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## NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

This afternoon we pay tribute to a club, which has achieved a fine record over the past few seasons.

In 1971-72 Mansfield was unfortunate to be relegated to Division 4 by goal average. Four teams obtained 36 points and Mansfield with 41 - 63 came third out of the four, and occupied fourth position from bottom in the League Table.

In season 1974 - 75 our visitors, enjoyed a wonderful period, and gained promotion to Division 3, by being champions with a splendid record.

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
46	28	12	6	90	40	68

Note only six games lost out of 46 played, and they were six points ahead of second place Shrewsbury.

On promotion to Division 3 Mansfield, made a big impact on the Division. Not only did they enjoy a splendid cup run, but they also displayed excellent form in their League games, finishing in eleventh place with 47 points and a goal average of 58 - 52.

This season Mansfield has gone one better, as they are now certain of promotion to Division 2 and could even become League Champions. Their record to date is really meritorious.

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
42	24	8	10	71	42	56

Thus in two seasons our visitors have gone from Division 4 to Division 2.

Thus must reflect credit on the Club Management. Their previous manager Mr. David Smith is a wonderful example of one with courage and determination. As a player he broke his leg on five occasions but continued until the age of 29. He then turned to coaching at Newcastle and the Arsenal, before becoming Manager. He believes the way to attract spectators, back to football is to play open attractive, attacking football. The present player-manager Mr. Peter Morris also believes in the same philosophy.

This theory has certainly paid dividends for his club, because not only have they gained promotion, but at the moment have one of the best disciplinary records in the country.

We definitely applaud their whole attitude to the game,

We visited Mansfield on Saturday, 27th November 1976, and drew 1-1. What a tonic for the club, if we could improve on that result, after the last few games.



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# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

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WITH THE Queen's Silver Jubilee in the forefront of everyone's mind at the moment, it is perhaps not surprising that another significant anniversary has passed almost unnoticed - although it is that of an invention that has radically altered our whole lives. It seems incredible that 100 years ago, when Thomas Edison produced the first electric light bulb, the likes of you and I would very rarely have ventured out of our homes after dark.

Yet it was only a year after this, on October 14th 1878, that an official crowd of 12,000 - plus another estimated 7,000 who got in without paying! - turned out to see the first-ever football game to be played under lights, at Bramall Lane, Sheffield. Bearing in mind that the F.A. Cup Final that year attracted only 5,000 people, such response was staggering.

The lighting was supplied by an 8,000 candle-power lamp erected at each corner of the ground on 30 foot high wooden towers, power being generated by two portable engines.

Teams were chosen by Sheffield Association from local clubs with England International brothers W.E. Clegg (later Sir William Clegg, Lord Mayor of Sheffield and J.C. Clegg (later Sir Charles Clegg, President of the FA) as opposing captains.

A fortnight later at the Lower Ashton Grounds, Birmingham, a local representative side beat Nottingham Forest 2 - 1 under the illumination of 12 electric lights spaced out round the pitch. The match does not appear to have been too successful though, as wind and rain interfered with the lights and the game was punctuated by frequent stoppages for repairs.

Yet a third floodlit game was played at Kennington Oval on 4th November 1878 between Wanderers and Clapham Rovers, but neither the public nor the press showed the same enthusiasm as there had been at Sheffield. It was considered that, as a novelty now and then, or to attract wandering shillings after dark, it may be all very well, but for the real purpose of the game daylight is quite good enough and long enough.

Other floodlit matches followed, including one not illuminated by electricity but by Wells lights - naphtha flares with air pressure forcing the oil to the burners. But generally the idea was not popular among fans, while the FA

positively frowned on it; and in 1930 they passed a resolution which prohibited clubs in membership from taking part in such games.

From then until 1950, when the resolution was restricted, only a few charity games were played under lights despite enormous advances in the quality, safety and reliability of floodlighting. Even then, a follow up resolution stated that no competitive matches must be floodlit without permission of the FA, the County Association and the competition concerned.

The first competitive feature to be so permitted was a Football Combination 'B' game between Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur at The Dell on 1st October 1951.

