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v

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United**

Official Programme

10p

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NEWS & VIEWS

The meeting of the two teams today, will revive nostalgic memories for many, of a previous Easter encounter. Good Friday 12th April 1963, tremendous enthusiasm, promotion, very much in the offering Swindon top of the League Table.

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| 36 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 69 | 44 | 46 |

Peterborough in third position.

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 37 | 17 | 9 | 11 | 83 | 61 | 43 |

Sad to say our visitors won that game by 3 goals to 2, a blow to our hopes. John Trollope played in that match and also Jack Smith, now in charge of the youth team. Maurice Owen played in the return on Easter Monday.

The next day Saturday, Swindon came back with a vengeance and defeated Colchester, by 6 goals to 1. So we travelled to East Anglia on Easter Monday with renewed hope but alas another defeat this time by 3 goals to 1, enabling Peterborough to go above us. Probably the thing I remember most about those games, was I realised the strain imposed on managers. I sat near Mr. Fairbrother in our home game, and I am sure he "kicked every ball", and saved "every shot". He was absolutely worn out at the end of the game.

On the following Saturday 20th April, we lost by 2 goals to 0 at Notts County, and, so our chances seemed to be diminishing.

However, as we all know, we won four out of our next five games and gained promotion along with Northampton Town.

We certainly have an old score to pay off today. Last season we were defeated 1 - 3 at Peterborough in November 1975 and on Saturday 21st February 1976 they made things even more difficult by winning 3 goals to nil.

That result, put us firmly entrenched at the bottom of the table.

| Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|----|----|----|----|-----|
| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| 32 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 29 | 22 | 22 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 37 | 24 | |

Peterborough occupied sixth position

| Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | | | |
|------|----|---|---|----|----|------|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| 31 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 14 | 37 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 21 | 26 | 37 | |

We of course improved, and escaped relegation. In view of the records it is interesting to see the final placing at the end of the season.

First Peterborough

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Pos |
|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 46 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 37 | 23 | 31 | 11 |

Now Swindon

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Pos |
|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 46 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 42 | 31 | 54 | 19 |

Note the points difference between the two teams, eight compared with thirteen earlier. To date both clubs, are in the middle of the table, with somewhat similar records, although Peterborough won away 3 - 2 at Oxford last Saturday, but have drawn nine. Undoubtedly, spectators opinions on game vary considerably. Without mentioning any local comments in Press Reports, may I quote from the Sports Argus. The game was a fine advertisement for Third Division football, with both sides finding their men in a series of intelligent moves.

Another paper writes "Both sides played football fit to grace a higher division, and Walsall took the lead with a quality goal, brilliantly created by Alan Buckley and smartly tucked away by the lively Miah Dennehy".

I wonder if you agree with the above regarding the Walsall game.

They are managed by Noel Cantwell the former Coventry City manager. When dismissed at Coventry Ian St. John assistant manager and coach Tony Waiters also left the club as a gesture of protest. However things have worked out well as Tony Waiters and Ian St. John have surely and steadily made their way as managers for the future with Plymouth Argyle and Portsmouth.

Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Today we are holding a collection for the six young children who lost their parents when Peter Houseman of Oxford City Football Club and his wife were killed in that tragic road accident near Oxford. Their close friends and neighbours who also lost their lives leave three young children along with those of Peters and the Football Club who knew Peter so well are rallying to try to help the little ones so tragically left on their own. Chelsea F.C. have already played a game in aid of the Fund at Stamford Bridge when over sixteen thousand people attended, and they are also bringing a side to Oxford very soon. On Sunday last, Witney Town organised games with the All Stars XI of Show Business and also a combined team from Oxford and Swindon played the Witney Town side. Over three thousand people turned out to support this effort and needless to say everybody participating gave their services free for this deserving cause.

