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NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

The story seems to continue. We display fine form, participate in some splendid games, but unfortunately we are not gaining as many points as we would wish.

The game against Crystal Palace has been classed as one of marvellous entertainment with a good deal of splendid football in a match which was a credit to the Third Division. The result 1-1, so just one point.

The local Crystal Palace paper was full of praise both for the game, and Swindon. After admitting the visitors' goal was against the run of play, it goes on to say "The Swindon equaliser in the 29th minute although less spectacular was undoubtedly deserved. They had hit back at Palace with rare life after the goal; and it came as little surprise when the lively Dave Syrett got the ball on the edge of the Palace penalty area, turned, and sent in a shot that beat the groping fingers of keeper Paul Hammond." Praise indeed from our visitors.

The same paper then goes on to mention the playing pitch. It writes "Swindon and Crystal Palace brought a new dimension to the national game at the County Ground, when for the first recorded time a football match was played on a swamp."

"The playing surface at Swindon is — quite simply awful. It would be funny, if it were not so serious. But as a football pitch its a non-starter."

"All this is not meant as a criticism so much as a

commendation. Because on a travesty of a pitch Swindon and Palace produced a great game."

Fair comment indeed, but I wish the word used had been "was" and not "is". The pitch is not always in that state. To us here in Swindon it is a real TRAGEDY. Over the past few years the Board has spent thousands of pounds to improve the playing pitch. Hundreds of new drains installed. In fact it would be most difficult to find room for any more.

The pitch itself was ploughed up, treated by experts, relaid with new turf. In fact everything possible was done. To be quite candid at the beginning of this season the pitch was in perfect condition. Now with weeks of heavy and incessant rain, we are back where we started.

The plain truth is, this area of Swindon stands on a clay base. One has to dig about nine inches below surface to find clay. It seems almost impossible to combat such rainfall.

Some years ago a new large drain was laid all along in front of the Shrivenham Road Stand, with an electric pump to get the water away. All it seemed to do was to drain the land in the vicinity of the County Ground. I'm afraid at the moment all we can do is to hope for better and drier weather. Certainly my sympathies are with those connected with the ground and especially the staff. Theirs is quite a daunting task.

Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Today we give a welcome to Rotherham, a Club that Danny served so loyally and with distinction for so many years. This does not mean that we shall be feeling generous towards them, because we know that they will be out to revenge the defeat which we inflicted on them in the early part of the season.

Since writing my last notes, we have been disappointed in losing two points in our last two home games, although I feel that our supporters who witnessed our home game against Crystal Palace must have felt that it was a game well worth seeing and I am sure that a few more games of this standard will bring the crowds back again. Yes, we had a setback to our schemes at Brighton and once again although we played some good football the end product which is goals was nil.

Danny is aware of this problem, but the solution is not arrived at overnight, although steps are being taken to resolve it. The problem of goal shortage is something that most clubs meet at some time or other and even clubs like Derby County whose forward line is star studded have these periods of goal shyness. The obvious difficulty is the tightness of defences and the forwards who can get goals from even half chances are the players that everybody is looking for.

At our Annual General Meeting we were asked from the floor if we would hold more Forums in the future and this we shall be pleased to do, which enables us to meet our supporters and explain what is our policy and answer questions which many of you have.

The next Forum will be held on Monday, 6th December in the Rendezvous Club at 7.30 p.m. Why not come along and bring a friend.

Our Youth team were due to play Plymouth Argyle at Plymouth on Tuesday last, but owing to their pitch being unfit to play on, it has been cancelled until Tuesday next the 16th November. These cancellations are a problem to us, because apart from having to cancel all our arrangements, which entails notifying some of our young players who have had to get time off from their work or studies, cancelling the coach, the meals, we also find that our young players are without a game, which is important to them. We have to cancel our Midland Youth games when we are faced with a Football Association Youth match as they obviously take preference over any other Youth League fixture.

