



Division III

**Swindon Town**

v

**Lincoln City**

Official Programme

10p

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## NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

This afternoon, we greet almost newcomers to the County Ground. In all the seasons of League Football, Swindon has only played against Lincoln City once, and that was in 1961 - 62.

The teams met at the County Ground on Saturday 30th September 1961. Result Swindon 4 Lincoln 0. The away game at Sincil Bank produced a two-goals all draw.

We defeated Lincoln by 4 goals to 3 in the second round of the Football Association Cup in season 1934/35.

The two teams met again in the Third Round on Saturday 4th January 1975. Result: Swindon 2 (Eastoe, Moss) Lincoln 0  
Swindon: Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Prohett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson Jenkins (s).  
Lincoln: Grotier, Branfort, Leigh, Byron, Ellis, Cooper, Rozywicki, Booth, Graham, Coker, Smith, Symm (s).

Lincoln had a disastrous period in the early sixties. Relegated from Division 2 in 1960/61, they were again relegated to Division 4 at the end of season 61/62. Worse was to follow, for in the next year they had to seek re-election. Thus in three seasons they had gone from Division 2 to the bottom of Division 4.

It has been a long hard struggle to get back, but last season Lincoln was really outstanding in the League, winning the Championship with an excellent margin of points. Their record is one of consistency throughout the season.

### HOME

P	W	D	L	F	A
46	21	2	0	71	15

### AWAY

W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
11	8	4	40	24	74

Note only four games were lost out of a total of forty-six. Goals scored 111, and the away tally, eleven games won eight drawn, and the goal average 40 goals for, and 24 against.

Indeed a fine performance, and one which leads to a close game this afternoon.

To date Lincoln occupies a place mid-way in the Division 3 table.

Tranmere promoted with them, are relatively close, but Northampton Town and Reading, also promoted are very near the wrong end of the table. It is sad to see such old and famous clubs in those positions. Both clubs are real friends of long standing to Swindon, and we wish them well.

No doubt many of our supporters saw our ex-player Peter Eastoe, as is usual with him, score the equalizing goal for Queen's Park Rangers against Aston Villa in the League Cup Semi-Final. A great game, perhaps spoiled by some hard tackling. It is good however to see Peter, keeping up his record, in the goal-scoring. We wish him the best of luck in the replay.

Unfortunately these notes have to be written before the results are known, of two very difficult away games, namely at Sheffield Wednesday and Tranmere, so little can be said regarding our league position. Points are vital and our only hope is we have gained some.

Our fixture list is very congested, but we have a fine run of home games towards the end of the season. It should be a great finish, and who knows. Remember three clubs are promoted to Division 2.

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# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

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The last few weeks have been quite hectic at the County Ground and since the excitement of our Cup run has ended, we have played one home game and two games away, with a net result of four points out of six which at this moment keeps our interest very high in the final league position.

Danny has been active in the transfer market to strengthen our squad in case of injuries and we shall all wish our new players Micky French from Brentford and Malcolm Roberts from Welton Rovers every success and hope that they will be happy with us.

Malcolm has been signed as a cover for Jimmy Allen because we have promised Jim Barron that we shall release him to further his ambitions to play as a player coach as soon as this is possible. Jim will be the first to help Malcolm improve his game, I know. Several Clubs have been interested in this young keeper and Danny has done well to get his signature.

On Monday evening we are holding a Forum in the Rendezvous Club commencing at seven thirty p.m. We shall welcome everybody and the subject 'Our Club' should prove plenty of opportunity to have your queries answered whether its about tactics by Danny or Frank, or administration problems answered by your Secretary and Directors. I hope that this time we might receive our Sports Reporter along to listen to the questions and answers because the whole object of the exercise is to create a close liaison with our Supporters.

Talking about true and keen supporters we even had a coach full travelling to Tranmere last Monday evening and this was after they had already travelled to Sheffield a couple of days before. I hope that we shall have some of their support on Monday evening at the Forum.

The Football League Management Committee have been negotiating for nearly two years with the Professional Players Union to try and arrive at an amicable agreement concerning their freedom to move from a Club when their contract ends if they so wish. This is such a complicated business, because of the problems of the transfer system, as it stands at the moment, due to the vast sums of money paid for players services during the period of the contract and obviously clubs must protect these interests when a player that they have bought then wishes to leave for another Club.

