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Bits and Pieces

A Rotherham club could be found in the Second Division of the Football League as long ago as 1893. This was the Town club, which resigned after only three seasons membership and in 1925 amalgamated with Rotherham County to form the United.

Rotherham County started life as Thornhill United in 1884 and moved to Millmoor, the current Rotherham home, in 1907.

After winning the championship of the Midland League on four successive occasions, the County Club was admitted to the Football League Second Division after the First World War.

Following the expulsion of Leeds United from the Second Division of the Football League they were selected to occupy the vacant position in 1919/20 season. Unfortunately their stay was of short duration and in 1923 they were relegated once again, together with Wolverhampton Wanderers, over whom they had eight points advantage.

Rotherham United finished as runners-up in the Third Division North for the first three seasons after the Second World War, when only one team was promoted. In 1946-47 United scored 114 goals and collected 64 points - but still finished eight points behind the champions, Doncaster Rovers. It was a closer affair a year later as Rotherham finished just a point short of Lincoln City's sixty.

United at last won the Championship in 1951, when 31 League wins and 103 goals (eight of them scored by a certain wing-half called Danny Williams) gave the club 71 points - seven clear of nearest rivals Mansfield Town.

In 1955 Rotherham almost got to the First Division. United totalled 54 points - the same number as both promoted clubs, Birmingham City and Luton Town, but had an inferior goal average. The club would have gained promotion had a penalty not been missed in a game at Vale Park which Port Vale won 1-0.

Rotherham reached the Final of the first Football League Cup competition in 1960-61, but lost 2-3 on aggregate to Aston Villa.

Swindon's visit to Millmoor on Friday May 2, 1969 provided the one point that the Town needed to return to the Second Division. After falling behind to a Jim Storrie goal soon after the interval, Swindon levelled matters with a Chris Jones equaliser.

One of the earliest links between the Town and Rotherham was centre-forward Jack Burkinshaw, who came to Swindon in 1910. After just 44 League appearances, he returned north to join The Wednesday in 1913.

Danny Williams appeared more times than any other player to date for Rotherham United - 459 League

Appearances - 621 including cup ties. The player of today should note that Danny often put in a full shift in the coal mines before turning out for 'The Merry Millers' - no sixteen hour working week for him.



Danny Williams in his playing days for Rotherham United

Fact finder

ROTHERHAM

LEAGUE FORM - LAST FIVE SEASONS:

	DIV	Pld	W	D	L	F - A	Pts	Pos	CUP ROUND		Gate	Top League Goalscorer(s)
									REACHED	Avg Home		
76/77	: 3	46	22	15	9	69-44	59	4th	3rd	2nd	6682	Alan Crawford 23
75/76	: 3	46	15	12	19	54-65	42	16th	2nd	1st	5218	Richard Finney 11
74/75	: 4	46	22	15	9	71-41	59	3rd	3rd	2nd	5487	Richard Finney, Trevor Womble 14
73/74	: 4	46	15	13	18	56-58	43	15th	2nd	2nd	3410	Ron Wigg 14
72/73	: 3	46	17	7	22	51-65	41	21st	2nd	3rd	4741	Carl Gilbert 9

COMPLETE FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD:

DIV	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Second*	: 970	338	205	427	1457	1742	881
Third	: 322	122	92	108	425	390	336
Third North	: 884	366	171	347	1547	1502	903
Fourth		92	37	28	27	127	102
TOTAL	: 2268	863	496	909	3556	3733	2222 (to end of last season)

* Includes three seasons as Rotherham Town

Talk of the Town By the Chairman

To-day is our last League fixture before playing Boreham Wood in the F.A. Cup competition next Saturday and Wrexham the following Wednesday in the Football League Cup. Danny will, of course, want to win to-day's encounter because of his long association with Rotherham United. We need every point that we can get in the League and of course success in the cups give that added excitement and interest for our supporters and last, but not least, an added income which we need to run the club. As there are only fifty-six seats available for the Boreham Wood game we have made these available to our Season Ticket holders who need to apply either in person or by post stating that they wish to be entered in a draw for a seat ticket and also if they wish to purchase a standing ticket if they are unlucky in the draw for a seat. In their application they must include the price of a seat, £1.25 and a stamped addressed envelope together with their season ticket number. If you are successful in the draw for a seat ticket then your ticket will be sent to you on Tuesday morning next. If you are unlucky in the draw then a ground ticket will be sent if you have requested one also your change, ground tickets being 75p. Please note that the Draw will take place early Tuesday morning so make certain that your application is received in time. Ground tickets can be purchased at the Match Day ticket office after to-days match or from the General office from Monday. If they are still available. Danny has visited the ground of Boreham Wood and he advises supporters to arrive early to ensure that they get

