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Football Club

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Grimsby

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NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

The visit of Grimsby Town to the County Ground this evening will revive happy memories for our older supporters. In the last seasons before the Second World War our visitors were a formidable First Division Club, boasting outstanding players as Pat Glover, Jackie Bestall, Charlie Craven, H. Betmead; and that prince of goalkeepers G. Tweedy.

It was during that period that Swindon (Division 3 South) defeated them in the F.A. Cup. In Season 1937/38 we won at Gillingham in the First Round 4 - 3, defeated Queens Park Rangers at home 2-1 in the Second Round. We were then drawn away in the Third Round (when the Division 1 and 2 clubs were included) to Grimsby Town. A difficult match, but we managed to draw 1-1 at Blundell Park. The replay, kick-off 2 p.m. (no lights in those days) on the Wednesday afternoon created great interest. The Railway Works were closed; and the County Ground was filled to capacity. A grand game ensued, with Alan Fowler getting the winning goal to make the score 2-1 in extra time when another draw seemed certain. In the next round we lost 1-2 at Luton.

Many will remember some of the players of that era. F. Wildman, S. Wilcockson, G. Morall (a grand centre half) J. Smith, later transferred to Chelsea) E. Jones, A. Fowler (killed in the war) B. Morton, H. Hetherington (Peg Leg), W. Lucas (later a well known Manager), H. Cousins (still with Swindon). Some fine players and great characters. The following season Grimsby reached the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup Competition.

Grimsby has produced some splendid legislators. The late Mr. Arthur Drewery was President of the Football League, and Mr. Fred

Would (whom we hope to welcome this evening) is a life-member of the current League Management Committee. Their present chairman Mr. H.C. Hamilton, who has occupied that onerous position for many years, has some strong views on the organisation of League Football. "There is no future in the idea of more regionalised football in the Third and Fourth Divisions. Fast and cheap travel by road on the new motorways is solving the particular problems of time and money".

He was much more interested in the possibilities of summer football. He would have liked to see the Third and Fourth Division starting their seasons earlier, four weeks before those of the First and Second Divisions - say on the second Saturday in July with late evening kick-offs.

A three month lay-off in the summer is too much, the clubs cannot afford that long period with no income from the turnstiles. There would, of course, be no competition from the big clubs.

Mr. Hamilton, for a short period acted as secretary, but now Grimsby is the only club in the Football League which can boast a Lady Secretary. At one time Halifax employed a lady, but that person has now left.

To-nights game should have been played on Friday 3rd December 1976, but although our visitors arrived, Mr. Totney the referee, deemed the pitch unplayable, because of a heavy frost.

We hope the match will go ahead as planned, but recent rains are making conditions very difficult.

Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Tonight we welcome the Officials and Players from Grimsby and at the time of writing these notes, can only hope that the weather has improved to give our lads the opportunity to demonstrate their skills on a normal surface, which has been almost an impossibility these last few months.

On Tuesday last we played on a surface even worse than our own at Trowbridge, but in spite of the mud an entertaining exhibition of football skills produced five goals. This result, has again brought another headache to Bob Jefferies our Secretary, in finding a suitable date to play the home leg of the Final against Salisbury City. This County Shield Final is played on a home and away basis. The idea is to bring a little revenue into the Counties F.A. funds but the attendances at these matches are generally so poor these days, I doubt if the County get but very little from the tournament. It is an expense to our Club to play in it, but if it helps the County F.A. in any way, then we are only too willing to do our little bit. The cost of running a professional side has increased so much over the last few years, that the results are sadly showing today, with some of the Clubs that have known better days finding it difficult to pay their way. Aging stands, deteriorating terraces, perimeter fencing needing repairs often tell their tale and to try to improve the lot of companies who provide entertainment for the public, several M.P.'s are lobbying to reduce taxation and obtain V.A.T. concessions for sporting activities, but I doubt whether even these concessions will save some Clubs.

The general opinion it seems of the people who attended our Forum last week, was that it was

entertaining and enjoyable and we the Board hold these Forums to enable our supporters to question us on all aspects of our Club, but these Forums usually end up with Danny trying to convince people that whatever they think, his way is right and of course we have to believe in Danny and his staff if we hope to get anywhere, but many interesting points do arise and we all have our own ideas and are entitled to them, as well. At the opening of the meeting I did try and explain the Policy for the future which we have set ourselves and we shall do our best to carry out this Policy, but success does not come overnight.

