successfully for 2½ years before being asked to rejoin Swindon in March 1974.

Players . . .

ALLAN, James (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 ft. 11 ins. Weight 11 st. 7 lbs.

BARRON, Jim (Goalkeeper)—Born Tantobie, Co. Durham. Signed 22nd July 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United. Height 5 ft. 11½ ins. Weight 12 st. 7 lbs.

BURROWS, Frank (Centre Half)—Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the Club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played 3 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 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 ft. 1 ins. Weight 12 st. 8 lbs.

BUTLER, Joe (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 ft. 6½ ins. Weight 10 st. 10 lbs.

DIXON, Wilfred (Full Back or Midfield)—Born London. Signed September 1973 from Reading. Height 5 ft. 8 ins. Weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

EASTOE, Peter (Forward)—Born in Tamworth, Staffs. Signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers on 13th March 1974 having joined Wolves as a boy. Last season he became the Club's top goal scorer. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 3 lbs.

HUBBARD, Terry (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 ft. 9 ins. Weight 10 st. 10 lbs.

JENKINS, Tom (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 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 10 lbs.

McLAUGHLIN, John (Right Back)—Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the Club from Colchester on the 3rd December 1973, and has made the left back position his own. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

MOSS, David (Inside Right)—Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969. Height 5 ft. 9 ins. Weight 11 st. 3 lbs.

PROPHETT, Colin (Forward)—Born Belfast. Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 2 lbs.

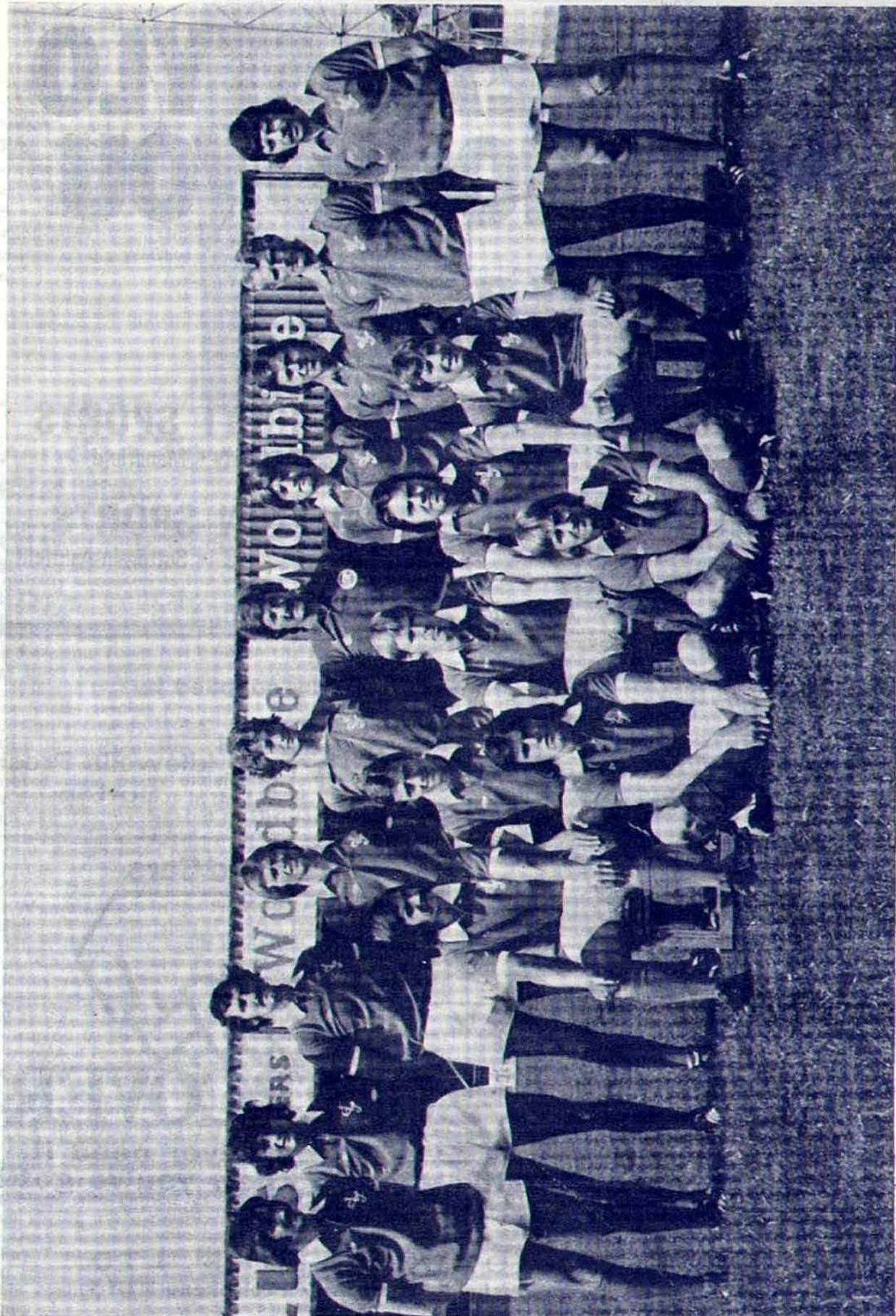
STROUD, Ken (Midfield)—Born London. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970. This skilful player is rapidly becoming contender for a regular First Team place. Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 12 st.