By 1955, however, the pressure was on both the FA and the Football League to relax their rules. The FA gave permission for individual Cup replays up to the 2nd round to be floodlit as from 1955/56 season, while the League, on a proposal by Sunderland, gave the go-ahead to play postponements under lights if both clubs agreed.

The distinction of being the first Clubs to take advantage of this fell to two non-League sides, Kidderminster Harriers and Brierly Hill Alliance in a Preliminary Round FA Cup replay on 14th September, 1955. In the competition proper, Carlisle United and Darlington held the second replay of their First Round tie under Newcastle's lights on 28th November that year, while the first floodlit League game was between Portsmouth and Newcastle on 22 February 1956. A further relaxation early that year enabled five 3rd Round tie to be started in daylight, but completed under lights.

Also during the 1955/6 season lights were turned on for the first time in an international match in Britain, when fog had reduced visibility in the England v. Spain game. England had, however, played an international against the United States under lights in New York in 1953. At last we were catching up the rest of the world.

The only hiccup to floodlit soccer's continuing progress came in March 1956 when with the increasing number of games demanded of them, the Player's Union resolved to ban all floodlit

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# OUR VISITORS

by Tony Pullein

## MANSFIELD

### **GORDON HODGSON (Midfield)**

Gordon is a former England youth international who made occasional appearances in Newcastle's senior side over a three year period until his transfer to Mansfield in 1974. He has scored four goals this season.

League record: Newcastle 8 (1) aps;  
Mansfield 132 aps., 21 gls.

### **PETER MORRIS (Midfield)**

Peter is Mansfield's player-manager. He began his career at Field Mill but moved on to Ipswich in 1968. He helped them back into Division One and moved to Norwich for £60,000 in 1974. He rejoined Mansfield last summer.

League record: Mansfield 285 (1) aps., 50 gls;  
Ipswich 213 (7) aps., 13 gls; Norwich 66 aps.,  
1 gl; Mansfield 27 aps.

### **KEVIN RANDALL (Forward)**

Kevin is the Stags' top-scorer with 17 goals. He left Bury for Chesterfield in 1966 and he finished leading scorer in three of his six seasons at Saltergate, form which encouraged Notts. County to pay £20,000 for his transfer in 1972. Mansfield signed him last season.

League record: Bury 4 aps; Chesterfield 257 aps.,  
97 gls; Notts. Co. 119 (2) aps., 38 gls;  
Mansfield 58 aps., 19 gls.

### **ERNIE MOSS (Forward)**

Mansfield paid a club record fee of £20,000 to sign Ernie from Peterborough a few weeks ago and he has already scored 11 goals. Ernie was for several years a colleague of Randall's at Chesterfield where he was on three occasions top scorer. He joined Peterborough in 1975.

League record: Chesterfield 271 aps., 94 gls;  
Peterborough 34 (1) aps., 9 gls;  
Mansfield 25 aps., 11 gls.

### **IAN McDONALD (Forward)**

Ian began his career with Barrow in their Football League days, and moved to Workington for £3,000 in 1972. Two years later they sold him to Liverpool for £35,000 but he never got a fair chance at Anfield and, after a loan period at Colchester, he joined Mansfield for £10,000, then a club record, in 1975.

League record: Barrow 30 (5) aps., 2 gls;  
Workington 42 aps., 4 gls; Liverpool nil aps.,  
Colchester (loan) 5 aps., 2 gls;  
Mansfield 43 (9) aps., 4 gls.

### **ROD ARNOLD (Defender)**

Rod joined Wolves as a schoolboy but didn't get into their first-team. He initially went to Mansfield on loan in 1970/71 but it was two years later that he returned on permanent transfer.

League record: Wolves nil aps; Mansfield  
186 aps.

### **KEVIN BIRD (Defender)**

Kevin joined Doncaster as an amateur but never made their first eleven. But he soon won his place in Mansfield's team following his transfer in 1972. He has now made over 150 appearances for the Stags. He is always ready to move up for a scoring chance, scoring seven goals this season.

League record: Doncaster nil aps; Mansfield  
157 (3) aps., 30 gls.