Jack Smith arranged his games to build up for our game at Plymouth and I have no doubt he will get on top of these problems. As you know the Club has several commercial activities such

as its Clubs, Sports Shop, Catering etc., from which we receive income to assist us in our main purpose of running a football club. Well we have now added another business to our list, that of Aircraft Charter! Recently we became agents for the London Air Taxi Centre. Through this organisation we can arrange the hire of aircraft for local businessmen, supporters or anyone who wants to fly from local landing places to other places within the United Kingdom, Europe or further afield. I know that most people imagine that aircraft hire is only for the rich, but nothing could be further from the truth. Some aircraft can be hired for as little as £10 per person, per flying hour. Since these aircraft can travel 150 miles per hour it is easy to see that air travel is not that expensive.

We hope that we can assist the person who wants to go places quickly wants to save time and arrive fresh for that important meeting. We shall obviously be pleased to assist groups of supporters who want to travel to our away games quickly, leaving late on the day of the game yet arriving in time for the kick-off.

We are also able to arrange onward travel from the landing place to your ultimate destination.

In short if its air travel, with its obvious advantages, you want then let us obtain a quotation, you may be pleasantly surprised with the service and cost. Incidentally, we are not restricted to handling passengers, we can also arrange for freight conveyance by air to any destination in the world.

The local newspaper printed a letter from a disappointed supporter who was unable to obtain a programme against Crystal Palace and added a footnote that he the Sports Editor was sympathetic as he also could not obtain one, but he did not add that the shortage of programmes for this particular match was solely because we had to hold back the decision to print programmes until the last minute because there was a distinct possibility that the game would be cancelled. If we print and the game is called off, we the Club lose something over £400 and although on this occasion we decided to order an extra thousand copies we could not give the printers sufficient time to do it. We are very grateful under the circumstances to E.J.W. Colourprint for their co-operation and understanding with us on such occasions, and apologise to our unlucky supporters who failed to obtain a programme at this match.

Our Cup draw is certainly in our favour and I am sure we shall not under estimate our opponents as we have done in the past. Here's hoping for an enjoyable game today.



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OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

ROTHERHAM

TOM McALISTER (Goalkeeper)

Tom joined Rotherham, initially on loan, from Sheffield United last season. He graduated through the Blades' juniors to make his League debut in 1971/72 and the following season he was an ever-present member of their First Division team.

League record: Sheff. Un. 63 apps.; Rotherham 37 apps.

PAUL STANCLIFFE (Defender)

One of several Rotherham discoveries to be introduced to the first-team last season, Paul opened the season at centre-back but later switched to right-back.

League record: Rotherham 57 apps., 2 gls.

JOHN GREEN (Defender)

John also rose to first-team status last season when he held the right-back spot for most of the campaign. He was out of the team for early games this season, though.

League record: Rotherham 39 apps.

JOHN BRECKIN (Defender)

John earned his League debut with Rotherham in 1971/72 and the following season he spent a loan period with Darlington.

League record: Darlington (loan) 4 apps.; Rotherham 157(4) apps., 5 gls.

TOMMY SPENCER (Defender)

Once a Celtic reserve Tommy came into English football — as a striker then — with Southampton. He spent one season at York, where he was top scorer, and then joined Workington. Lincoln signed him in 1972 and he went to Rotherham in 1974.

League record: Celtic nil apps; Southampton 3 apps; York 54(3) apps., 20 gls.; Workington 167 apps., 10 gls.; Lincoln 67(7) apps., 10 gls.; Rotherham 95(1) apps., 9 gls.

DAVID PUGH (Defender)

David arrived at Millmoor during the recent close-season. He made his League debut for Newport County in 1964/65 but moved on to Chesterfield in 1968. Two years later he gained a Fourth Division championship medal with them. Halifax signed him in 1973 and he remained at The Shay until his latest move.