SYRETT, David (Forward)—Born in Salisbury. Joined the Club as an apprentice professional on the 13th July 1972 and as a professional on the 8th November 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 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 3 lbs.

TROLLOPE, John (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 600 appearances for Swindon. Height 6 ft. Weight 12 st. 4 lbs.

ANDERSON, Trevor (Forward)—Born Belfast. Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International. Height 5 ft. 10 ins. Weight 11 st. 2 lbs.

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB TEAM PHOTO



Back Row : Anderson, Burrows, Allan, Jenkins, Trollope, Syrett, Eastoe, Barron, Stroud, Prophett.
Middle Row : Dixon, Moss, Hubbard, McLaughlin, Butler.
Front Row : Gardner, Chalklin.

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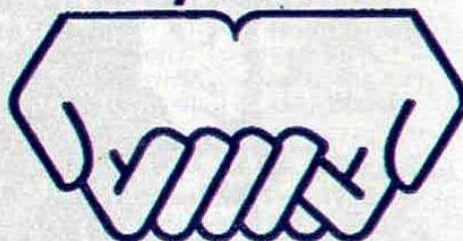
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Rotherham born Danny Williams, Swindon manager returns to Field Mill this afternoon where he spent 2½ years as Stags chief before returning for his second term in charge of the Wiltshire Club.



Swindon Town F. C.

A Brief History

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 second teams of the one club.

Since Swindon Town has been in the Football League it has 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 conclusion of Season 1962-63 when it finished in second position in Division III. Following an outstanding start in 1963-64 when it set up a record for a newly promoted club, being undefeated for 9 games, the 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 conclusion 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 Competition. Their Division II status lasted until April 1974 when they were again relegated to Division III. Its F.A. Cup record as a Football League Club shows that it has 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.

They moved to the County Ground in 1896 and they have occupied it since then without interruption, even in war-time. Its capacity is now 31,000, but at the F.A. Cup game with Arsenal in January 1972 the record 32,000 was established. Naturally with so long a history of professional players, many outstanding men have been connected with the Club. In 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 R. Thomas (now Derby County) 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.



Sandy Pate takes an admiring look at the Silver Goblets and Tray presented to him in recognition of his record of 418 appearances for Stags.

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The 40-1 outsiders . . .

As these notes were compiled early in the week, we obviously could not have been aware of the result of Wednesday night's Football League Cup Round 5 meeting with Manchester City at Maine Road.

We were quoted 40-1 outsiders for the match, but football being the game it is, anything could have happened and probably did!

In any case we hope that, at the very least, we have been able to bring City back to Field Mill for a replay—or better still, we have been able once again, to show our liking for the big clubs, and against all the odds, managed a win!

While touching on the cup scene—the F.A. Cup this time—a reminder of Monday night's second replay at Villa Park (7.30 p.m.) against Wrexham.

Admission to all parts of the ground (terraces and stands) will be through the turnstiles.