an advantageous position. From our past experience Isthmian League standards are high enough to trouble any league side and I am sure that Danny will not underestimate them. Our Youth team did very well to defeat Cheltenham Town youths by two goals to nil last week and we look forward to a good draw in the next round with perhaps a home draw. Cheltenham Town is managed by Dennis Allen brother of Les who took over from Dave MacKay as our manager until the arrival of Danny. Dennis gained promotion last season to the premier division of the Southern league where they rightly belong because their set up is right and in fact compares favourably with some football league clubs. Cheltenham have David Dangerfield playing for them and many of you will remember that David at one time looked as if he was going to make his mark in league football with us and during his schoolboy days played for England two years in succession, an honour which very few obtain. Kenny Skeen is another of our former players who finished his career playing for Cheltenham and Paul Collicutt, one of our younger players and a regular in the reserve side came from Cheltenham Town. Michael Summerbee also came from Cheltenham and they tell me that Michael is playing very well these days for Stockport County and is still scoring a few goals. Our youth team visited Leicester City on Tuesday and drew 1-1 and gave a trial to Angelo Micciche. It is several years since we had anyone on our books with Italian origin but at one time we had two in Frank Sperti and Paul Fiocca. Both these boys made an

appearance in the first team. The football world, and Bristol City in particular, suffered a sad loss in the death of Harry Dolman who was their Chairman for many years. It was always his greatest wish to see Bristol City in the first division and of course he enjoyed their success. Mr. Dolman was very much involved in making automatic machines and one of his brain child is the automatic turnstiles that not only give access by the insertion of a coin but also gives the required change. It certainly is something for the future and of course they have been put into operation at the City ground. Doug Woodman is making his Sport Shop look very attractive with his Christmas stocks and if there are any Mums and Dads who are wondering what they can get for their youngsters this Christmas, then come along and have a word with Doug, he will soon solve your problems I am sure. We also have lots of Gift ideas in the Souvenir Shop. The Company Annual General Meeting is being held this year in our supporters club premises on Monday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. If you are a shareholder come along and air your views if you so wish, Danny is always kept busy on these occasions. Our club has been invited to take part in a Football Tournament in Majorca during the month of May but each club invited has to help fill a plane in the past. We have had some very happy trips to Majorca and if you and your friends are interested please contact Bob Jefferies who will be pleased to give you details. Thank you for your support and I hope you enjoy the game.



Swindon's Chris Kamara (right) in action against Gillingham at the County Ground, when the Town won 3-2.

From the POOLS OFFICE!

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to Rotherham and if today's game is as good as our last three home games no one can complain.

"SWINDON TOWN" SOCCER SPECIAL Our 1977 Souvenir Paper is now available at 10p. The paper can be purchased at the Pools Office, The Supporters Club, The Souvenir and Sports Shop and many other places including your local newsagents. If you would like us to post one to you. Send a postal order or a cheque for 20p to the Pools Office, County Ground, Swindon.

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DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Tuesday November 15, 1977