### **COLIN FOSTER (Defender)**

Colin grew up at Field Mill and made his first League appearance in 1971/72. He has been on regular duty for most of the past three years. Had the misfortune to put through his own goal for the winner at Reading recently.

League record: Mansfield 147 (6) aps., 12 gls.

### **IAN WOOD (Defender)**

Ian came in for a couple of acclimatising games last season and then enjoyed a run at left-back earlier this season. He recently came back as a central defender.

League record: Mansfield 13 (1) aps.

### **BARRY FOSTER (Defender)**

Barry is a local discovery who first joined the club as an amateur. While in the juniors he was picked for the England youth team and he got his chance in the Stags' senior team in 1971/72.

League record: Mansfield 161 (5) aps.

### **MIKE SAXBY (Defender)**

Mike came through the junior teams and earned a couple of senior outings last season. This term he has filled one of the centre-back positions for several weeks.

League record: Mansfield 12 (1) aps., 1 gl.

### **WILLIE McEWAN (Midfield/Defender)**

Willie joined Mansfield from Chesterfield in January. Once with Hibernian, he came into English football with Blackpool in 1973 but moved onto Brighton within weeks. Chesterfield signed him in 1974.

# Mansfield



Back Row:  
(Left to Right)

G. Clarke (Trainer/Coach), I. Wood, M. Saxby, K. Randall,  
I. Mackenzie, P. Evans, R. Arnold, G. Hodgson, T. Eccles  
(now with Huddersfield Town) K. Bird, C. Foster,  
J. Basford (Youth Team Manager).

Middle Row:  
(Left to Right)

I. McDonald, P. Matthews, S. Pate, P. Morris (Player/Manager),  
A.F. Patrick (Chairman), J. McCaffrey (now with Huddersfield  
Town), M. Laverick (now with Southend United). B. Foster.

Front Row:  
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Season 1976/77

DATE	OPPONENTS	H-T	F-T	SCORERS (P) = PENALTY	A D
S 14 Aug	H Northampton Town	(FLC1)	1-0 3-2	Stroud, Syrett, Goddard	
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	Moss 2, Syrett, McHale (P), McLaughlin	
F 1 Apr	A Northampton Town		0-0 1-1	Prophett	
F 8 Apr	A Oxford United		0-0 0-0		
S 9 Apr	H Peterborough United		0-1 0-4		
Tu 12 Apr	A Crystal Palace		0-1 0-5		
S 16 Apr	H Bury		0-1 0-1		
Tu 19 Apr	A York City		1-2 2-4	Moss, McHale (P)	
S 23 Apr	A Rotherham United		0-0 1-1	Anderson	
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				



# STATS

(For Directory of Codes - See Page 10)

Y	ATTEN- DANCE	ACCUM PNTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
	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	
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	
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
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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
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	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
Hale	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
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	
McLaughlin	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	
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	1848	38	01	08	17	04	22	06	13	03	12	16	11	
	5631	39	01	03	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

# Swindon v Mansfield

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

\*FULL LEAGUE RESULTS (Swindon Score first):

Aug. 29 1931	Away	2 - 3	Morris, Lawley	11,806
Jan. 2 1932	Home	5 - 2	Morris 3, Starsmore, Keeling	4,481
Oct. 23 1937	Away	0 - 2		5,000 (approx)
Mar. 5 1938	Home	3 - 3	Wise, Fowler, Jones (pen)	7,728
Oct. 22 1938	Home	1 - 2	Morton	11,853
Feb. 25 1939	Away	1 - 1	Morton.	5,000 (approx)
Oct. 26 1946	Away	1 - 1	Williams	7,000 (approx)
Mar. 1 1947	Home	6 - 1	Owen 4, Paterson, Lucas	12,257
Apr. 13 1959	Away	0 - 0		5,719
Apr. 22 1959	Home	2 - 1	Marshall, Stephens	7,305
Mar. 28 1960	Away	2 - 1	Layne 2	6,409
Apr. 23 1960	Home	2 - 1	Chamberlain, Mellor	7,963
Nov. 20 1965	Home	6 - 2	East 5, Rogers	12,001
Apr. 16 1966	Away	5 - 1	Brown, East, Rogers, Trollope, Dawson	3,764
Apr. 11 1967	Home	3 - 1	Smart, Rogers, Terry	13,280
Apr. 24 1967	Away	3 - 1	Nurse own goal, Terry	7,837
Nov. 4 1967	Away	2 - 2	Terry, Dawson	4,619
Mar. 30 1968	Home	1 - 1	Butler	10,248
Nov. 23 1968	Away	0 - 2		5,471
Apr. 22 1969	Home	1 - 0	Own goal	21,045
Dec. 6 1975	Away	1 - 3	Eastoe	5,487
Mar. 27 1976	Home	0 - 2		6,789