On Wednesday, April 27th, we are holding our Club Annual Dinner Dance and again the venue is the Blunsdon House Hotel. Everyone who attended last years Dinner will receive an invitation again this year, and anyone else who would like to attend this function can apply at our Club, but I would advise people to apply as soon as possible to save any disappointment.

Our close season tour which has been held over the last two years firstly in Tunisia and last year in Majorca has been postponed this year because of difficulties the travel firm have met, but we are hoping that we may spend a week in Denmark and it is possible that we shall be able to arrange for our usual 'Family' arrangements as we have done over the last couple of seasons. We have to arrange a guarantee for the referees of the team and after this of course we have to pay our own way. We will give our details as soon as we have them.

Here's hoping for a good game tonight and thank you for your support.

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OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

GRIMSBY

HARRY WAINMAN (Goalkeeper) Harry has been Grimsby's goalkeeper almost continually since his debut for the club in 1965. When he did lose his place for a while in 1972/73, he went to Rochdale on loan.

League Record: Grimsby 367 aps. Rochdale (on loan) 9 aps.

BOBBY CUMMING (Defender) Bobby graduated through the junior teams to make his League debut two seasons ago and last season he established himself at left-back and later in midfield. This season he has been playing right-back.

League Record: Grimsby 57(7) aps. 2 gls.

STEWART GRAY (Defender) Stewart started out as a Doncaster apprentice and worked his way into the Belle Vue's senior team in 1967/68. Grimsby signed him on in 1970, since when he has been performing consistently well at centre-back.

League Record: Doncaster 53(5) aps. Grimsby 252(1) aps. 2 gls.

KEITH HANVEY (Defender) Keith has only recently joined the Miners from Rochdale where he had been a permanent member of their defence for three years. Once with Manchester City, Keith first tasted League soccer while on loan to Swansea in 1972/73.

League Record: Manchester City nil aps, Swansea (on loan) 11 aps. Rochdale (to the end of last season) 102 aps., 6 gls, Grimsby 4 aps.

DAVIE BOOTH (Defender) David made a name for himself with Barnsley and Grimsby paid £12,000 for his transfer in 1972. An injury caused him to miss many games earlier this season but now he is back on the left side of the defence.

League Record: Barnsley 162(3) aps. 8 gls. Grimsby 177 aps, 7 gls.

MARTIN YOUNG (Defender/Midfield) Martin is a versatile player who can fill in at almost any position. Given his chance in the Mariners' first-team two seasons ago, he has recently been switching between centre-back and midfield positions.

League Record: Grimsby 78(2) aps., 2 gls.

JOE WATERS (Midfield) Joe won his first international cap when he played for the Republic of Ireland against Turkey in October. While with his first club Leicester, Joe made a sensational debut with two goals which knocked Q.P.R. out of the F.A. Cup quarter-final in 1974. He joined Grimsby last season.

League Record: Leicester 11(2) aps. 1 gl. Grimsby 47 aps. 7 gls.

MALCOLM PARTRIDGE (Midfield)

Malcolm won attention when playing for Mansfield and Leicester paid £50,000 for him in 1970. He didn't enjoy the best of luck at Filbert Street, however, and decided to make a new start with Grimsby in 1975.

League Record: Mansfield 66(3) aps., 20 gls, Leicester 24(11) aps., 4 gls. Charlton (on loan) 1(1) aps. Grimsby 72(2) aps. 17 gls.

DAVE BOYLEN (Midfield) Dave has been a Grimsby first-teamer for almost ten years. A product of the club's junior sides, he came in for his League bow in 1967.

League Record: Grimsby 357 (12) aps. 33 gls.

TERRY DONOVAN (Forward) Terry was signed as a professional last August and made his first League appearance shortly afterwards. In recent weeks he has been grabbing several important goals. He had five to his credit before the weekend.

League Record: Grimsby 15(3) aps. 5 gls.