Yesterday's game at Oxford, the result of which we can only hope will be favourable, will have been important both for Oxford and for ourselves because we have three games to play in four days and points won at this stage will be decisive in the final reckoning. At this stage of the season most Clubs have either an interest in promotion or a fight to retain their league status. Managers obviously have pressure brought to bear on them through the relegation problems, but the interest for the public must be an important factor, when attendances are likely to drop at the end of most seasons. This season, the interest of promotion and relegation is as strong as ever and very few clubs can be certain of their plight when in the lower reaches of their leagues.

Our Reserve and Youth teams have been very successful these last few weeks and the Reserve team gained two away victories on the trot, winning at Crystal Palace and Birmingham. Our Youth team also won away at Bristol City, which is encouraging because Jack Smith changes the side regularly to give trials to recommended boys. Both Frank and Jack travelled to Scotland to watch games at Youth level last weekend and the outcome will sure to be a game later in our Youth side for one or two of them.

Jack also organised a game on our Shrevenham Road Training Ground against a Plymouth Youth side and this was played last Sunday. Some people think that football is just a matter of being around on match days and training for a few hours each day, but many games are organised which entails a lot of preparation outside of the normal training routines. Charlie Saunders who has been connected with the club for many years as a player and as a scout is still helping the Club by keeping an eye on our training ground facilities and can often be seen marking out the pitch and doing a hundred and one jobs that are called for in such an organisation as a Football Club. Eddie Buckley is another such stalwart to our Club and Eddie helps out with the Youth teams and I know that Jack has found that Eddie is most valuable in this way. Both Eddie and Charlie have been connected for many years in local football and contacts are the most important part of Football administration.

Our Club Dinner and Dance for Wednesday 27th April is getting close but Bob Jefferies can accommodate you if you don't leave your application too late.

Everyone will be pleased to know that Maurice Owen is now home after his operation and we hope to see him back with us again very soon.

For our Supporters Club members I would draw your attention to a grand attraction that Jack Conley has been able to engage on Easter Monday lunchtime:—

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OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

Peterborough

KEITH WAUGH (Goalkeeper)

Keith served his apprenticeship with Sunderland but with players like Jim Montgomery and Trevor Swinburne ahead of him in the Roker queue, he didn't get a chance in the first-team. But shortly after moving to Peterborough this season he got the opportunity he was awaiting.

League record: Sunderland nil aps;
Peterborough 23 aps.

PETER HINDLEY (Defender)

Peter was a fixture in Nottingham Forest's team for over ten years. He moved on to Coventry in 1974 but lost his place last season. Peterborough signed him last summer.

League record: Nottm. For. 366 aps., 10 gls;
Coventry 33 aps; Peterborough 30 aps.

CHRIS TURNER (Defender)

Chris developed in the club's junior teams and came forward for his League debut in 1969/70. For a short while he became a striker but he has now settled back into his old position.

League record: Peterborough 255 (7) aps., 32 gls.

IAN ROSS (Defender)

Ian is on loan from Aston Villa until the end of the season. He began with Liverpool and Villa paid £70,000 for him in 1972. This season he has also been on loan to Notts. Co. and Northampton.

League record: Liverpool 42(5) aps., 2 gls;
A. Villa 175 aps., 3 gls; Notts. Co. (loan) 4 aps;
Northampton (loan) 2 aps; Peterborough (loan) 15 aps.

JEFF LEE (Defender)

Jeff served Halifax for several seasons before transferring to Peterborough in 1973. He has now been designated to take the club's penalty-kicks.

League record: Halifax 231 (9) aps., 2 gls;
Peterborough 137 (2) aps., 10 gls.

JACK CARMICHAEL (Midfield)

Jack learned his game with Arsenal and had a short loan spell with Hull City, but it was after transferring to Peterborough in 1970 that he made his League debut.

League record: Arsenal nil aps; Hull (loan) nil aps; Peterborough 231 (16) aps., 3 gls.

ANDY ROGERS (Midfield)

Andy was introduced to the side last season but he had to wait until the last few weeks before getting his chance to enjoy a lengthy run in the side.

League record: Peterborough 13 (4) aps.