The Negotiating Committee have at last bought forward their proposals agreeable to both sides, but I am afraid with many snags that our Club seems unhappy about and the deciding date will be in March when all Clubs meet to either accept the proposals or reject.

If they are rejected we could very well find disruption in the Football World on a scale we have never seen before. I sincerely hope that this will not happen just when the interest of the public is coming back again. The Football League are also very concerned at the moment of players from our Clubs going to such places as America and the continent and I feel sure that steps will be taken by the League to safeguard the interests of our own Clubs at home.

Our visitors from Lincoln City today are not very often seen at Swindon and we are very pleased to welcome the Directors and Players to our Ground and hope that todays game will be exciting.

Lincoln have done very well this season and we shall do our best to put a stop to that for this week if we can, so here's looking forward to a good game and don't forget the Forum on Monday night.

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# OUR VISITORS

## LINCOLN CITY

by Tony Pullein

### **PETER GROTIER (Goalkeeper)**

Peter is a player who owes his place in Lincoln's goal to - their supporters! The £20,000 fee which West Ham placed on his head in 1974 was way beyond Lincoln's means so fans clubbed together to raise the fee, a record for the club.

League record: West Ham 50 aps; Cardiff (loan) 2 aps; Lincoln 115 aps.

### **IAN BRANFOOT (Defender)**

Ian started his career at Sheffield Wednesday when they were a First Division club and moved on to Doncaster in 1969. Four years later he was on the move again to Lincoln.

League record: Sheff. W. 33 (3) aps; Doncaster 156 aps.; 5 gls; Lincoln 152 aps., 11 gls.

### **TERRY COOPER (Defender)**

Terry opened his career with Newport County, moving to Notts. County in 1970. Four seasons ago he spent a loan period with Lincoln and he was permanently transferred in 1972.

League record: Newport 64(4) aps., 1 gl; Notts. Co. 3(6) aps; Lincoln 190 aps., 10 gls.

### **SAM ELLIS (Defender)**

Sam played in the First Division for Sheffield Wednesday making a total of 157 appearances for the Hillsborough club. He played for Wednesday in the 1966 F.A. Cup final. Mansfield signed him in 1971 and he linked with Lincoln two years later.

League record: Sheff. Wed. 155(2) aps., 1 gl; Mansfield 64 aps., 7 gls; Lincoln 157 aps., 29 gls.

### **PHIL NEALE (Defender)**

Phil is one of the now rare band of cricketer-footballers. He turns out for Worcestershire in the summer and this year celebrated his birthday by scoring a century. He made his first League appearance for Lincoln two seasons ago.

League record: Lincoln 50 (4) aps., 4 gls.

### **BRENDAN GUEST (Defender)**

Brendan, who served his apprenticeship with Lincoln, turned professional as recently as December and made his League bow against Grimsby at Christmas. He scored his first goal in the Imps' 3-2 victory over Mansfield.

League record: Lincoln 4 aps., 1 gl.

### **DENNIS BOOTH (Midfield)**

Dennis is an experienced player who saw service with Charlton, Blackpool and Southend before arriving at Sincil Bank in 1974. Lincoln paid a £9,000 fee for him.

League record: Charlton 66(10) aps., 5 gls; Blackpool 12 aps; Southend 77 (1) aps., 1 gl; Lincoln 127 aps., 7 gls.

### **PHIL HUBBARD (Midfield)**

Phil returned to his original club this season. After twice heading Lincoln's scorers, Hubbard was transferred to Norwich for £20,000 in 1972. A year later he moved to Grimsby where he remained until Lincoln completed his return for £6,000 last summer.

League record: Lincoln 150 (1) aps., 41 gls; Norwich 6 (4) aps., 1 gl; Grimsby 144 (2) aps., 37 gls; Lincoln 16 (4) aps., 6 gls.

### **DAVID SMITH (Midfield)**

David got only one opportunity to play in Middlesbrough's League eleven but since joining Lincoln in 1968 he has been a regular. Originally a winger, he has now switched to a midfield role.

League record: Midd'brough 1 ap; Lincoln 325 (8) aps., 49 gls.

### **ALAN HARDING (Midfield)**

Alan was once a high scoring winger with Darlington, leading their scoring list in 1970/71. He joined Lincoln on the eve of the 1973 transfer deadline.

League record: Darlington 125 (4) aps., 38 gls; Lincoln 129 (5) aps., 27 gls.