JACKIE LEWIS (Forward) Jackie has been Grimsby's top scorer for the past three seasons and, having recently returned to the team, he is challenging again with six before the weekend. Once with Lincoln City, he moved to Grimsby in 1970.

League Record: Lincoln 47(15) aps. 9 gls. Grimsby 217 (27) aps. 71 gls.

MIKE BROLLY (Forward) Mike emerged as one of Chelsea's young hopefuls in 1972/73 though he didn't quite manage to win a regular place. A move to Bristol City in 1974 enhanced his career and another move took him to Blundell Park this season.

League Record: Chelsea 7(1)aps. 1 gl Bristol City 27(3) aps. 3 gls. Grimsby 25 aps., 2 gls.

Grimsby



Back Row (L to R) Bruce Aitken, Stewart Gray, Steve Govier, Nigel Batch, David Booth, Harry Wainman, Malcolm Partridge, Martin Young, Ron Wigg.
Front Row (L to R) Dave Boylen, Bobby Cumming, John Fraser (physiotherapist), Tom Casey, Dick Conner (coach), Joe Waters, Jack Lewis, Phil Hubbard.
Seated Bob Oldridge and Kevin Moore.

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SEASON 1976 - 77

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

STATS

(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)

PLAYERS NAME	ATTEN DANCE	ACCUM PNTS	(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)											SUB
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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	
	7898	2	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	09	11	14
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	
AIZLEWOOD	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	
MOSS SYRETT	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	
STROUD	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
STROUD MOSS 2,	7604	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	09	16S	11	18
	6497		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
ANDERSON	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	
ANDERSON 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
MCHALE 2 MOSS, MCHALE	12369	21	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	16460		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
ANDERSON 2, MOSS 2	23883		01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02	12	16	11	
	4446	22	01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02S	12	16	11	06
ANDERSON 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	
ANDERSON WOOD	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 STROUD	7901	25	01	08	17	10	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	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
	8644	28	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	20

S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER

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

TOWN STATS CODE	NAME	THIS SEASON APPS/GOALS	CAREER APPS/GOALS
01	JIMMY ALLAN	27	98
02	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	22/1	189/8
03	TONY TAYLOR	15	288/16
04	KENNY STROUD	25/3	111/9
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	23/4	225/21
06	COLIN PROPHETT	27/4	249/14
07	DON ROGERS	2/1	500/182
08	WILL DIXON	24/1	278/9
09	HOWARD GODDARD	11	75/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	13	106/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	24/9	114/28
12	DAVE SYRETT	26/5	105/28
13	DAVE MOSS	26/7	167/36
14	PHIL HARRIS	1	1
15	FRANK BURROWS	3	484/14
16	RAY MCHALE	22/3	231/51
17	JOHN TROLLOPE	16	679/20
18	JOHN GILLIGAN	1 †	6/1 †
19	WYN HOOPER	2 †	178/21 †
20	MICKY FRENCH	1	

* Includes 4 apps., 2 goals for Halifax Town

† Not including apps. for Northampton Town this season

‡ Not including apps. for Newport County this season.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Swindon v Grimsby

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon's score first)

Date	Home	Away	Score	Goals	Gate
* Apr. 9 1921	AWAY	0-3			Not Known
Apr. 16 1921	HOME	0-0			6,000 (approx)
Sep. 9 1959	HOME	3-2	Layne 2 (1 pen.) Woodruff		12,678
Sep. 15 1959	AWAY	0-3			11,608
Nov. 28 1960	AWAY	2-3	Layne 2		9,662
Apr. 8 1961	HOME	3-0	Woodruff, own goal, Hunt (E)		10,170
Oct. 3 1961	HOME	0-0			11,303
Oct. 10 1961	AWAY	1-0	Hunt (R)		8,930
Aug. 28 1963	AWAY	2-1	Smart, Hunt (E)		14,807
Sep. 3 1963	HOME	2-1	Atkins, Rogers		21,866
Dec. 27 1965	AWAY	2-2	East, Rogers		13,284
May 10 1966	HOME	0-0			8,044
Feb. 28 1967	HOME	3-1	Trollope, Terry, Rogers		11,458
Apr. 5 1967	AWAY	4-3	Smart, Nurse, Rogers, Terry		4,743
Feb. 27 1968	HOME	5-0	Rogers 2 (1 pen.), Terry 2, own goal		12,791
May 11 1968	AWAY	2-3	Rogers, Harland		4,593
Nov. 2 1974	HOME	3-2	McLaughlin, own goal, Syrett		7,198
Feb. 8 1975	AWAY	0-2			5,121
Oct. 25 1975	HOME	3-0	Eastoe, Anderson		5,873
Feb. 28 1976	AWAY	0-1			5,218