SWINDON TEAM IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE BETWEEN CLUBS:

Cope, Stansfield, Girvan, Godfrey, Greenwell, Braithwaite, Nickalls, Starsmore, Morris, Laycock, Lawley.

\*LEAGUE SUMMARY:

	W	D	L	F	A
Home:	7	2	2	30	16
Away:	3	4	4	17	17

\* Up to end of last season

TOTAL: 10 6 6 47 33

SWINDON'S SUCCESS RATE: 59.09%

SWINDON TOWN PLAYING STAFF 1976-77

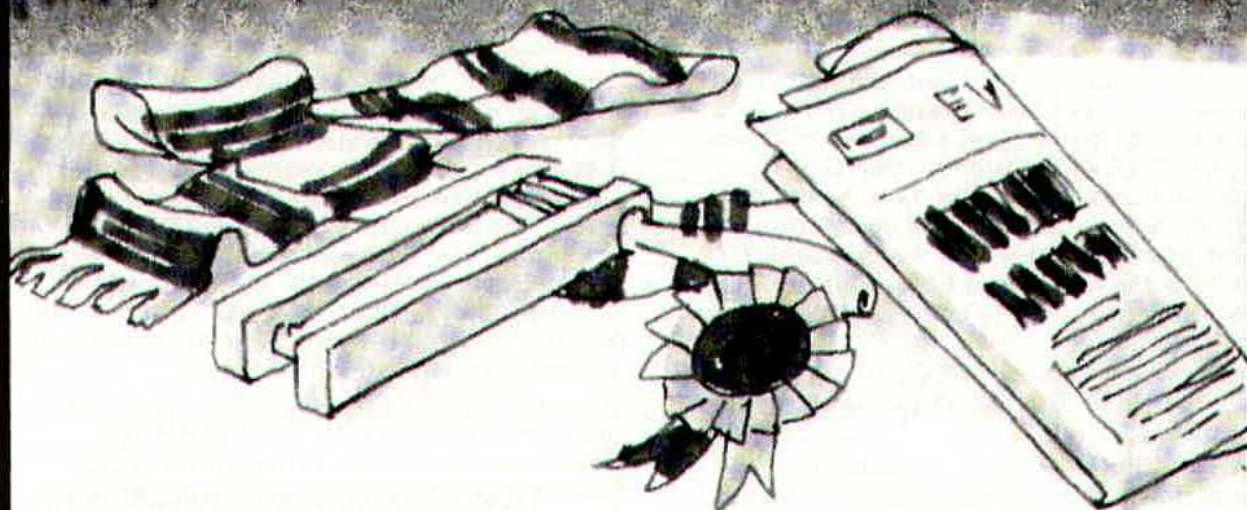
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01	JIMMY ALLEN	37	108
02	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	33/2	200/10
03	TONY TAYLOR	20	293/16
04	KENNY STROUD	36/3	122/9
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	35/4	237/21
06	COLIN PROPHETT	40/6	262/16
07	DON ROGERS	2/1	500/182
08	WILL DIXON	36/2	290/10
09	HOWARD GODDARD	11	75/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	15	108/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	36/14	126/33
12	DAVE SYRETT	37/8	116/30
13	DAVE MOSS	39/12	180/42
14	PHIL HARRIS	1	1
15	FRANK BURROWS	3	484/14
16	RAY MCHALE	39/9 *	245/55
17	JOHN TROLLOPE	29/1	692/21
18	JOHN GILLIGAN	1	6/1 †
19	WYN HOOPER	4	180/21 †
20	MICKY FRENCH	6	52/12 †
21	JIM BARRON	3	395
22	RUSSELL LEWIS	1	1