### **PETER GRAHAM (Forward)**

Peter has now recovered from a cartilage operation, which cost him the second half of last season, and is back to his old scoring form. Once with Barnsley, he served Halifax and Darlington - where he was twice top scorer - before signing for Lincoln in 1973.

League record: Barnsley 16 (3) aps; Halifax 6 aps; Darlington 118 (1) aps., 43 gls; Lincoln 82 (14) aps., 29 gls.

### **JOHN WARD (Forward)**

John is leading Lincoln's scorers for the third successive season with 11 goals. Last season he was the Fourth Division's second highest scorer with 29. A Lincoln discovery, he made his League debut in 1970/71.

League record: Lincoln 166 (16) aps., 77 gls.

# LINCOLN



Back Row	(L to R)	P. Grotier, D. Booth, D. Smith, A. Harding, J. Gallagher, J. Gordon
Second Row	(L to R)	G. Kerr (Coach), T. Loxley, D. Kryzwicki, P. Graham, B. Loxley (Physiotherapist), B. Guest, S. Ellis, D. Wiggett, G. Taylor (Manager)
Seated	(L to R)	D. Leigh, I. Branfoot, P. Freeman, J. Ward, J. Fleming, T. Cooper
Front	(L to R)	M. Cox, S. Potts, P. Sellars



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SEASON 1976 - 77

DATE	LGE.H POS./	OPPONENTS	H-T	F-T	SCORERS (P) = PENALTY	A DA
S 14 AUG ( )	H	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	1-0	3-2	STROUD, GODDARD, SYRETT	
W 18 AUG ( )	A	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	0-0	0-2		
S 21 AUG ( )	H	PORT VALE	0-0	1-0	SYRETT	
TU 24 AUG ( )	A	PORTSMOUTH	0-2	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 28 AUG (4)	H	WREXHAM	0-0	3-2	MOSS 2, PROPHETT	
S 4 SEP (3)	A	CHESTERFIELD	0-0	1-0	ROGERS	
S 11 SEP (2)	H	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	5-2	MOSS, SYRETT 2, ANDERSON AIZLEWOOD	
S 18 SEP (3)	A	LINCOLN CITY	0-0	0-0		
S 25 SEP (3)	H	GILLINGHAM	1-1	2-2	STROUD, AIZLEWOOD	
W 29 SEP (3)	A	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	0-1	0-1		
S 2 OCT (10)	A	READING	0-3	1-4	MOSS	
S 9 OCT (6)	H	SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 16 OCT (10)	A	WALSALL	0-1	0-2		
S 23 OCT (5)	H	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-0	5-1	ANDERSON (2P), MOSS MCLAUGHLIN, SYRETT	
TU 26 OCT (5)	A	BURY	0-0	1-0	DIXON	
S 30 OCT (5)	H	TRANMERE ROVERS	1-1	1-1	ANDERSON (P)	
TU 2 NOV (4)	H	CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1	1-1	SYRETT	
S 6 NOV (6)	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	0-3	0-4		
S 13 NOV (11)	H	ROTHERHAM UNITED	1-2	2-4	ANDERSON (P) STROUD	
S 20 NOV (-)	H	BROMLEY (FAC1)	1-0	7-0	MCHALE, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2, ANDERSON 2	
S 27 NOV (10)	A	MANSFIELD TOWN	0-0	1-1	ANDERSON	
S 11 DEC ( )	A	HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2)	1-0	1-1	DIXON	
T 14 DEC ( )	H	HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2R)	1-0	Aban.	SYRETT	
S 18 DEC (12)	A	CHESTER	1-0	1-2	MOSS	
T 21 DEC	H	HITCHIN TOWN	0-0	3-1	SYRETT, MOSS 2	
M 27 DEC (11)	H	OXFORD UNITED	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 1 JAN (11)	H	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (Aban)	2-0	4-0	STROUD, MOSS, MCHALE 2	
S 8 JAN ( )	A	FULHAM (FAC3)	3-1	3-3	ANDERSON, MOSS, MCHALE	
T 11 JAN ( )	H	FULHAM	2-0	5-0	ANDERSON, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2	
S 22 JAN (13)	A	PORT VALE	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, SYRETT	
S 29 JAN ( )	A	EVERTON (FAC4)	1-1	2-2	SYRETT, STROUD	
T 1 FEB ( )	A	EVERTON (FAC 4 R)	0-0	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 5 FEB (13)	A	WREXHAM	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, AIZLEWOOD	
T 8 FEB (13)	A	PRESTON	0-1	0-2		
S 12 FEB (11)	H	CHESTERFIELD	1-0	3-0	AIZLEWOOD, ANDERSON, MCHALE	
S 19 FEB (15)	A	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	1-3	PROH PROPHETT	
M 21 FEB (12)	A	TRANMERE ROVERS	1-0	1-0	ANDERSON	
S 26 FEB ( )	H	LINCOLN CITY (FAC5)				
S 5 MAR ( )	A	GILLINGHAM				
T 8 MAR ( )	H	GRIMSBY TOWN				
F 11 MAR ( )	H	READING				
S 19 MAR ( )	A	SHREWSBURY TOWN (FAC6)				
TU 22 MAR ( )	H	YORK CITY				
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				
T 10 MAY ( )	H	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION				
S 14 MAY ( )	H	CHESTER				
			T 17 MAY ( )	H	PORTSMOUTH	