* SWINDON TEAM IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE BETWEEN CLUBS:

Skinner, Weston, Macconachie, Archer, Hawley, Wareing, Jefferson, Fleming, Rogers, Batty, Davies.

LEAGUE SUMMARY:

Home	7	3	0	22-6	
Away	3	1	6	13-21	
Total	10	4	6	35-27	SWINDON'S SUCCESS RATE: 60%

TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

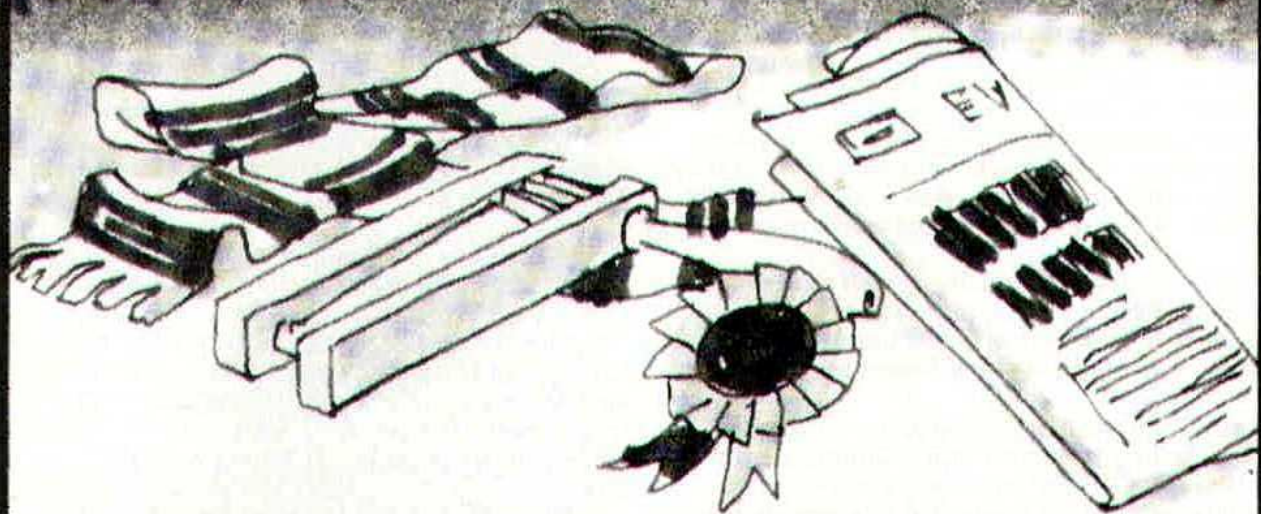
In the close season of 1930, CHARLIE MUNNINGS, a forward, came to Swindon from the Mariners, making his debut at the County Ground on October 11th against Q.P.R. He operated on the right-wing and celebrated by Scoring the third goal in a 4 - 1 home win. After only 14 appearances, he was allowed to move to Hull City but rejoined the Town twelve months later. Although returning to the side at outside-left, he soon reverted to his old position on the other flank and scored ten goals, which included a hat-trick on Christmas Eve, 1932 against Cardiff City at Swindon. Despite his efforts, the Town finished at the bottom of the League in the following spring.

The summer of 1951 saw the arrival from Grimsby of GEORGE GRAY who tussled for the number six shirt with former Wolves reserve pivot Ted Batchelor. Gray made 46 appearances for the Town in two seasons.

The former Brighton and Welsh Under-23 winger FREDDIE JONES left Swindon for Grimsby at the end of the 1960/61 season and in return the Town signed inside-forward RALPH HUNT. A few months after his arrival, he made a happy return to Blundell Park scoring the vital goal in a 1-0 Swindon victory. In only 21 appearances before moving on to Port Vale, he totalled thirteen goals. He died as the result of a road accident in December 1964.