Totals include appearances as substitute

† Not including appearances for other clubs this season

\* Includes 4 appearances, 2 goals for Halifax Town

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# Still More Records Going This Season

by Tony Pullein

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The football League has been going for almost 90 years now, yet there always seem to be new records to be broken. Take this season's pulsating Second Division promotion chase, for instance. Local rivals Notts. County and Nottingham Forest could well end up by taking two of the promotion places. If that happens it would be the first case in League history of two clubs from one city being promoted together.

Even London, with its 11 League clubs, has never been able to get two together in the promotion bracket.

The extension of three-up promotion has, of course, made it more likely for such a feat to be achieved in recent times.

Another one-city record that seems likely to go this year, too, is the one that has yet to send two local clubs down together to a lower division. Spurs and West Ham could well claim that unwanted record this season.

In normal circumstances, that would have been established in 1915, though. Chelsea and Tottenham were the bottom two that season but, in the extension of the First Division that took place after the war when football resumed, Chelsea were re-elected to Division One whilst Spurs were relegated.

Several other records have already been achieved this season. Only last Saturday England striker Mike Channon took his goals tally for Southampton to 191, with two against Oldham. That broke the club record of 190 set up by Terry Paine in 1974. Paine, of course, holds a proud record of his own to which he is still adding at Hereford. He is the only man ever to play more than 800 League games -- a feat that may never be beaten.

Another club scoring record to go this season was Notts. County's. Les Bradd now stands on 113 League goals, which betters the previous best of 109 scored by Tony Hateley.

By last Saturday Brighton's scoring sensation Peter Ward still needed one goal to equal the club record of 30 League goals in one season achieved by Hugh Vallance in 1930. After reaching 29, Ward failed to score in three matches.

These things do tend to prey upon a player's mind and perhaps he tries to take too much care, and too much time, in trying to make sure while his natural inclination -- and the very reason why he has scored so many --

may be his willingness to "have a go".

That's why Mike Channon asked to take Southampton's penalty against Oldham last weekend. Just over a year ago he pleaded with manager Lawrie McMenemy to relieve him of the spot-kicking job after one or two disasters. David Peach took over with such success that he is automatically charged with the task today. Last Saturday, as Peach ran up to do his job he received the request from Channon and happily agreed to opt out of that one.

Channon explained afterwards: "I know that when you need a goal for some particular reason you can dry up. I thought if I could score that one from the spot I would get over the agony of breaking the record quickly".

Everyone was too polite to ask Channon how it might have effected him had he missed that golden opportunity!

It now seems certain that Wrexham and Mansfield, who have never risen higher than the Third Division, will achieve their Second Division ambitions this year. And that would be the first time since Northampton and Swindon rose together in 1963 that two clubs new to Second Division football have gone up together. Liverpool this season promised for a long while to become the first English clubs ever to win three trophies in one season -- the League, the European Cup and the F.A. Cup. They also stand a great chance of becoming the first team to win the League Championship in successive seasons for 18 years.

Hereford United, the only Football League club never to suffer relegation, seem certain to end that claim this year.

This year could also mark the end of the Football League career of either Workington or Southport, both of whom are now certain to apply for re-election. It's Workington's fourth re-election plea in a row and their seventh in all. Southport make their tenth application. With the number of non-League applicants limited this year, the stray votes are more likely to be funnelled behind one of them at the expense of Workington, who would have gone last year had the non-League vote not been split.

Records good and bad are still there to be knocked down. Most create enjoyment to those who achieve them. But to the unfortunates like Southport and Workington they could mark the end of the road as a major club.

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matches pending a dispute on payment. The strike was averted by a promise from the League to consider the player's demands and it was eventually agreed a payment of between £2 and £3 could be made to each player taking part in games extra to normal League or Cup fixtures.