# TOWN STATS

(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)														
PLAYERS PENALTY	ATTEN DANCE	ACCUM PNTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER														
GODDARD, 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	14
	7898	2	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	09	11	
SYRETT	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	
LEWOOD	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	
	7285	14	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
MOSS	6405	16	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11	
SYRETT	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
STROUD	7604	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	09	16S	11	18
SYRETT 2, MOSS 2,	6497		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	6663	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	4827		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	7261		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02S	12	16	11	07
	3399	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
MOSS 2	6064		01	08	17	04	15	06	13	02	12	16	11	07
	13491	21	01	02	17	04	05	06	13	07	12	16	11	08
S, MCHALE 2	12369	21	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
MOSS, MCHALE	16460		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
SYRETT 2, MOSS 2	23883		01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02	12	16	11	
SYRETT	4446	22	01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02S	12	16	11	06
STROUD	24347		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	38063		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
LEWOOD	7287	23	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	19S	03
	9409	23	01	08	17	04S	05	06	13	02	12	16	19	03
ANDERSON, MCHALE	7901	25	01	08	17	10	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
SYRETT	11265	25	01S	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	10
	2648	27	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	10

SWINDON TOWN PLAYING STAFF 1976-77 (Totals include appearances as sub.)

TOWN STATS CODE		THIS SEASON APPS/GOALS	CAREER APPS/GOALS
01	JIMMY ALLAN	26	97
02	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	21/1	188/8
03	TONY TAYLOR	15	288/16
04	KENNY STROUD	24/2	110/8
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	22/4	224/21
06	COLIN PROPHETT	26/4	248/14
07	DON ROGERS	2/1	500/182
08	WILL DIXON	23/1	277/9
09	HOWARD GODDARD	11	75/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	13	106/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	23/9	113/28
12	DAVE SYRETT	25/6	104/28
13	DAVE MOSS	25/6	166/36
14	PHIL HARRIS	1	1
15	FRANK BURROWS	3	484/14
16	RAY MCHALE	25/5*	231/51
17	JOHN TROLLOPE	15	678/20
18	JOHN GILLIGAN	1 †	6/1 †
19	WYN HOOPER	2 †	178/21 †

\* Includes 4 apps., 2 goals for Halifax Town

† Not including apps. for Northampton Town this season

‡ Not including apps. for Newport County this season.

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### **v Everton**

1st Goal Mr. Clegg, 27 Lynwood Grove, Swindon

Last Goal 1st Set (Not Claimed)

### **v Everton**

1st Goal Mrs. Smith, 36 Canterbury St., Chippenham

Last Goal 2nd Set (Not Claimed)

### **v Chesterfield**

1st Goal Martin Loveday, 20 Lyndhurst Cres., Swindon

Last Goal (Not Claimed)

### **Football Treble Winners**

Week 15 11 Winners each receive £3.19.

Week 16 One Winner. Mr. Gumm, 23 Woodrow Rd., Melksham. Receives £35.00.

Week 17 3 Winners each receive £11.66.

Mrs. Tyler, Swindon.  
M. Saunders, Swindon.  
D. Cleary, Eldene.

Week 18 2 Winners each receive £17.50.

Mr. Matthews, 30 Range Park, Wootton Bassett.  
B. Sharpe, 24 Manor Gardens, Warminster.