	Home					Away					Pts	High Low		Top Goal Scorers	
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A	Lge Position		Home Lge Gate			
Wrexham	17	6	3	0	18-7	3	2	3	10-10	23	1st	18th	7084	9145	Bobby Shinton 11(9)
Tranmere R	17	6	2	1	18-7	3	1	4	9-8	21	1st	6th	4359	6215	Russ Allen 8(7)
Shrewsbury T.	17	5	2	1	21-8	3	2	4	12-16	20	1st	11th	4175	6116	Ian Atkins 6(6), Chic Bates 6(5), Sam Irvine 6(6)
Cambridge U.	17	7	1	1	23-7	1	3	4	5-15	20	4th	24th	4418	5737	Alan Biley 10(9)
Gillingham	17	5	3	1	16-9	2	3	3	14-16	20	1st	15th	5584	7938	Danny Westwood 11(10)
Peterborough U.	17	4	4	0	10-5	3	2	4	4-9	20	6th	22nd	5366	7308	Tommy Robson 5(5)
Colchester U.	17	5	3	1	16-5	2	2	4	8-10	19	1st	10th	4794	5719	Bobby Gough 11(8)
Preston N.E.	17	6	2	1	15-9	0	5	3	2-7	19	4th	19th	7042	10342	Alex Bruce 7(6)
Oxford U.	17	6	1	1	12-5	1	3	5	12-16	18	2nd	13th	5281	7769	Peter Foley 9(7)
Rotherham U.	17	4	3	2	9-5	2	3	3	14-17	18	2nd	14th	4999	6286	Alan Crawford 6(5), Richard Finney 6(5)
Exeter C.	17	4	1	3	12-8	3	2	4	9-11	17	2nd	20th	5100	5875	Tony Kellow 6(6)
Walsall	17	3	2	3	11-9	2	5	2	9-11	17	9th	17th	4879	5502	Alan Buckley 8(7)
Bury	17	3	4	1	8-6	2	3	4	10-15	17	2nd	13th	5248	6769	Andy Rowland 8(7)
SWINDON TOWN	17	6	2	1	21-7	0	2	6	6-17	16	2nd	17th	7347	9396	DAVE MOSS 10 (6)
Plymouth A	17	3	3	3	13-11	2	3	3	7-10	16	8th	18th	6694	12399	Terry Austin 7(7)
Hereford U.	17	5	2	2	12-8	0	4	4	2-11	16	14th	24th	4666	5655	*Billy Holmes 8(6)
Chester	17	4	4	0	13-7	0	4	5	6-18	16	7th	18th	4280	9514	Mile Kearney 5(4)
Chesterfield	17	5	2	1	10-3	1	1	7	5-15	15	1st	19th	4450	4856	Steve Cammack 5(4)
Bradford C.	17	4	3	2	16-11	1	2	5	4-13	15	11th	23rd	5255	12857	Joe Cooke 5(4), Don Hutchins 5(4), Bernie Wright 5(5)
Carlisle U.	17	3	4	2	14-12	1	2	5	6-12	14	13th	23rd	4557	5743	Bill Rafferty 9(7)
Port Vale	17	2	4	2	7-8	1	4	4	9-17	14	12th	23rd	3920	5136	Jeff Hemmerman 5(4)
Lincoln C.	17	3	2	3	10-10	0	2	1	6-14	13	17th	24th	4815	6290	Peter Graham 5(5)
Sheffield W.	17	3	3	2	8-5	0	3	6	8-16	12	13th	24th	11183	13166	Tommy Tynan 11(7)
Portsmouth	17	1	5	2	9-11	1	3	5	6-18	12	13th	24th	10432	12020	Dave Kemp 14(11)