BOB DOYLE (Midfield)

Peterborough signed Bob from Barnsley last summer, after he had impressed as a member of the Yorkshire club's senior side for over three years.

League record: Barnsley 148 (1) aps., 16 gls;
Peterborough 33 aps., 3 gls.

JON NIXON (Striker)

Jon gave up a teaching career to turn professional with Notts. County, made over 150 League appearances for the Meadow Lane club - and topped their scorers four seasons ago - before transferring to Peterborough in 1974 for £15,000.

League record: Notts. Co. 167 (12) aps., 32 gls;
Peterborough 94 (6) aps., 14 gls.

JOHN COZENS (Forward)

John has scored eight goals this season, including a hat-trick against Portsmouth. Once with Southern League Hillingdon, he began his League career with Notts. Co. in 1970/71 and moved to Peterborough in 1972. In 1973/74 he scored 25 goals.

League record: Notts. Co. 41 (5) aps., 13 gls;
Peterborough 113 (4) aps., 38 gls.

DAVID GREGORY (Forward)

David was Peterborough's top scorer with 14 goals in 1974/75 and 18 last term but he has netted only six times this season. A local discovery, he made his League debut in 1973/74.

League record: Peterborough 114 (17) aps., 29 gls.

MARK HEELEY (Forward)

Mark turned professional last November and has already made quite a number of League appearances for the club. He opened his scoring account with a goal against Portsmouth.

League record: Peterborough 7 (2) aps., 1 gl.

N.B. Statistics up to and including March 26th.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Monday, 4th April 1977 (Not inclusive)

| | Pld. | Won | Goals | | For | Agst. | Points |
|---------------------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| | | | Dwn. | Lost | | | |
| Chelsea | 31 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 78 | 21 | 50 |
| Plymouth Argyle | 34 | 14 | 13 | 7 | 58 | 37 | 41 |
| Arsenal | 34 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 41 | 32 | 40 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 33 | 15 | 7 | 11 | 44 | 37 | 37 |
| Ipswich Town | 31 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 55 | 39 | 36 |
| Bristol City | 31 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 46 | 37 | 36 |
| Fulham | 33 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 49 | 47 | 36 |
| Norwich City | 31 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 40 | 33 | 35 |
| Southampton | 32 | 14 | 7 | 11 | 46 | 49 | 35 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 30 | 14 | 5 | 11 | 48 | 32 | 33 |
| Birmingham City | 30 | 10 | 13 | 7 | 34 | 27 | 33 |
| Reading | 29 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 40 | 52 | 29 |
| Leicester City | 32 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 52 | 48 | 28 |
| Hereford United | 31 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 44 | 49 | 28 |
| Oxford United | 31 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 39 | 48 | 28 |
| Swindon Town | 29 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 29 | 33 | 27 |
| West Ham United | 29 | 9 | 6 | 14 | 53 | 59 | 24 |
| Orient | 25 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 31 | 43 | 21 |
| Cardiff City | 26 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 40 | 21 |
| Crystal Palace | 29 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 30 | 49 | 21 |
| Luton Town | 34 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 39 | 66 | 20 |
| Bristol Rovers | 31 | 8 | 1 | 22 | 32 | 73 | 17 |