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### **LINCOLN CITY RECORDS**

CLUB FORMED : 1883      PRESENT GROUND : Sincil Bank (Capacity 25,000)

RECORD ATTENDANCE : 23,196 v. Derby (Lge. Cup) 15.11.67

HIGHEST LEAGUE POSITION FINISHED : DIV. 2 5th — 1901-2

LOWEST LEAGUE POSITION FINISHED : DIV. 4 24th — 1966-7

RECORD VICTORY : 11-1 v. Crewe 29.9.51

RECORD DEFEAT : 3-11 v. Manchester City 23.3.95

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON : 74 — DIV. 4 1975-6

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON : 121 — DIV. 3 1951-2

FIRST EVER HOME LEAGUE GAME : 1.10.92 DIV. 2 Lincoln City 1 Sheffield United 0

FIRST EVER AWAY LEAGUE GAME : 3.9.92 DIV. 2 Sheffield United 4 Lincoln City 2

FULL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD :	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Gls.F.	Gls. A.	Points
(to end of last season)							
DIV. 2	1258	376	260	622	1740	2399	1012
DIV.3/DIV.3N	926	428	190	308	1724	1360	1046
DIV. 4	644	235	170	239	963	940	640
TOTAL	2828	1039	620	1169	4427	4699	2698

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# We're Going To Win The Cup!

by Tony Pullein

Who's going to win the F.A. Cup? The answer could be found at this moment by asking followers of the 16 surviving clubs in today's fifth round. "We are!" they'll all tell you. Their replies would be motivated by emotion, rather than sound judgment, for in reality the competition is so intense - in what is still the world's greatest knockout tournament - that only a fool would hazard a guess, far less his money, upon who will ultimately succeed at Wembley.

Today's fifth round is packed with exciting prospects. The match of the round is undoubtedly at The Dell where the holders, Second Division Southampton, take on the team they beat against all odds in last year's final - Manchester United. It is certain to be a match full of passion and fervour for there are several personal points to be made.

Saints' striker Ted MacDougall, who joined them from Norwich for £80,000 this season, has never forgiven Tommy Docherty for sacking him when he took over as United's manager. "MacDougall can't play", was Docherty's opinion of the player who later became a Scottish international.

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to score the goal that knocks United out!" declared MacDougall, who holds the F.A. Cup scoring record with nine in one match for Bournemouth against Margate.

As far as United are concerned, they will be fielding nine of their beaten Wembley side, many of whom were in tears in the dressing room afterwards. There and then they vowed to get back to Wembley this year - and win.

Former England star Alan Ball dreams of carrying the Cup from Wembley as the Saints' skipper - if only to prove his father wrong. Alan Ball senior, now manager of Halifax, disowned his son after he left Arsenal for Southampton. "He still has First Division football in him," said Dad. "I advised him not to go to Southampton. He won't win anything down there." Since young Alan agreed to go The Dell father and son have not spoken.

Though United do not relish this afternoon's game at the cramped Dell, the odds must be against Southampton pulling off another shock victory. Yet Saints' manager Laurie McMenemy quietly believes his team will get to Wembley again.

If they do so it will be the first time that any Second Division club has ever appeared in successive finals. And only two clubs this century have won the trophy two years in succession - Newcastle and Spurs.

We could, of course, still see the first-ever Manchester final. If United go through today and City oust Leeds the possibility will increase, particularly as both teams are at their peak at the moment.

Everton, our conquerors in the last round, have already ensured themselves one Wembley trip this year for the League Cup final so, with new manager Gordon Lee now making his presence felt, they could make history by appearing in two Wembley finals in one year. Everton visit Cardiff City and should win.

Aston Villa, who were engaged in a League Cup semi-final play-off with Queen's Park Rangers this week, take on Third Division Port Vale at Villa Park and must themselves be considered a good bet for ultimate success at Wembley.

The only other surviving Third Division club, Chester, have already created a new club record. They had never previously been beyond the fourth round and, sadly, it doesn't seem very likely that they will be still concerned after 4.40 p.m. this evening. They visit Second Division hot-shots Wolves.

Arsenal visit Middlesbrough, where they were beaten 0-3 in a League match just over a week ago, determined to show the home fans that their performance that day was all a mistake. Arsenal's boss Terry Neill described his team as "pathetic - I was ashamed of them." Take Arsenal to extract full revenge, even if it needs a replay.