League record: Newport 73(4) apps., 9 gls.; Chesterfield 212 (1) apps., 12 gls.; Halifax 91(5) apps., 3 gls.; Rotherham 13 apps.

BARRIE WAGSTAFF (Midfield/Defender)

Barrie joined Rotherham from Reading two seasons back after 5 years with the Berkshire club. He began his career with Sheffield United where he was a regular member of their First Division side.

League record: Sheff. Un. 106(10) apps., 5 gls.; Reading 198(6) apps., 23 gls.; Rotherham 41(10) apps., 1 gl.

TREVOR PHILLIPS (Midfield)

Trevor is Rotherham's leading scorer with nine goals. A former England youth international, he made his first appearance in Rotherham's League eleven in 1969/70.

League record: Rotherham 171(33) apps., 45 gls.

DICK HABBIN (Midfield)

Dick made his name with Reading where he made his League bow in 1969/70 and was top scorer the following season. He moved to Rotherham two seasons ago.

League record: Reading 204(14) apps., 42 gls.; Rotherham 68 apps., 17 gls.

JIM GOODFELLOW (Midfield)

Jim began his career with Port Vale, spending three seasons as a first-teamer before moving on to Workington in 1969. He missed only four games in his first four seasons there and signed for Rotherham two seasons ago.

League record: Port Vale 77(8) apps., 11 gls.; Workington 199 apps., 15 gls.; Rotherham 115 apps., 6 gls.

ALAN CRAWFORD (Forward)

Alan grew up with Rotherham but made his League debut while on loan to Mansfield in 1972/73. It wasn't until the following season that he got his chance in the Rotherham side. He has scored eight times, three of them from penalties.

League record: Mansfield (loan) 1(1) apps.; Rotherham 135(4) apps., 23 gls.

DAVID GWYTHYR (Forward)

David joined Rotherham from Halifax last season. A former Welsh under-23 international, he made an early impression at Swansea where he was leading scorer for his last four seasons until transferring to Halifax in 1975. Two seasons ago he topped the Halifax scoring list. He has scored seven times this season.

League record: Swansea 213(4) apps., 59 gls.; Halifax 104 apps., 26 gls.; Rotherham 30 apps., 10 gls.

JOHN FINNEY (Forward)

John, last season's top scorer with 11 goals, hasn't been on target too frequently this term so far. He's another player developed at Millmoor. He made his League bow three seasons ago.

League record: Rotherham 88 apps., 28 gls.

TREVOR WOMBLE (Forward)

Trevor has recently returned after nursing an Achilles tendon injury for almost a year. During his spell as a Rotherham professional he twice left, for loan periods with Crewe and Halifax.

League record: Crewe (loan) 4 apps., 1 gl.; Halifax (loan) 9(1) apps., 2 gls.; Rotherham 159(23) apps., 36 gls.

Rotherham



Back Row:- Graham Haslem, Dick Habbin, Tommy Spencer; Jim McDonagh, John Green, Tom McAllister, Paul Stancliffe, David Gwyther, Barry Wagstaff, John Breckin, Mark Rhodes, Ian Smith.

Front Row:- Charle Bell (Coach), Jimmy Goodfellow, Richard Finney, David Pugh, Trevor Womble, Trevor Phillips, Alan Crawford, Peter Nix, Jim McGuigan (Manager).

Mystery Man - Number One

DON TOWNSEND:

Joined Charlton Athletic in 1950 but did not make the League grade until 1954-5. Appeared at full-back in the Charlton side which defeated Swindon in the F.A.Cup at the Valley in January 1956. Made over 200 League appearances for Charlton before joining Crystal Palace in 1962. Figured prominently in the promotion winning side of 1963-4 but made only four League appearances when Palace arrived in the Second Division.