*Billy Holmes 7 (5) goals for Wimbledon

No. of League goals scored in brackets

DIVISION 3 1977/78

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score	Scorers	Attendance
1977					
Aug. 13	League Cup (1) Swansea City	A	3 - 1	11 - 3 - 9	5878
Aug. 16	League Cup (2) Swansea City	H	2 - 1	7 - 11	5415
Aug. 20	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1 - 1	8	12095
Aug. 23	Peterborough United	H	2 - 0	9 - 10	7117
Aug. 27	Portsmouth	H	3 - 1	8 - 10 - 7	9396
Aug. 31	League Cup 2 Cardiff City	H	5 - 1	9 11(2) 7 10	8919
Sept. 3	Walsall	A	0 - 2		4717
Sept. 10	Chesterfield	H	2 - 1	9 - 12	6847
Sept. 13	Preston North End	A	1 - 1	11	6014
Sept. 16	Bury	H	1 - 1	9	8139
Sept. 24	Wrexham	A	1 - 2	7	8002
Sept. 27	Cambridge United	A	2 - 5	7 - 10	4423
Sept. 30	Shrewsbury Town	H	5 - 0	8-5-7-9-3	6809
Oct. 4	Bradford City	H	0 - 1		7569
Oct. 8	Lincoln City	A	1 - 3	9	4852
Oct. 15	Port Vale	H	1 - 1	5	6132
Oct. 22	Chester	A	0 - 1		3539
Oct. 25	League Cup 3 Portsmouth	A	1 - 1	7	14955
Oct. 29	Exeter City	H	4 - 0	7 - 10 - 11(2)	7021
Nov. 1	League Cup 3 Portsmouth	H	4 - 3	8 - 11 - 7 - 10	9378
Nov. 5	Gillingham	H	3 - 2	5 - 7 - 11	7080
Nov. 11	Colchester United	A	0 - 2		4788
Nov. 19	Rotherham United	H			
Nov. 26	F.A. C. 1 Boreham Wood	A			
Nov. 30	League Cup 4 Wrexham	A			
Dec. 3	Hereford United	A			
Dec. 10	Carlisle United	H			
Dec. 17	F.A. Cup 2				
Dec. 26	Oxford United	A			
Dec. 27	Plymouth Argyle	H			
Dec. 31	Gillingham	A			

1978					
Jan. 2	Tranmere Rovers	H			
Jan. 7	Peterborough United (3)	A			
Jan. 14	Sheffield Wednesday	H			
Jan. 18	League Cup 5				
Jan. 20	Portsmouth	A			
Jan. 28	Walsall (4)	H			
Feb. 4	Chesterfield	A			
Feb. 8	League Cup SF				
Feb. 10	Bury	A			
Feb. 15	League Cup SF				
Feb. 18	Wrexham (5)	H			
Feb. 25	Shrewsbury Town	A			
Mar. 4	Lincoln City	H			
Mar. 7	Preston North End	H			
Mar. 11	Port Vale (6)	A			
Mar. 17	Chester (LCF)	H			
Mar. 22	Exeter City	A			
Mar. 25	Plymouth Argyle	A			
Mar. 27	Oxford United	H			
Mar. 28					
Mar. 31	Tranmere Rovers	A			
April 4	Cambridge United	H			
April 8	Colchester United (SF)	H			
April 15	Rotherham United	A			
April 22	Hereford United	H			
April 26	Bradford City	A			
April 29	Carlisle United	A			
May 6	F. A. Cup Final				

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FOR THE RECORD

Nov. 5th - Div. 3 v. Gillingham
Allan, Ford, Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Kamara, McHale, Anderson

Nov. 11th - Div. 3 v. Colchester United
Allan, Ford, (Guthrie), Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Kamara, McHale, Anderson

Nov. 12th - Football Comb. v. Norwich City
Lymer, Jennings, Reilly, Collicutt, Lewis, Cunningham, (Kelly) Gilligan, Brinkworth, Guthrie, French, Durbridge

Oct. 19th - Midland Youth v. West Bromwich Albion (Lost 3-0)
Lymer, Norman, Walker, Kelly, Collicutt, Barry, Woodward, Gilligan, Brinkworth, Durbridge, Waite (Corlett)

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score
1977			
Aug. 20	Birmingham	H	1 - 1
Aug. 23	Fulham	A	P
Aug. 31	Reading	A	1 - 2
Sept. 3	Ipswich Town	H	0 - 3
Sept. 10	Luton Town	A	2 - 1
Sept. 13	Crystal Palace	H	1 - 0
Sept. 20	Orient	H	0 - 0
Sept. 24	Oxford United	H	0 - 1
Oct. 4	Queens Park Rangers	A	1 - 8
Oct. 8	Bristol Rovers	H	4 - 3
Oct. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 - 3
Oct. 22	Cardiff City	H	2 - 1
Oct. 26	Chelsea	A	0 - 2
Nov. 12	Norwich City	H	2 - 2
Nov. 16	Crystal Palace	A	
Nov. 19	West Ham United	A	
Nov. 26	Leicester City	H	
Dec. 3	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Dec. 10	Hereford United	A	
Dec. 13	Bristol City	A	
Dec. 17	Southampton	A	
Dec. 31	Fulham	H	
1978			
Jan. 17	Reading	H	
Jan. 21	Ipswich Town	A	
Feb. 4	Luton Town	H	
Feb. 7	Arsenal	H	
Feb. 11	Orient	A	
Feb. 14	Birmingham City	A	
Feb. 18	Oxford United	A	
Feb. 25	Chelsea	H	
Mar. 7	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mar. 11	Tottenham Hotspur	H	
Mar. 15	Cardiff City	A	
Mar. 25	Southampton	H	
Mar. 27	Arsenal	A	
April 1	Bristol City	H	
April 5	Norwich City	A	
April 8	Leicester City	A	
April 15	West Ham United	H	
April 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	
April 25	Queens Park Rangers	H	
April 29	Hereford United	H	