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Season 1976/77

| DATE | OPONENTS | H-T | F-T | SCORERS (P) = PENALTY | AT |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|-----|--|----|
| S 14 Aug | H Northampton Town | (FLC1) 1-0 | 3-2 | Stroud, Syrett, Goddard | DA |
| 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 | H Wrexham | 0-0 | 3-2 | Moss 2, Prophett | |
| S 4 Sep | A Chesterfield | 0-0 | 1-0 | Rogers | |
| S 11 Sep | H Sheffield Wednesday | 1-1 | 5-2 | Moss, Syrett 2, Anderson, Aizlewood | |
| S 18 Sep | A Lincoln City | 0-0 | 0-0 | | |
| S 25 Sep | H Gillingham | 1-1 | 2-2 | Stroud, Aizlewood | |
| W 29 Sep | A Peterborough United | 0-1 | 0-1 | | |
| S 2 Oct | A Reading | 0-3 | 1-4 | Moss | |
| S 9 Oct | H Shrewsbury Town | 0-0 | 1-0 | Prophett | |
| S 16 Oct | A Walsall | 0-1 | 0-2 | | |
| S 23 Oct | H Northampton Town | 2-0 | 5-1 | Anderson (2 Pen), Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett | |
| Tu 26 Oct | A Bury | 0-0 | 1-0 | Dixon | |
| S 30 Oct | H Tranmere Rovers | 1-1 | 1-1 | Anderson (P) | |
| Tu 3 Nov | H Crystal Palace | 1-1 | 1-1 | Syrett | |
| S 6 Nov | A Brighton & Hove Albion | 0-3 | 0-4 | | |
| S 13 Nov | H Rotherham United | 1-2 | 2-4 | Anderson (P), Stroud | |
| S 20 Nov | H Bromley | (FAC 1) 1-0 | 7-0 | McHale, Syrett 2, Moss 2, Anderson 2 | |
| S 27 Nov | A Mansfield Town | 0-0 | 1-1 | Anderson | |
| S 11 Dec | A Hitchin Town | (FAC 2) 1-0 | 1-1 | Dixon | |
| S 18 Dec | A Chester | 1-0 | 1-2 | Moss | |
| Tu 21 Dec | H Hitchin Town | 0-0 | 3-1 | Syrett, Moss 2 | |
| M 27 Dec | H Oxford United | 0-0 | 1-0 | Prophett | |
| S 8 Jan | A Fulham | (FAC 3) 3-1 | 3-3 | Anderson, Moss, McHale | |
| Tu 11 Jan | H Fulham | 2-0 | 5-0 | Anderson, Syrett 2, Moss 2 | |
| S 22 Jan | A Port Vale | 2-1 | 2-2 | McHale, Syrett | |
| S 29 Jan | H Everton | (FAC 4) 1-1 | 2-2 | Syrett, Stroud | |
| Tu 1 Feb | A Everton | (FAC 4R) 0-0 | 1-2 | Anderson | |
| S 5 Feb | A Wrexham | 2-1 | 2-2 | McHale, Aizlewood | |
| Tu 8 Feb | A Preston | 0-1 | 0-2 | | |
| S 12 Feb | H Chesterfield | 1-0 | 3-0 | Aizlewood, Anderson, McHale | |
| S 19 Feb | A Sheffield Wednesday | 1-1 | 1-3 | Prophett | |
| M 21 Feb | A Tranmere Rovers | 1-0 | 1-0 | Anderson | |
| S 26 Feb | H Lincoln City | 1-1 | 2-2 | Stroud, Moss | |
| S 5 Mar | A Gillingham | 0-1 | 2-2 | McHale, Moss | |
| Tu 8 Mar | H Grimsby | 1-0 | 4-1 | Dixon, Prophett, Syrett, Anderson | |
| F 11 Mar | H Reading | 1-2 | 2-2 | Anderson, Moss | |
| S 19 Mar | A Shrewsbury Town | 1-2 | 2-2 | Anderson, Trollope | |
| S 26 Mar | H Walsall | 0-1 | 2-2 | McHale, Anderson | |
| Tu 29 Mar | H York City | 2-1 | 5-1 | Prophett, Moss 2, Syrett, McHale | |
| F 1 Apr. | A Northampton Town | 0-0 | 1-1 | Prophett | |
| 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 | | | | |
| S 30 Apr | H Mansfield Town | | | | |
| Tu 3 May | H Preston North End | | | | |
| S 7 May | A Grimsby Town | | | | |
| Tu 10 May | H Brighton & Hove Albion | | | | |
| S 14 May | H Chester | | | | |
| Tu 17 May | H Portsmouth | | | | |