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SEASON 1976 - 77

DATE	LGE.H POS./	OPPONENTS	H-T	F-T	SCORERS (P) = PENALTY	ATTE DANC
S 14 AUG	()	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	1-0	3-2	STROUD, GODDARD, SYRETT	625
W 18 AUG	()	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	0-0	0-2		703
S 21 AUG	()	H PORT VALE	0-0	1-0	SYRETT	613
TU 24 AUG	()	A PORTSMOUTH	0-2	1-2	ANDERSON	789
S 28 AUG	(4)	H WREXHAM	0-0	3-2	MOSS 2, PROPHETT	620
S 4 SEP	(3)	A CHESTERFIELD	0-0	1-0	ROGERS	414
S 11 SEP	(2)	H SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	5-2	MOSS, SYRETT 2, ANDERSON AIZLEWOOD	869
S 18 SEP	(3)	A LINCOLN CITY	0-0	0-0		737
S 25 SEP	(3)	H GILLINGHAM	1-1	2-2	STROUD, AIZLEWOOD	867
W 29 SEP	(3)	A PETERBOROUGH UNITED	0-1	0-1		578
S 2 OCT	(10)	A READING	0-3	1-4	MOSS	1167
S 9 OCT	(6)	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	901
S 16 OCT	(10)	A WALSALL	0-1	0-2		552
S 23 OCT	(5)	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-0	5-1	ANDERSON (2P), MOSS MCLAUGHLIN, SYRETT	728
TU 26 OCT	(5)	A BURY	0-0	1-0	DIXON	640
S 30 OCT	(5)	H TRANMERE ROVERS	1-1	1-1	ANDERSON (P)	777
TU 2 NOV	(4)	H CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1	1-1	SYRETT	1131
S 6 NOV	(6)	A BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	0-3	0-4		1876
S 13 NOV	()	H ROTHERHAM UNITED	.	.		
S 20 NOV	()	(FAC1)	.	.		
S 27 NOV	()	A MANSFIELD TOWN	.	.		
F 3 DEC	()	H GRIMSBY TOWN	.	.		
S 11 DEC	()	(FAC2)	.	.		
S 18 DEC	()	A CHESTER	.	.		
M 27 DEC	()	H OXFORD UNITED	.	.		
S 1 JAN	()	H BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	.	.		
M 3 JAN	()	A TRANMERE ROVERS	.	.		
S 8 JAN	()	A PRESTON NORTH END (FAC3)	.	.		
S 15 JAN	()	H PORTSMOUTH	.	.		
S 22 JAN	()	A PORT VALE	.	.		
S 29 JAN	()	H YORK CITY (FAC4)	.	.		
S 5 FEB	()	A WREXHAM	.	.		
S 12 FEB	()	H CHESTERFIELD	.	.		
S 19 FEB	()	A SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	.	.		
S 26 FEB	()	H LINCOLN CITY (FAC5)	.	.		
S 5 MAR	()	A GILLINGHAM	.	.		
F 11 MAR	()	H READING	.	.		
S 19 MAR	()	A SHREWSBURY TOWN (FAC6)	.	.		
S 26 MAR	()	H WALSALL	.	.		
F 1 APR	()	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN	.	.		
F 8 APR	()	A OXFORD UNITED	.	.		
S 9 APR	()	H PETERBOROUGH UNITED	.	.		
TU 12 APR	()	A CRYSTAL PALACE	.	.		
S 16 APR	()	H BURY	.	.		
TU 19 APR	()	A YORK CITY	.	.		
S 23 APR	()	A ROTHERHAM UNITED (FACSF)	.	.		
S 30 APR	()	H MANSFIELD TOWN	.	.		
TU 3 MAY	()	H PRESTON NORTH END	.	.		
S 7 MAY	()	A GRIMSBY TOWN	.	.		
S 14 MAY	()	H CHESTER	.	.		
S 21 MAY	()	(FACF)	.	.		