First Team Appearances and Goals 1977-78

Totals include subs (Goals in parentheses)

	Total	League	F.L.C.	FAC
1. Allan	20	16	4	
2. McLaughlin	22	17	5	
3. Trollope	22(2)	17(1)	5(1)	
4. Stroud	21	16	5	
5. Aizlewood	22(3)	17(3)	5	
6. Prophett	21	17	4	
7. Moss	21(10)	16(6)	5(4)	
8. Kamara	20(4)	15(3)	5(1)	
9. Guthrie	15(7)	13(5)	3(2)	
10. McHale	22(6)	17(4)	5(2)	
11. Anderson	21(9)	16(4)	5(5)	
12. Ford	15(1)	12(1)	3	
13. Cunningham	2	2		
14. French	4	3	1	
15. Gilligan	2	2		
16. Roberts	2	1	1	
17. Lewis	1		1	

Oct. 27th - Midland Youth v. Wolverhampton (Lost 0-2)

Lymer, Norman, Reilly, Kelly, Collicutt, Bowers (Cox), Gilligan, Barry, Brinkworth, Bowden, Walker

Oct. 31st - Midland Youth v. Northampton Town (Lost 2-1)

Lymer, Reilly, Norman, Kelly, Collicutt, Walker, Durbridge, Hatter, Wood (Barry) Brinkworth, Gilligan

IN TOWN TODAY

TOM McALISTER (Goalkeeper)

Tom performed with distinction for several years in the First Division with Sheffield United. After a loan period with Rotherham, he completed the transfer in 1975. He was ever-present last season.

League record: Sheff. Un. 63 aps; Rotherham 85 aps.

GERRY FORREST (Defender)

Gerry made his League debut on the opening day of the season at Oxford and has since been holding down the right-back position.

League record: Rotherham 16 aps.

JOHN GREEN (Defender)

John came into the side in 1975/76 when he held the right-back position for most of the season. He lost his place last term but has recently been recalled as a central defender.

League record: Rotherham 51(1) aps.

PAUL STANCLIFFE (Defender)

Another player to develop in the junior teams, Paul was introduced to League soccer two seasons ago and was ever-present last season. He hit his first goal of the season in the Millers' 3-0 win at Walsall.

League record: Rotherham 104 aps., 3 gls.

JOHN BRECKIN (Defender)

John served his apprenticeship with the Millers and made his League bow in 1971/72. The following season he was loaned out to Darlington for a while but he has now been a permanent figure in the Rotherham team for almost five years.

League record: Darlington (loan) 4 aps; Rotherham 205(4) aps., 5 gls.

PAUL MATTHEWS (Midfield)

Paul has joined Rotherham from Mansfield this season. He gained a wealth of First Division experience over six years at Leicester then, after a loan period with Southend,

League record: Leicester 56(5) aps, 5 gls; Southend (loan) 1 ap; Mansfield 117(3) aps., 6 gls; Rotherham 5 aps.



ROTHERHAM UNITED F.C. (From Left to Right)

Back Row D. Habbin, D. Pugh, J. Breckin, I. Smith, C. Forrest, M. Rhodes.
Middle Row J. McGuigan (Manager), T. Young, D. Gwyther, P. Stancliffe, T. McAllister, J. Green, T. Spencer, C. Bell (Coach), B. Claxton (Chief Scout)
Front Row R. Finney, A. Crawford, T. Phillips, J. Goodfellow, T. Womble, K. Eades, P. Nix.