Liverpool may yet again prove to have been wrongly written off. Now that Ipswich and Manchester City have crept up on them in the League, Liverpool's chances of the title are rarely mentioned. Yet they are right up there at the top. They remain in the F.A. Cup with a great chance of beating Oldham and going into the last eight. And, of course, they are in the quarter-finals of the European Cup. One of those trophies will almost certainly end up at Anfield.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE (up to and including Tuesday, 22nd February, 1977)

	Home					Away					Avge.Home		Top League	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Gate	Scorer(s)
Brighton & H.A.	29	13	1	1	44	9	4	5	5	13	15	40	18414	Peter Ward 20
Mansfield Town	28	11	3	0	36	8	6	2	6	16	17	39	7686	Kevin Randall 13
Rotherham Utd.	28	7	6	1	20	9	6	5	3	24	18	37	5808	Alan Crawford 15
Crystal Palace	28	10	4	1	24	11	3	5	5	10	10	35	14207	Steve Perrin, Dave Swindlehurst 6
Sheffield Wed.	30	9	3	4	25	15	5	4	5	19	21	35	14420	Roger Wylde 15
Wrexham	26	9	5	0	27	11	5	1	6	18	17	34	7256	Bill Ashcroft 14
Preston N.E.	28	9	2	2	33	14	3	8	4	11	13	34	7871	Alex Bruce 18
Shrewsbury T.	29	10	3	2	28	12	4	3	7	16	17	34	5901	Mike Kearney 12
Chester	28	10	1	3	18	11	4	2	8	13	24	31	4505	Paul Crossley 12
Bury	28	9	2	4	27	16	3	4	6	11	27	30	5584	Andy Rowland 10
Gillingham	29	5	6	3	18	17	5	2	8	18	27	28	5720	Damien Richardson 11
Lincoln City	24	6	5	1	27	17	4	2	6	15	22	27	7986	John Ward 10
SWINDON TOWN	26	7	3	1	25	13	3	4	8	12	25	27	8537	Trevor Anderson 9
Oxford Utd.	30	7	5	3	25	19	1	6	8	15	24	27	4748	*Mick Tait 11, Peter Foley 8
Tranmere Rovers	28	5	5	4	16	14	2	7	5	15	19	26	3595	Russ Allen 10
Peterborough Utd.	28	8	3	4	20	14	0	5	8	10	25	24	6144	John Cozens 5
Walsall	28	5	4	4	26	17	3	3	9	8	23	23	5604	Alan Buckley 11
York City	29	6	4	5	19	25	2	3	9	19	36	23	2584	Brian Pollard 10
Portsmouth	28	3	8	4	12	16	3	2	8	19	26	22	11674	Micky Mellows, Matt Pollock 5
Chesterfield	29	5	3	6	18	16	3	2	10	15	27	21	4613	Rod Fern 13
Port Vale	27	3	4	5	15	16	2	6	7	13	23	20	4619	Ken Beamish 8
Grimsby Town	29	7	3	5	18	13	1	1	12	9	31	20	4509	Malcolm Partridge 6
Reading	30	5	4	5	18	16	2	2	12	14	37	20	7474	John Murray 14
Northampton Town	29	4	1	9	15	24	3	4	8	20	30	19	5769	Billy Best, Derrick Christie 5

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- 6 Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 McLaughlin
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McHale
- 11 Anderson
- 12 O'Brien



- 1 Giotier
- 2 Branfoot
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- 4 Booth
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His outside interests include cricket and tennis.

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**Tuesday, 1st March — K.O. 7.30 p.m.**  
**Football Combination ARSENAL**

**Saturday, 5th March — K.O. 3.0 p.m.**  
**Football Combination NORWICH CITY**

**Tuesday, 8th March — K.O. 7.30 p.m.**  
**Division III GRIMSBY TOWN**

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- B Grimsby v. Oxford Utd.
- C Northampton v. Shrewsbury
- D Portsmouth v. Gillingham
- E Reading v. Bury
- F Rotherham v. Preston N.E.
- G York City v. Brighton
- H Aston Villa v. Port Vale
- I Cardiff v. Everton
- J Derby v. Blackburn
- K Leeds v. Manchester City
- L Liverpool v. Oldham
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- N Southampton v. Manchester United
- O Wolverhampton v. Chester
- P Coventry v. West Bromwich Albion
- Q Ipswich v. Stoke
- R Newcastle v. Tottenham H.
- S Q. P. Rangers v. Leicester
- T West Ham United v. Bristol City