STATS

(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)

RS ALTY	ATTEN DANCE	ACCUM PNTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER														
RD, SYRETT	6253		01	02	03	04	05	06	07S	08	09	10	11	12
	7037		01	02	03	04S	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	6138	2	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	10	12	09	11	
	7898	2	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	09	11	14
T	6204	4	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	08	12	09	11	
	4148	6	01	02	03	04	15	06	07	08	12	09	11	
ANDERSON	8698	8	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08	12	09	11	
	7379	9	01	02	03	16	05	06	13	08	12	09	11	
OOD	8678	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	16	11	09
	5783	10	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08S	12	16	11	10
	11670	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	10	12	16	11	09
	9017	12	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	10	12	16	09	
	5529	12	01	02	03	04	08	06	13	16	12	10	11	
MOSS RETT	7285	14	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	6405	16	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11	
	7776	17	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16S	11	09
	11317	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11	
	18761	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	03S	10	12	16	11	13

SWINDON TOWN PLAYING STAFF 1976-77

(League Games only - including substitute appearances)

CODE USED ABOVE		THIS SEASON APPS./GOALS	CAREER APPS./GOALS
01	JIMMY ALLAN	16	87
02	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	12/1	179/8
03	TONY TAYLOR	12	285/16
04	KENNY STROUD	15/1	101/7
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	12/2	214/19
06	COLIN PROPHETT	16/2	238/12
07	DON ROGERS	1/1	499/182
08	WILL DIXON	13/1	267/9
09	HOWARD GODDARD	10	74/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	9	102/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	15/5	105/24
12	DAVE SYRETT	16/5	95/27
13	DAVE MOSS	15/5	156/35
14	PHIL HARRIS	1	1
15	FRANK BURROWS	3	484/14
16	RAY MCHALE	15/2 *	221/48
17	JOHN TROLLOPE	5	668/20

* Includes 4 apps., 2 gls. for Halifax Town.

WITH THE RESERVES

Sat. 30th October AWAY BRISTOL CITY 1-1 (J. Gilligan)

Barrow, Andrews, Tanner, Thompson, Lewis, Collicot, Gilligan, A.
Harris, Brinkworth, R., Gilligan, J., Rogers.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

SWINDON v ROTHERHAM

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon's score first)

					Gate
* Sep. 7	1963	Home	3 - 1	Smith, Smart, Summerbee	19448
Jan. 11	1964	Away	0 - 0		9214
Apr. 16	1965	Home	3 - 2	Hunt, Smart, Summerbee	17280
Apr. 19	1965	Away	0 - 1		5630
Feb. 22	1969	Home	1 - 0	Noble	23515
May 2	1969	Away	1 - 1	Jones	9584
Oct. 4	1975	Away	2 - 0	Anderson, Moss (P)	4731
Mar. 9	1976	Home	1 - 1	Rogers	9866

* SWINDON TEAM IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE BETWEEN CLUBS:

Turner; Dawson, Trollope; Morgan, McPherson, Woodruff;
Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Smart, Rogers.

LEAGUE SUMMARY

	W	D	L	F	A	
Home	3	1	0	8	4	
Away	1	2	1	3	2	
Total	4	3	1	11	6	SWINDON'S SUCCESS RATE : 68.75%