JIM GOODFELLOW (Midfield)

Jim enjoyed three years as a Port Vale first-teamer before moving to Workington in 1969. He scarcely missed a game in four-and-a-half years at Borough Park

League record: Port Vale 77(8) aps., 11 gls; Workington 199 aps., 15 gls; Rotherham 163 aps., 7 gls.

MARK RHODES (Midfield)

Mark was the player to drop out when Paul Matthews arrived but he can be expected to be pressing strongly to regain his place. Yet another Rotherham discovery, he got his League chance two seasons ago.

League record: Rotherham 58(1) aps., 5 gls.

DICK FINNEY (Forward)

With six goals John is one of the club's top scorers. John scored on his League debut against Brentford in March 1974 and two seasons ago he was the Millers' leading marksman.

League record: Rotherham 130 aps., 37 gls.

TREVOR PHILLIPS (Forward)

Trevor was second-highest scorer with 22 goals last season and he has been fairly regularly on target this term with five so far. He came through the junior ranks to make his League debut in 1969/70.

League record: Rotherham 215 (33) aps., 63 gls.

DAVID GWYTHYR (Forward)

David was capped by the Welsh under-23's in his Swansea days. After topping the Swans' scorers for four consecutive seasons, he was transferred to Halifax for £10,000 in 1973. He was their leading marksman in 1974/75

League record Swansea 213(4) aps., 59 gls; Halifax 104 aps., 26 gls; Rotherham 76 aps., 14 gls.

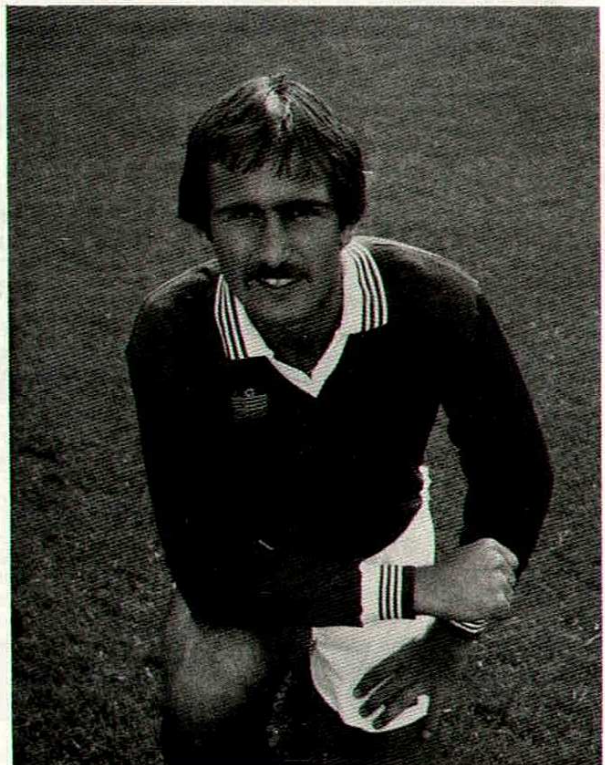
ALAN CRAWFORD (Forward)

Alan was top scorer last season with 31 goals, twelve of them from penalties. He continues to take spot-kicks this term, two of his six goals being penalties. Alan came into the Rotherham side in 1973.

League record Mansfield (loan) 1(1) aps; Rotherham 132(4) aps., 45 gls.

FOCUS ON Andy Ford

By Tony Pullein



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	Total
Aldershot	1	1	2	2		6
Barnsley				2		2
Blackburn	2	1				3
Bournemouth	2	1		2		5
Brad. City				2		2
Brentford				2		2
Brighton	2	1	2			5
Bris. Rov.	2					2
Bury			2		1	3
Cambridge	1(1)			2		3(1)
Cardiff			2			2
Charlton	1	1				2
Chester			2		1	3
Chesterfield	2	1	2		1(1)	6(1)
Colchester		1	2	2	1	6
Crewe				2		2
C. Palace		1	2			3
Darlington				2		2
Doncaster				2		2
Exeter				2	1	3
Gillingham		1(1)	2		1	4(1)
Grimsby	2	1	2(1)			5(1)
Halifax	2	1	2	2		7
Hartlepool				2		2
Hereford	1	1+s	2			4+s
Huddersfield	2	1		2		5
Mansfield			2			2
Millwall			1			1
Newport				2		2
Oldham	2					2
Peterborough			2			2
Plymouth	1	1				2
Port Vale	1	1	1			3
Preston		1	1		1	3
Rochdale	1			2		3
Rotherham			1			1
Scunthorpe				2		2
Sheff. Wed.			1		s	1+s
Shrewsbury	1		1			2
Southport				2		2
Stockport				2		2
Swansea				2		2
Swindon			2			2
Torquay				2		2
Tranmere	2					2
Walsall	2		1			3
Watford	1	1		2		4
Workington				2		2
Wrexham		1	2			3
York	1+s					1+s
	32+s (1)	18+s (1)	39 (1)	46	6+s (1)	142+3s (4)