Should this game end in another draw—another replay will be necessary on the Wednesday evening, for the Second Round is scheduled for the following Saturday, with a home match against Lincoln City for the winners of the replay.

But whatever the outcome of both matches, once again we face a month which includes a minimum of seven matches, at the very minimum.

And while we are naturally delighted to be concerned in these prestige cup competitions, they have created something of a fixture problem.

Particularly at a time when our league position is giving concern to all at Field Mill.

We can only reiterate that retention of our Division III status must be—and is—our premier aim.

Back to the bread and butter scene—the league programme—this afternoon, and we extend a welcome to the supporters, officials and players of Swindon Town.

And particularly of course to Swindon's manager, Danny Williams, who was our manager before he returned to Swindon just over a year ago.

We are happy to see Danny here at Mansfield, but we hope that it will not be too successful a return and we pick up a couple of useful points.

Our visitors have also had a disappointing start to the season with a similar injuries problems to ourselves. We are looking to the game this afternoon to see a revival in our league fortunes.

At the moment we trail four points behind the field in Division III, but can find a little consolation in the fact that we have played a couple of games less than most of the other clubs.

These were our scheduled games with Hereford United (away) and Brighton, both of which had to be called off because of our cup commitments.

Neither of these matches have as yet been re-arranged, and certainly there will be no opportunity before the turn of the year.

P.S. The 40-1 outsiders gave a great display — only Norwich and Manchester Utd. have put 2 goals past City at home this season!

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In fact—unless we win our replay against Wrexham on Monday, we have only one more home game in 1975—our Boxing Day meeting with neighbours Chesterfield.

We are very pleased to report that our injured players Rod Arnold and Noel O'Brien are well on the way to recovery, although John Lathan, who has been out of action for something like 10 weeks, will have to wait a little longer yet before being available for senior duty.

John's broken collar is taking a little longer than anticipated to mend fully. He is in almost full training—but is waiting the go-ahead from the doctor to get in match practice.

Rod is recovering well from his cartilage operation, while Noel has already been in action with the reserves.

Our reserve team game on Tuesday of this week against Scunthorpe Reserves in the opening round of the North Midlands League Cup, was postponed because the heavy rains of earlier in the week made it inadvisable because of the ground conditions.

Conditions which make our congested fixture list even more of a problem, because the heavy going makes the task of our playing staff that more difficult physically.

The 'A' team had a fine 4-0 win last Saturday against Port Vale 'A.' Most of the players in the team are also members of our F.A. Youth Cup team. They are due to meet Huddersfield Town in Round III, away, the date to be arranged.

It is with regret that we have to announce the recent death of our groundsman Mr. Eric Bowyer. Eric had been with us just over three years, and had received much praise for the way he had prepared and maintained our playing pitch.

We are sure you would all wish to join us in extending the deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bowyer and her family in their sad loss.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET AT FIELD MILL

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Palace surge on

Crystal Palace maintain their tremendous pace at the top of the table, their 4-1 victory over the Stags being their 11th League match without defeat. No one, in fact, has beaten Palace since Brighton did at Selhurst Park in September. With a six point lead manager Malcolm Allison's main problem now is to avoid complacency creeping into his side's mental outlook.

Two of Palace's goals against us were hit by David Swindlehurst, bringing his recent tally to seven in five League matches and his grand total to 11.

Brighton's Fred Binney still holds a clear lead in the Third Division scorers' chart. Fred gave them the lead at Swindon with his 14th goal of the campaign. Leading positions:

	Lge	LC	FAC	Total
Binney (Brighton)	11	1	2	14
Robson (Peterboro')	10	2	—	12
Kemp (C. Palace)	8	2	1	11
Swindlehurst (C. Pal.)	10	1	—	11
Gregory (Peterboro')	7	2	1	10
McHale (Halifax)	8	—	2	10
Rowland (Bury)	6	2	2	10
Treacy (Preston)	8	2	—	10

Sheffield Wednesday drew their biggest crowd of the season (18,691) for their local derby against Rotherham, yet there was little for Owls' fans to cheer. They were held to a goal-less draw and slipped into the bottom four. It would have been inconceivable, only a couple of years back, to imagine that this famous club would to-day be battling against relegation to Division Four.