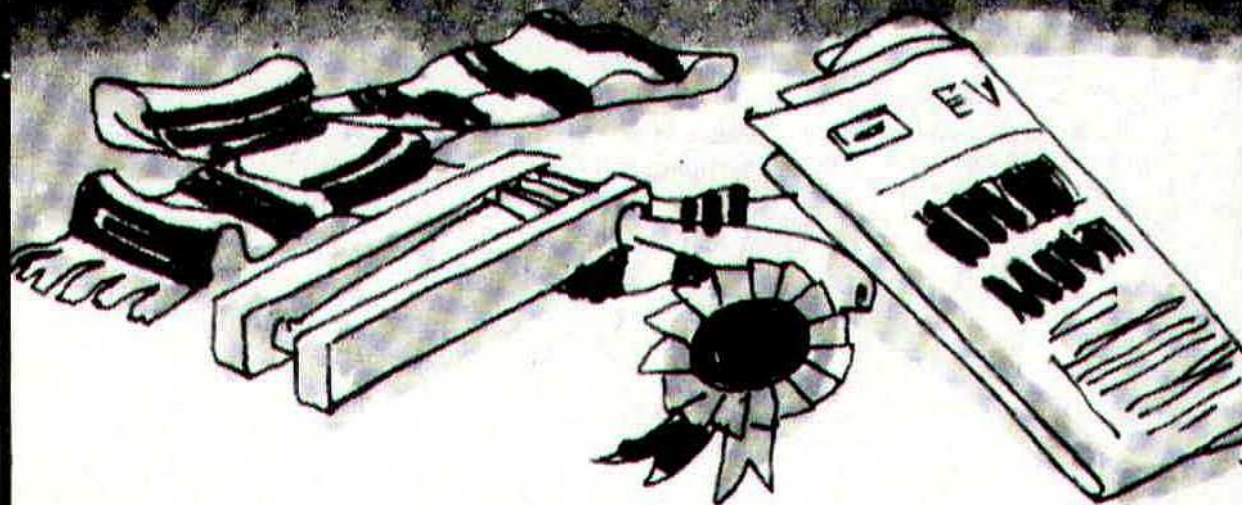
TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS:

David "Bronco" Layne from Rotherham United debut v. Q.P.R. away: Aug. 22, 1959.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE (Up to and including November 6th, 1976)

	Home						Away						Pts	Avge. Home Gate	Top League Scorer(s)
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
Brighton & H.A.	15	6	1	0	26	6	4	2	2	11	10	23	17619	Peter Ward 12	
Wrexham	14	5	3	0	12	4	3	1	2	13	7	20	6686	Bobby Shinton 9	
Shrewsbury Town	15	6	1	0	17	3	2	2	4	8	10	19	4680	Chic Bates, Mike Kearney 7	
Rotherham Utd.	15	4	3	1	15	8	2	3	2	10	9	18	4484	David Gwyther, Trevor Phillips 7	
Crystal Palace	15	5	2	1	13	8	1	4	2	4	5	18	14517	Dave Swindlehurst 5	
Swindon Town	16	5	3	0	19	9	2	1	5	4	13	18	8114	Trevor Anderson, Dave Moss, Dave Syrett 5	
Mansfield Town	14	4	2	0	16	4	3	1	4	7	8	17	6625	Terry Eccles 7	
Preston N.E.	15	5	2	0	20	6	0	5	3	6	10	17	7228	Alex Bruce, Mike Elwiss 9	
Lincoln City	15	2	4	1	11	8	4	1	3	12	11	17	8157	John Ward 8	
Bury	15	6	0	2	17	8	1	3	3	8	16	17	6301	Andy Rowland 7	
Sheffield Wed.	15	4	2	3	13	9	2	2	2	9	11	16	14253	Roger Wylde 9	
Tranmere Rovers	15	3	3	2	7	5	1	4	2	6	7	15	4256	Russell Allen 4	
Reading	15	4	1	2	13	7	2	2	4	9	15	15	8271	John Murray 7	
Gillingham	14	2	4	1	9	8	3	1	3	10	12	15	5594	Damien Richardson 6	
Chester	15	3	1	2	5	5	3	2	4	7	11	15	3976	Paul Crossley 5	
Chesterfield	15	3	2	3	8	11	3	1	3	9	11	15	4057	Rod Fern 7	
Peterborough Utd.	17	5	1	3	10	8	0	3	5	8	19	14	6286	Bob Doyle, Chris Turner 3	
Oxford United	15	2	3	2	13	13	1	3	4	11	14	12	4541	Mick Tait 9	
Port Vale	16	3	2	3	11	9	0	3	5	4	14	11	4249	John Rogers, Colin Tartt 3	
Walsall	15	2	3	2	12	11	1	2	5	3	13	11	5530	Alan Buckley 6	
Portsmouth	15	2	4	2	7	8	0	2	5	7	16	10	8599	Micky Mellows 4	
Grimsby Town	14	3	2	2	7	5	0	1	6	5	18	9	4221	Malcolm Partridge 5	
Northampton Town	15	2	1	4	7	10	1	2	5	8	17	9	6195	Derrick Christie 4	
York City	15	3	2	3	8	11	0	1	6	5	19	9	2536	Micky Cave 4	