In September 1966, goalkeeper NORMAN OAKLEY left Wiltshire for the East Coast. He to appeared in 21 League games for Swindon, but these were interrupted by an injury sustained at Bury during the first forty-five minutes of the 1964/65 season. Tony Hicks, then only eighteen, took over as first-choice keeper.

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More Imaginative Nicknames Needed

by Tony Pullein

Today we shall be divided in our favours behind either the Robins or the Mariners. Both are fairly distinctive nicknames and most neutral fans can be in little doubt as to which clubs they apply. Generally, though, don't you think most clubs have dull and unimaginative nicknames?

The Reds can apply equally as well to Manchester United as Liverpool, Manchester City and Coventry answer to the Sky Blues call. There are many Uniteds, Rovers, Towns etc.

Strangely, some of the most fascinating nicknames belong to smaller clubs. Southport, for instance, are the Sandgrounders, appropriate in so far as the club is situated in a seaside town but nonetheless an improvement upon the bald Seasideers of Blackpool.

Though most nicknames are derived from the name of the club, or the industry of the district a few appear to have no connection with the teams carrying them. How do Bournemouth become the Cherries? Many theories have been put forward, one of the most unlikely being that the club's first manager swallowed a cherry stone! But it is most likely to have some connection with the red shirts they once sported and which were earlier of the deeper, cherry hue.

What was dreamed up Charlton's Addicks? West Brom's Throstles? Or Bury's Shakers? Only close followers of the clubs appreciate that Southampton's Saints derives from the original Southampton St. Mary's nomenclature or that The Owls became descriptive of Sheffield Wednesday in the days when Hillsborough was known as Owlerton.

Many names describe industry of the area in which a club has its headquarters. Thus Sheffield United are The Blades, Luton The Hatters, Stoke City The Potters, Barnsley The Golliers, Crewe The Railwaymen, Reading the Bisuitmen, Northampton The Cobblers, Walsall The Saddlers and Rotherham The Millers.

Among the more unusual, and attractive names are Pompey (Portsmouth) The Trotters (Bolton), Peacocks (Leeds), Argyle (Plymouth) Latics (Oldham), Quakers (Darlington) and The Grecians (Exeter).

Some names conjure up visions of a hot-welcome from the home side. Who can visit the Lions at The Den without fearing a tough reception at Millwall, or feel complacent on the way to watch The Tigers at Hull?

Once established, a nickname is difficult to discard. When Tommy Docherty took over at Chelsea one of his first actions was to scrap the "Pensioner" image. It took some time but now Chelsea are simply the Blues. Again, we appreciate Docherty's motives for wanting to forget the Pensioner. But, the Blues? Surely he could have thought up a more original alternative.

The best soccer names are to be found in Scotland. Loanhead Mayflowers, Ormiston Primrose, Easthouses Lily and Rosewell Rose-dale all play in Scottish junior soccer. Before the last war Blenbuck Cherrypickers were a well known Scottish minor club.

It's a pity more clubs don't think up exclusive nicknames which reflect either their present character or past traditions. Somehow the Dragons, the Wolves, the Tigers, etc., instill far more local feeling than the more mundane Reds or Blues.

Maybe it's time someone organised a competition for the most original club nickname?





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	67/8	46	2
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	69/70	42	2
	70/1	39	1
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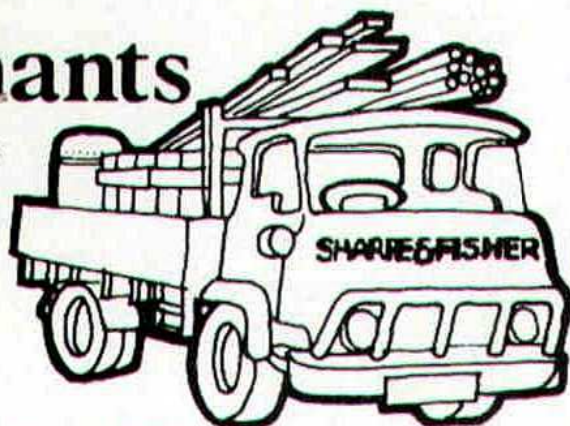
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