But manager Len Ashurst is facing the facts realistically. To try and improve the club's scoring output he was hoping to sign Gillingham striker Peter Feely this week for a £10,000 fee. Feely sprung into prominence last season when he hit 16 goals for the Gills. A former England amateur and youth international. Feely failed to make much impression with Ipswich, Chelsea, Bournemouth or Fulham. Gillingham paid the Craven Cottage club £6,000 for him last season.

Third Division sides did reasonably well in the first round of the F.A. Cup, only three being knocked out at the first attempt. All three, ironically, fell to clubs of lesser status. Grimsby dipped at home to non-League Gateshead, Chesterfield at Bradford City whilst Walsall went out to another Fourth Division club, Huddersfield Town.

The irony of that statement lies in the fact that both Bradford City and Huddersfield are former F.A. Cup winners!

Now all eyes are focussed upon next weeks second round ties. One of the most difficult tasks falls to Peterborough United. Former giant-killers themselves, they must now travel to meet unknown Coventry Sporting who ousted Tranmere Rovers in the last round. Given ground advantage in the last round, Peterborough took an hour to break down Winsford United's defence, though they eventually won 4-1.

Preston North End, another former F.A. Cup winner, have a difficult task at Scarborough, now one of the leading non-League clubs. The Yorkshire side needs just such a victory as one over Preston to enhance their claims for a place in the Football League.

Most unenviable task falls to Halifax Town. They travel to Stafford Rangers where, last season, they were beaten in the corresponding round by 2-1!

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(Right) A power packed shot again from Terry is saved by Wrexham's Welsh International player Brian Lloyd.

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	P W D			L F A			W D L			F A Pt		
	Home Goals			AWAY Goals								
Crystal Palace	19	5	4	1	19	9	6	3	0	16	7	29
Hereford United	16	5	3	1	14	8	4	2	1	12	9	23
Brighton & Hove	18	7	0	2	21	6	3	2	4	13	14	22
Peterborough U.	18	6	3	1	19	9	1	5	2	12	13	22
Bury	18	6	2	1	16	4	1	5	3	6	12	21
Preston N. E.	18	5	2	1	15	9	3	3	4	9	10	21
Cardiff City	18	5	3	1	15	5	2	2	5	11	14	19
Aldershot	18	5	4	1	18	12	1	3	4	8	14	19
Grimsby Town	18	7	3	0	19	9	1	0	7	6	23	19
Shrewsbury Town	18	5	0	3	13	9	2	4	4	10	14	18
Rotherham United	18	3	3	2	12	11	3	3	4	8	11	18
Millwall	18	5	3	0	12	6	1	3	6	10	20	18
Port Vale	18	4	4	2	11	6	1	3	4	7	8	17
Chesterfield	18	5	3	2	24	13	1	2	5	8	15	17
Halifax Town	18	3	1	4	12	13	2	6	2	10	13	17
Walsall	19	4	3	2	11	7	2	2	6	11	20	17
Chester	18	4	3	2	10	7	2	2	5	6	18	17
Colchester U.	18	3	3	2	6	4	2	3	5	9	17	16
Gillingham	18	4	4	2	16	11	0	3	5	5	14	15
Wrexham	17	6	1	1	12	5	1	0	8	7	18	15
Sheffield Wed.	17	4	4	1	16	10	0	2	6	5	13	14
Southend United	16	3	2	3	16	14	1	2	5	9	14	12
Swindon Town	18	4	1	4	15	13	1	1	7	4	21	12
Mansfield Town	16	1	3	3	9	11	1	1	7	9	19	8

APPEARANCES & GOAL SCORERS — 1975-76

	Appearances			Goals		
	League	F.A. Cup	F.A. Cup	League	F.A. Cup	F.A. Cup
Arnold, R.	12	4				
Bird, K.	14	6	2	4	3	
Clarke, R.	14	6	2	6	3	
Cooke, R.						
Eccles, T.	10	3	2	3	2	2
Foster, B.	15	6	2			
Foster, C.	12	3				
Hodgson, G.	16	6	2	3		
Lathan, J.	4	2				1
Laverick, M.	6	3				2
McCaffrey, J.	7	4				
Matthews, P.	10	3	2			
MacKenzie, I.	10	4	2			
McDonald, I.	16	6	2	3	3	
O'Brien, N.	7	3				
Pate, S.	12	4	2			
Randall, K.	2		2			
Saxby, M.						
Evans, P.	3	1				
Madden, L.	3	2	2			
Apprentice Pro's.						
Hartley, P.						
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Wood, I.	1					