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Sacking The Manager - Does It Pay?

by Tony Pullein

There have been 35 managerial changes among the 92 Football League clubs since August 1975 - that represents a change of leadership at more than a third of the member clubs. In most cases the step was taken in order to bring about an improvement in playing performances. Yet how often does this work out?

Very rarely!

Events over a long period of time prove that sacking the manager is only on rare occasions the answer to a club's problems. The ploy is used to placate angry fans when things go wrong, the manager is a good scapegoat for a relegated club and, very often, this distasteful step is taken by club boards simply to give the impression that they were "taking firm action" when things go wrong.

Stockport County, Southport and Workington did this during the early weeks of last season. Newport County followed in February. Yet each, under an inspired new leadership, had to apply for re-election to the Fourth Division.

Oxford United broke with tradition when sacking a manager for the first time in their League career - but the season ended with their suffering relegation for the first time in their history.

Burnley and Jimmy Adamson - undoubtedly one of the best coaches in the business - parted company in January. Sheffield United had sacked Ken Furphy as early as the previous October. Both clubs lost their First Division place at the end of the season.

Halifax sacked Johnny Quinn in February, appointing Alan Ball senior for his second spell in charge at The Shay, but at the end of the day Halifax, too, were relegated.

On the other hand most of the clubs who were successful last season were those whose managers had been around for quite awhile - Sunderland (Bob Stokoe), Bristol City (Alan Dicks), Lincoln City (Graham Taylor), Northampton (Bill Dodgin) and Reading (Charlie Hurley) among them.

Stokoe, alas, felt fit to resign his Sunderland post recently when his newly-promoted team went

bottom of Division One. It will be an interesting exercise to watch how - or, indeed, if - his successor will pull them out of trouble.

Of course, there are some cases of new managers winning quick success. Most spectacular last season was Johnny Giles' achievements in his first season as player-manager of Second Division promotion side West Bromwich Albion.

Alan Mullery is doing very nicely, thank you, as the recently installed new boss of Brighton.

Sammy Chung is enjoying notable results in his first campaign in charge of Wolves.

But it should be said that in Mullery's and Chung's cases they inherited very good teams anyway. Must not we attribute part of their successes to their predecessors Peter Taylor and Bill McGarry?

Giles' achievement was notable in that he quickly re-built, and revitalised a losing team.

Perhaps even more spectacular than even Giles has been the feat of Eddie Quigley at Stockport. Last season Stockport used 32 players and had to apply for re-election - after sacking their boss at the beginning of the campaign!

When Quigley took over this summer he sacked all but two of those 32 players! And with a hastily assembled squad of ten newcomers plus Alan McNeill and Ken Fogarty, Quigley has taken Stockport to the top of Division Four!

These few successes, however, must fairly be seen as the exceptions. They must be placed against the other 30-odd appointments which could be said to have failed.

Yet directors faced with a difficult situation must look at it like a punter desperate to win the pools. "Perhaps if we make just one more change it could be just our turn to come up?".

In the main it pays to stick to a good manager - and give him time fully to put his ideas into practice.



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Good Afternoon. Welcome to Rotherham. Our Sponsored Run last Sunday was a big success and everyone who took part enjoyed themselves. At the time of writing these notes the amount raised is not known. I will announce this in my next notes.

To all the Sponsors whether the amounts were large or small a big THANK YOU and if you have not already heard from me I shall be contacting you.