And when, in June 1958, the League freed floodlit games from all conditions - save for the obvious one that the lights should be of a given standard - the way was open for night soccer to become, as it is today, an indispensable feature of the game.

The advent of colour television, however, has brought a massive improvement in standards. Even up to 1967 the faithful old light bulb (albeit a high-wattage version) was the most widely used source, but colour transmissions require as much as eight times the light level. This has only been possible with the development of mercury and mercury halide discharge lamps.

Yes, floodlighting has certainly made a great difference to all our footballing lives.

Thank you for coming this afternoon and I hope that, as we have not won a game since 29th March, the lads will pick up two points today.

**DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE . . . .**

up to and including Saturday April 23rd 1977....

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Brighton & H.A.	42	18	3	1	60	12	6	6	8	18	23	57
Wrexham	41	15	5	0	45	17	9	3	9	30	28	56
Mansfield Town	42	15	6	0	47	13	9	2	10	24	29	56
Crystal Palace	41	15	5	1	40	13	4	8	8	15	19	51
Rotherham Utd	41	10	9	2	28	13	8	6	6	31	28	51
Bury	42	14	2	5	38	19	8	5	8	20	34	51
Sheffield Wed.	42	13	4	4	33	18	7	5	9	24	33	49
Preston North End	41	14	3	4	47	21	4	8	8	13	19	47
Lincoln City	41	11	8	2	47	29	6	5	9	24	34	47
Shrewsbury Town	43	12	7	2	37	18	4	4	14	24	38	43
Chester	42	13	2	6	26	19	4	4	13	19	36	40
Peterborough Utd	41	11	3	6	28	20	2	10	9	21	32	39
Swindon Town	40	9	6	3	40	26	3	9	10	20	40	39
Tranmere Rovers	42	8	7	6	28	22	3	9	9	20	27	38
Oxford Utd.	42	9	7	6	32	27	3	7	10	20	30	38
Gillingham	41	8	8	4	25	21	5	4	12	24	41	38
Walsall	42	8	6	7	36	28	4	7	10	11	28	37
Chesterfield	42	9	5	6	27	17	4	4	14	25	41	35
Northampton T	43	9	3	10	33	29	4	4	13	26	41	33
Portsmouth	41	7	9	5	24	23	3	4	13	22	38	33
Port Vale	41	7	7	6	22	22	2	7	12	16	41	32
York City	42	7	7	8	24	33	3	4	13	23	48	31
Reading	41	9	4	7	27	21	2	3	16	17	47	29
Grimsby Town	42	9	5	7	25	20	1	3	17	14	44	28



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## **FROM THE POOLS OFFICE!!!**

### **FUND RAISING**

With the Football Season drawing to a close, cricketers are now flexing their muscles. If there is any Cricket or Tennis clubs who would like to join in our Joint Fund Raising Schemes. Please ring SWINDON 31510 for details.

### **HOUSEMAN GILLAM COLLECTION**

The collection at the Peterborough match raised the magnificent sum of £209 - 34. Thanks to all who contributed has been received from Oxford Utd. F.C. and to which I add my own personal thank you.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE £500.00**

We are running a summer Jubilee Draw to take place at the first home game of the 1977/78 season. 1st Prize £500.00 plus over £400.00 in other prizes. Tickets will be 25p each. If you would like to purchase a ticket or sell some for us please contact Jo Dean at the Pools Office.

### **ROCKET TICKETS and MOONRAKER LOTTERY**

We still need agents to help promote our two main fund raising schemes, commission is paid on all sales and a bonus on all winners over £5.00. If you can help ring SWINDON 31510 and ask for Mr. Moore.

Doug Buswell

POOLS MANAGER

## **DANNY'S DESK**

It doesn't need me to tell you that things have been going wrong during the last few weeks although our performance last Saturday at Rotherham was very encouraging. Everyone knows our problems, at least everybody who comes to Ayresome Park, and I think that the main two are that we have given away so many simple goals it is unbelievable and, of course, we create so many goal scoring opportunities that it is ludicrous to think of what our goal tally might have been if we had cashed in on a small percentage of the chances created. Still, one cannot sit back and accept a similar situation to go on indefinitely, I am convinced that we are not far away from being a very useful side and I am concentrating, together with Frank Burrows, on getting the matter put right, with an eye of course on next season.