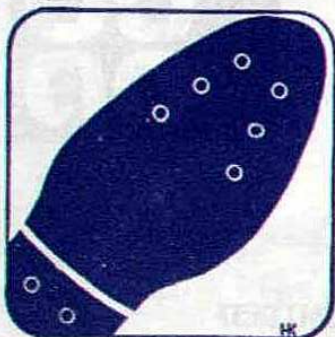
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U	ROTHERHAM UNITED
	CHESTERFIELD
V	DONCASTER
	TORQUAY
W	WATFORD
	LINCOLN CITY

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DIVISION THREE FIXTURES & ATTENDANCES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance
1975				
Aug. 16	S Shrewsbury Town	home	1 2	6,973
" 20	W L. C. 1 Scunthorpe	home	4 0	4,810
" 23	S Colchester United	away	2 0	3,333
" 26	T L.C. 2nd leg Scunthorpe(a)		2 0	1,412
" 30	S Chester	home	1 1	6,164
Sept. 6	S Aldershot	away	1 2	3,289
" 10	W League Cup 2 Wrexham (a)		2 1	3,644
" 13	S Cardiff City	home	1 4	6,682
" 20	S Gillingham	away	1 3	5,742
" 23	Tu Bury	away	1 2	5,896
" 27	S Walsall	home	4 1	5,452
Oct. 4	S Millwall	away	0 1	6,792
" 8	W League Cup 3 Coventry (h)		2 0	10,027
" 11	S Peterborough Utd.	home	1 1	6,983
" 17	F Southend United ...	away	2 2	3,248
" 20	M Brighton & Hove A.	home		
" 25	S Preston North End	home	0 1	6,677
Nov. 1	S Wrexham	away	0 1	2,701
" 5	W Hereford United ...	away		
" 8	S Halifax Town	home	1 1	5,288
" 12	W League Cup 4 Wolves (h)		1 0	12,725
" 15	S Grimsby Town	away	1 4	4,659
" 22	S F.A. Cup 1 Wrexham	home	1 1	6,279
" 24	M F.A. Cup 1 (R) Wrexham (a)		1 1	4,468
" 29	S Crystal Palace	away	1 4	15,701
Dec. 3	W L. Cup 5 Man. City	away	2 4	30,022
" 6	S Swindon Town	home		
" 13	S F.A. Cup 2			
" 20	S Rotherham United	away		
" 26	F Chesterfield	home		
" 27	S Sheffield Wednes.	away		
1976				
Jan. 3	S Port Vale (3)	home		
" 10	S Chester	away		
" 17	S Gillingham	home		
" 23	F Cardiff City	away		
" 31	S Brighton & Hove A.	away		
Feb. 7	S Hereford United	home		
" 14	S Halifax Town (5) ...	away		
" 21	S Grimsby Town	home		
" 23	M Bury	home		
" 28	S Preston N.E. (LCF)	away		
Mar. 6	S Wrexham	home		
" 8	M Millwall	home		
" 13	S Peterborough Utd.	away		
" 15	M Southend United ...	home		
" 20	S Crystal Palace	home		
" 27	S Swindon Town	away		
" 29	M Rotherham United	home		
Apr. 3	S Shrewsbury T. (SF)	away		
" 6	Tu Walsall	away		
" 10	S Aldershot	home		
" 17	S Chesterfield	away		
" 19	M Sheffield Wednes.	home		
" 20	Tu Port Vale	away		
" 24	S Colchester United	home		
May 1	S F.A. Cup Final			

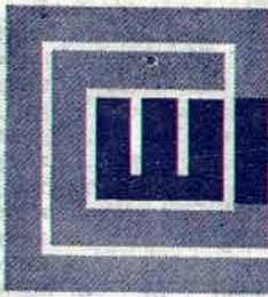
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