N STATS

(For Directory of Codes - See Page 10)

| S | ATTEN- DANCE | ACCUM PNTS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | SUB |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ALTY | S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ard | 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 |
| | 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 | |
| rson ,Aizlewood | 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 | |
| | 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 | |
| oss,McLaughlin | 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 | 010 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 03S | 10 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 13 |
| | 7604 | 18 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 10 | 09 | 16S | 11 | 18 |
| ss 2, Anderson 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 | |
| | 3399 | 19 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16S | 11 | |
| | 6064 | | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 15 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16S | 11 | 07 |
| | 13491 | 21 | 01 | 02 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 07 | 12 | 16 | 11S | 08 |
| hale | 16460 | | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| loss 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 |
| | 24347 | | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 38063 | | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 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 |
| t, McHale | 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 | 04S | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 10 |
| | 8644 | 28 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12S | 16 | 11 | 20 |
| | 4994 | 29 | 01 | 02 | 17 | 10 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 08 | 12 | 16 | 11S | 20 |
| tt,Anderson | 6979 | 31 | 21 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 9886 | 32 | 21 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 2702 | 33 | 21 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05S | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 20 |
| | 7534 | 34 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| rett, McHale | 5874 | 36 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 5609 | 37 | 01 | 08 | 17 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 13 | 02 | 12 | 16 | 11 | |

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Swindon v Peterborough

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

| †FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon Score First) | | | | | | Gate |
|--|----|------|------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| * Nov. | 18 | 1961 | Away | 2 - 3 | Chamberlain, Hunt-E (Pen.) | 12059 |
| Apr. | 7 | 1962 | Home | 3 - 2 | Summerbee, Atkins, Hunt-E. | 8835 |
| Apr. | 12 | 1963 | Home | 2 - 3 | Hunt-E 2 | 23239 |
| Apr. | 15 | 1963 | Away | 1 - 3 | Weaver | 14979 |
| Oct. | 23 | 1965 | Home | 3 - 0 | Rogers, Brown, Smart | 12628 |
| Jan. | 15 | 1966 | Away | 3 - 2 | East 2, Brown | 5065 |
| Dec. | 23 | 1966 | Away | 2 - 1 | Rogers, Nurse | 5393 |
| Dec. | 26 | 1966 | Home | 4 - 1 | Rogers 2, Penman 2 | 14619 |
| Oct. | 28 | 1967 | Home | 0 - 0 | | 12227 |
| Mar. | 23 | 1968 | Away | 1 - 1 | Trollope | 4667 |
| Dec. | 21 | 1974 | Home | 0 - 1 | | 9023 |
| Mar. | 29 | 1975 | Away | 0 - 0 | | 7364 |
| Nov. | 15 | 1975 | Away | 1 - 3 | Eastoe | 7287 |
| Feb. | 21 | 1976 | Home | 0 - 3 | | 7477 |

†Up to end of Last season

*SWINDON TEAM IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE BETWEEN CLUBS:

O'Hara; Wollen, Trollope; Morgan, Owen, Chamberlain;
Summerbee; Hunt (E), Hunt (R), Smith, Corbett.