To Danny, Frank, Kevin, all the Players, Mr. Ian Reid, Manager of The Affair, Mr. Winstanley, No. 1 Coach Supporters, The Swindon Town Girls, Bob Jeffries, Swindon Supporters Club and my own Staff also many thanks.

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DANNY'S DESK

Today I would like to give a big welcome (but not points) to my old Club, Rotherham United. The whole of my playing career was spent at Rotherham and when I finished playing I became their Manager for a period of three years. In my days as a player I was also a Coalminer and my typical Saturday started at 4.30 a.m. when I went to work down the pit, "knocking off" at 12.0 noon in readiness for a three o'clock Kick-off. Should the match be mid-week then I left the pit at 2.40 p.m. for a five o'clock Kick-off, this being before the advent of floodlights. I was not on my own with these hours, seven other players were also pit lads but what a difference to today's situation. Not that I want my lads down the pit or anywhere else, I want them to save all their energy for the playing pitch.

Last Saturday's game was the same story you have heard so often, we had our fair share of the game but we missed a number of scoring chances whereas Brighton were on target almost every opportunity they had. In addition, some of our most reliable players were off par.

A big thank you to all who gave to and took part in our Sponsored run. The next event to raise funds for the video equipment is a Players Dance at The Affair on 14th December, tickets are priced £1.00 each. We look forward to seeing you there.

We have been asked by a supporter from Devizes how Terry Hubbard and Tommy Jenkins are doing overseas. Well, obviously when a player leaves the Country it is difficult to keep tabs on them but I am given to understand that Terry Hubbard is finding it most difficult to settle in South Africa, where he plays for Hellenic Football Club and Tom Jenkins has settled very nicely thank you in America where he plays for Seattle Sounders and he is trying to obtain a residents permit. Tom is also involved in coaching school children.

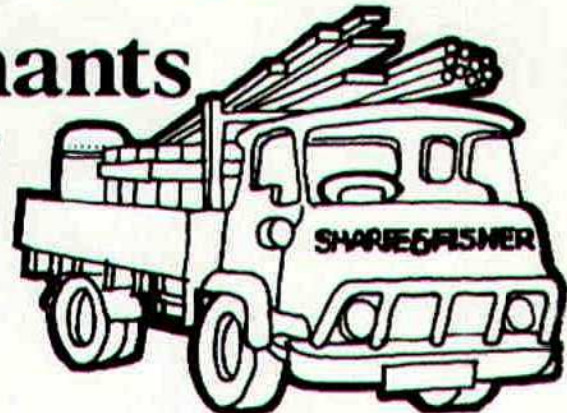
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2. Dixon
3. Trollope
4. Stroud
5. Aizlewood
6. Prophett
7. Moss
8. O'Brien
9. Goddard
10. McHale
11. Anderson

at 3.00 p.m.



ROTHERHAM

1. McAllister
2. Pugh
3. Breckin
4. Rhodes
5. Stancliff
6. Spencer
7. Finney
8. Phillips
9. Gwyther
10. Goodfellow
11. Crawford
12. Habbin

Referee: Mr. K. Bevan - Melksham

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. A. G. Bailey - Hereford

Yellow Flag: Mr. T. E. Wathen - Newport

REFEREE

BEVAN, MICHAEL K. D. (Melksham)

Commenced refereeing in 1962 and progressed via local leagues to the Western League - various classes - and the Football League in 1972. Has refereed National Association of Boys Clubs International/England v. Wales (1972), F.A. Vase Semi-Final (1976), Oxford v. Cambridge at Wembley and various County Cup finals.

A married man with two children he is a Supplies Manager who coaches and lectures on the laws of football and sport generally, and plays cricket and table tennis. Is Chairman of Melksham Referees Society, Vice-Chairman of Wilts. Referees Association and Referees' Representative on Wilts. F.A.

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Saturday, 20th November, 1976
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FIRST ROUND

BROMLEY

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

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