I would like to congratulate Ken Stroud for winning the trophy awarded by the Midland Sports writers for the 'goal of the season' for his cracking goal against Everton. As many of you will have seen on television, Ken was awarded the trophy by Billy Wright - Well done Ken and lets have a few more of the same.

We still need a few more volunteers to sponsor Kit for the players next Season. I realise that our performances these last few weeks do not actually encourage folk to donate their hard earned money, but remember how well we were doing in January and February and consider, that the more financial assistance we can get, the more likely these exciting times will occur. Whilst discussing the Kit sponsorship I would like to say a very big thank you to those supporters who regularly travel to our away games by Rimes Coaches. Not only have they spent a great deal of money in travelling and entry fees, but they have also made regular donations - enough in fact, to sponsor eight items of kit at a cost of £82.00p. I think they are wonderful.

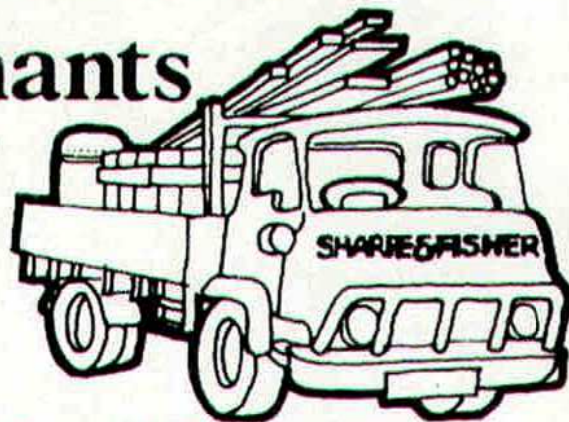
Today we welcome Mansfield Town, another of my old Clubs who stand a very good chance of promotion to the Second Division and, if they are successful this will be quite an achievement as they have only been in the Third Division two seasons, achieving promotion from the Fourth Division at the end of Season 1974/1975.

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**Swindon**

- 1 Allan
- 2 Dixon
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Stroud
- 5 Aizlewood
- 6 Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 McLaughlin
- 9 Syrett
- 10 McHale
- 11 Anderson
- 12 Taylor

at 3.00 p.m.



**Mansfield**

- 1 Arnold
- 2 Bird
- 3 Foster
- 4 McEwan
- 5 Foster
- 6 Wood
- 7 Morris
- 8 Moss
- 9 Randell
- 10 Hodgson
- 11 McDonald

Referee: Mr. H.C.F. Turvey (Basingstoke)

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. A.E. Garland, Bristol

Yellow Flag: Mr. G.C. James, Newport.

**REFEREE**

**ALAN C.F. TURVEY, (Basingstoke)**

Commenced refereeing in the Southend-on-Sea area and graduated via the Metropolitan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League full list. Refereed the Isthmian and Athenian League Cup Finals in 1975, and also in this year's Anglo-Italian League Tournament. Was linesman for a European Cup match, in Norway, in 1974.

**NEXT MATCH**

**Tuesday next, 3rd May, 1977**

**Division III**

**PRESTON NORTH END**

**Kick Off 7.30 p.m.**

**KEY OF THE BOARD**

- A Gillingham v Bury
- B Lincoln v Preston N.E.
- C Portsmouth v Grimsby
- D Port Vale v Oxford Utd.
- E Reading v Tranmere
- F Sheffield Wed. v Peterborough
- G Shrewsbury v York City
- H Walsall v Rotherham
- I Wrexham v Brighton
- J Birmingham v Leicester
- K Coventry v Stoke
- L Derby v Manchester City
- M Leeds v Bristol City
- N Liverpool v Ipswich
- O Manchester Utd. v Q.P. Rangers
- P Newcastle v Arsenal
- Q Norwich v Everton
- R Tottenham H. v Aston Villa
- S West Brom. Albion v Sunderland
- T Bristol Rovers v Nottm. Forest