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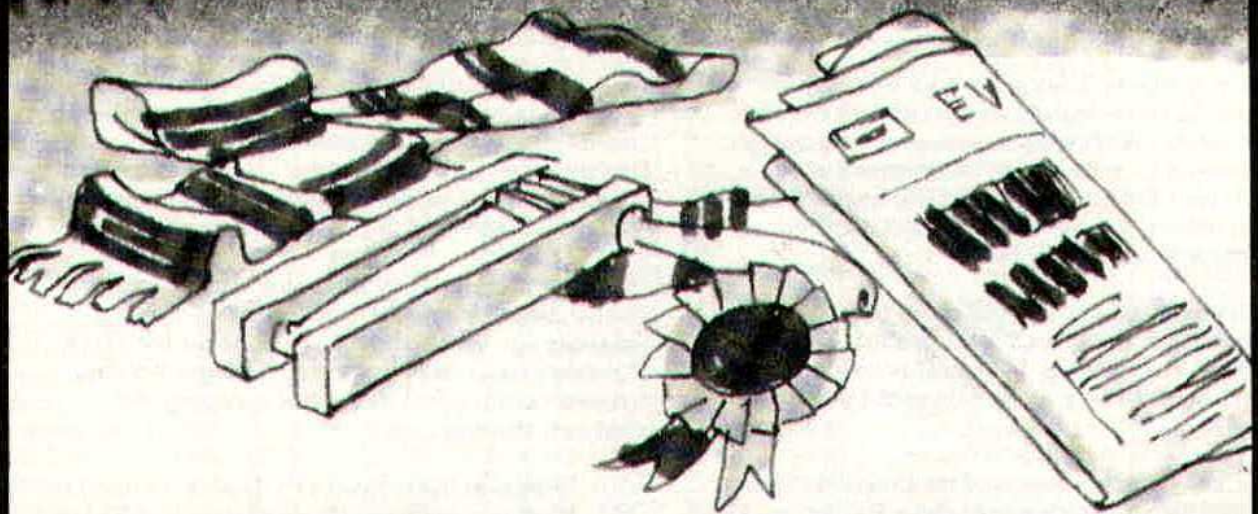
Replay Dec. 15 Peterborough United (0) 1 Swindon Town (1) 2
Micklewright, Cross.

After extra time (Score at 90 mins. 1 - 1)

Att: 16,672

| SWINDON TOWN GOAL SCORERS | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|----------|-------|
| | LEAGUE | LEAGUE CUP | F.A. CUP | TOTAL |
| T. ANDERSON | 13 | - | 5 | 18 |
| D. MOSS | 11 | - | 7 | 18 |
| D. SYRETT | 8 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| R. MCHALE | 6 | - | 2 | 8 |
| C. PROPHETT | 7 | - | - | 7 |
| K. STROUD | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| S. AIZLEWOOD | 4 | - | - | 4 |
| W. DIXON | 2 | - | 1 | 3 |
| H. GODDARD | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| D. ROGERS | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| J. MCLAUGHLIN | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| N.J. TROLLOPE | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| | 57 | 3 | 22 | 82 |

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Easter Can Be Critical

by Tony Pullein

Easter is nearly always a make or break period for clubs still involved in promotion or relegation issues. With the stresses of a long season beginning to take their toll on many players, the heavy Easter fixture list imposes tremendous additional pressures on clubs for whom points are absolutely vital.

Two years ago Derby had given up all hope of winning the League Championship. They were seventh in the table, four points behind leaders Everton and there were only eight games to play.

Possibly because they had no pressures upon them, Derby enjoyed a glorious Easter, picking up full points with smashing victories over Luton (5-0), Burnley (5-2 away) and Manchester City (2-1). At the end of the holiday Derby were level with the new leaders Ipswich!

And the Rams went on to clinch the title.

Last season's First Division championship was really settled by the events of Easter. Queen's Park Rangers, who looked an outstanding bet, lost a silly game at Norwich (2-3) while Liverpool took full points with great victories over Stoke (5-3) and Manchester City (3-0 away).

That reverse at Norwich was Q.P.R.'S ONLY defeat in their last 15 games. But it cost them the Championship. Liverpool pipped them by one point.

It's a cruel way to have a lifetime's dream ruined. But that's the way it is in the toughest League in the world.

The most dramatic collapse ever known in English football occurred back at Easter 1949.

Southampton led the Second Division by six clear points as we went into the Easter programme. Promotion was, to all intents and purposes, a formality.

But after winning at Grimsby (1-0) on Good Friday, they lost at Bury and then drew 0-0 at home to Grimsby. Meanwhile, Fulham picked up six points, W.B.A. four and, on the last day of the season, they both rose above Southampton to rob us of promotion.

We don't need a very long memory to recall Southampton's disastrous Easter of three seasons ago when they were fighting for First Division survival. They went into the holiday games with a good chance of escaping the bottom three places.

But defeats at West Ham (1-4) and Tottenham (1-3), plus a dropped home point to West Ham (1-1) put an entirely different complexion on things and, as we all know, they ultimately suffered relegation.

Several goalscoring feats have been performed over Easter - Joe Payne created the existing League record with 10 goals for Luton on his debut at centre-forward, in a 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers at Easter 1936. In 1931 Reading's Alec Bacon crashed six goals into Stoke City's net.

You may have noted that Everton had no home game on Good Friday morning. This is the result of a longstanding agreement. Everton many years ago drew up an agreement with the vicar of the church, which stands on a corner of their magnificent stadium, never to play at such time as would interfere with his Good Friday services. They still honour the arrangement.

We can be reasonably sure that one or more of the important issues will be resolved as a result of this weekend's fixtures.



DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE (up to and including Saturday 2nd April, 1977)

| | Home | | | | | | Away | | | | | | Pts. | Avge. Home Gate | Top League Scorer(s) |
|-------------------|------|----|---|----|----|----|------|---|----|----|----|----|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | | | | |
| Brighton & H.A. | 36 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 48 | 18819 | Peter Ward 25 | |
| Rotherham Utd. | 35 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 29 | 20 | 48 | 6443 | Alan Crawford 20 | |
| Mansfield Town | 36 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 42 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 18 | 26 | 47 | 7849 | Kevin Randall 14 | |
| Wrexham | 35 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 38 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 27 | 45 | 7183 | Graham Whittle 20 | |
| Preston N.E. | 36 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 44 | 8375 | Alex Bruce 22 | |
| Crystal Palace | 36 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 18 | 43 | 15189 | Dave Swindlehurst 8 | |
| Bury | 37 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 31 | 19 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 31 | 43 | 5469 | Andy Rowland 14 | |
| Lincoln City | 35 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 43 | 26 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 41 | 7466 | John Ward 14 | |
| Sheffield Wed. | 37 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 29 | 41 | 14144 | Roger Wylde 17 | |
| Chester | 37 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 23 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 33 | 39 | 4305 | Paul Crossley 12 | |
| Shrewsbury T. | 37 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 22 | 33 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 38 | 5517 | Mike Kearney 12 | |
| Swindon Town | 34 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 40 | 21 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 17 | 30 | 37 | 8301 | Trevor Anderson 13 | |
| Peterborough Utd. | 36 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 17 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 30 | 34 | 6097 | David Gregory 7 | |
| Gillingham | 36 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 20 | 35 | 34 | 5539 | Danny Westwood 12 | |
| Oxford Utd. | 37 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 31 | 27 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 32 | 4751 | *Mick Tait 11, Peter Foley 10 | |
| Port Vale | 37 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 37 | 31 | 4461 | Ken Beamish 10 | |
| Tranmere Rovers | 36 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 18 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 30 | 3403 | Russ Allen 11 | |
| Chesterfield | 36 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 26 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 19 | 34 | 29 | 5079 | Rod Fern 17 | |
| Portsmouth | 35 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 32 | 29 | 11351 | Dave Kemp 9 | |
| Walsall | 36 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 32 | 26 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 28 | 29 | 5397 | Alan Buckley 14 | |
| Northampton T. | 37 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 29 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 28 | 5833 | Paul Stratford 11 | |
| York City | 36 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 27 | 29 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 23 | 43 | 27 | 2753 | Brian Pollard 11 | |
| Reading | 37 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 24 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 17 | 42 | 25 | 6995 | John Murray 14 | |
| Grimsby Town | 36 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 40 | 24 | 4443 | Jack Lewis, Malcolm Partridge 7 | |

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DANNY'S DESK

I have heard and read a lot about the poor performance of the team in recent weeks but amidst all this criticism no one, it appears has thought fit to mention that they have played nine matches without defeat, four of these games being played away from home. As I am writing these notes before the Good Friday match at Oxford I must quickly touch wood. I still maintain despite the comment from our local sports writer, that the only football at Northampton came from the Swindon side and, if we had won the game, need have had no sense of guilt. The game was a hard one and admittedly one or two of our players were below par but it was a well earned point and I would emphasise that we did not play negative and defensive football to gain that point. All too often the visiting side travel to their opponents ground determined to give nothing away and as long as clubs can achieve results adopting these tactics they will obviously continue to do so. I suppose, in the long run, it all depends on your viewpoint as a supporter. If you ask a visiting supporter whose side has just won using negative defensive tactics and petty time wasting fouls, they would no doubt be delighted both with the result and their teams performance. In all honesty, how many of us would complain if Swindon obtained away wins by

employing the same tactics. At the same time the purists would obviously disagree that the end result justifies these means and football's falling gates must be due in part to negative football.

It is very easy to blame managers but not always fair to do so. Certainly they are the people who dictate the tactics their teams employ but they are frequently under intolerable pressure to achieve results so if your teams strength is in defence you play defensive football, keep your job and blow the entertainment value. A win is what everyone is screaming for, a draw is just about acceptable but at no event must you lose. So avoiding defeat becomes the name of the game.

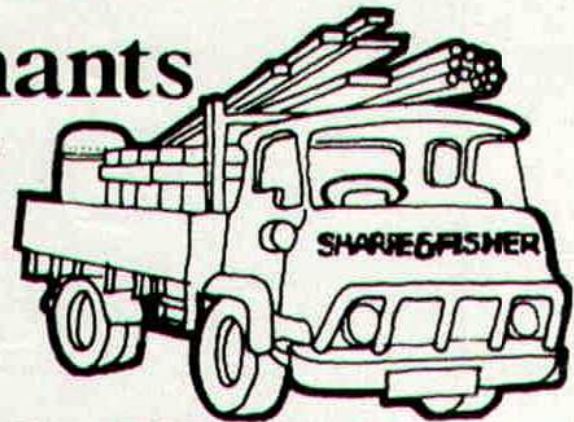
So what is the answer. Must many clubs play negative, boring football in order to succeed? Perish the thought. Perhaps the only acceptable answer is to concentrate on producing enough teams who are good enough to play entertaining football and win so that those teams who adopt a negative attitude to the game will be beaten out of sight. An impossible dream? Maybe, but lets give it a try and who can say that we at Swindon are not following the right lines.

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- 4 Stroud
- 5 Aizlewood
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- 8 McLaughlin
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McHale
- 11 Anderson
- 12 Taylor

at 3.00 p.m.



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- 2 Hindley
- 3 Lee
- 4 Doyle
- 5 Turner
- 6 Ross
- 7 Nixon
- 8 Gregory
- 9 Cozens
- 10 Carmichael
- 11 Rogers
- 12 Heeley

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DENNIS SMITH (Hornchurch, Essex)

Started refereeing in 1965 in Essex local leagues, then graduated via the Isthmian and Athenian Leagues to the Football League list. Has refereed three County Cup Finals, and has also been in charge of an F.A. Amateur Cup quarter-final and an F.A. Vase semi-final.

A married man, he is a Maintenance Engineer. He played football, as an amateur, for Millwall and is interested in all sports but particularly in cricket.

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Saturday, 16th April 1977

Division III

BURY

Kick Off 3.0 p.m.

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Gillingham v Brighton
- B Lincoln v York City
- C Northampton v Bury
- D Portsmouth v Crystal Palace
- F Port Vale v Mansfield
- G Reading v Oxford United
- H Sheff. Wednesday v Grimsby
- I Shrewsbury v Chester
- J Walsall v Tranmere
- K Wrexham v Preston N. End
- L Birmingham v Bristol City
- M Coventry v West Ham United
- N Derby v Aston Villa
- O Leeds v Sunderland
- P Liverpool v Manchester City
- Q Manchester Utd v Stoke
- R Middlesbrough v Everton
- S Newcastle v Leicester
- T Spurs v Q.P.R.