Andy Ford is one of those versatile players who can play anywhere. Though he was nearly always a left-back in his early League days, he also played occasionally in the centre of the defence and in midfield. Since leaving Southend United to sign for us last summer, Andy first played at inside right but has now reverted to right back.

He scored in his first full game for us against Chesterfield in September.

Andy began his professional career with Bournemouth though he didn't get into their League team. Southend signed him in 1972 and he made his League debut for the Shrimpers at Blackburn on the opening day of 1973/74.

Here we analyse his career to date, showing his appearances against each opponent. "S" denotes he played as substitute while his goals are shown in brackets.

F.A. CUP					
	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	Total
A.P. Leamington		1			1
Boreham Wood	1				1
Brighton			1		1
Cardiff			1		1
Chester				1	1
Derby			1		1
Dover			1		1
Exeter				2	2
Ilford		s			0+s
Newport				1	1
Reading	1				1
Swansea			1		1
	2	1+s	5	4	12+s

LEAGUE CUP						
	73/4	74/5	75/6	76/7	77/8	Total
Brighton				2		2
Peterborough			2			2
Portsmouth	1					1
Swansea					s	0+s
	1	—	2	2	0+s	5+s



Gillingham goalkeeper Hillyard dives to smother a Swindon cross, with Anderson (left) and Kamara (right) eager for a scoring chance during the Town's 3-2 win at the County Ground.

DANNY'S DESK

How on earth a side can win three matches at home on the trot as we did against Exeter, Portsmouth and Gillingham and then fail so dismally at Colchester I just cannot understand. We have tried many things to obtain the same effort from the players away from home as at home but still we fail and I can only assume that a nucleus of them lack maturity, character and professionalism. I am still negotiating for two new players to rectify the situation but both the lads in question play in the first teams of their clubs and replacements must be found before they can be released to us. Last Saturday I travelled North to watch one of these players and I am awaiting the outcome of talks between his manager and chairman before knowing if I can approach the player. Be assured that I have not got my head firmly buried in the sand as some people suggest but it is a fact that clubs are obviously reluctant to release their better players and equally obviously we do not want to buy players who are no better than those we already have on the books. If only those of our players who week after week refuse to give their all away from home would realise that the world does not owe them a living and that they have a duty to you, the supporters, to do everything in their power to bring you a higher class of football I am sure that a better work rate and more courage coupled with the skill we all know they possess would bring this about.

We have just had a lad, Brian Jennings by name, for a weeks trial and he played last Saturday in the reserves. Brian, a Liverpool lad - from Ken Dodd's Knotty Ash actually - has just returned from America where he is being pressed to return. He, however, would prefer to play in this country hence the trial. Although he did very well we have decided not to pursue the matter as he is not to the standard where he could be considered for the first team and anyone we sign, other than apprentices, must be in the first team reckoning.

We have another lad called Paul Gardiner on trial at the present time. Paul having been recommended to me by Roy Silman with whom I used to play at Rotherham United. Roy also recommended Paul Cox to me and Paul is now of course one of our apprentices. I understand that Stoke City and West Bromwich Albion are both interested in Paul Gardiner so we are pleased to have the opportunity of giving the boy a trial.

Thank you for coming this afternoon for this match against the side with whom I spent many happy years, Rotherham United, and please wish us luck in our two forthcoming Cup ties.

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Spotlight on Division 3

WREXHAM FORGE AHEAD

Wrexham increased their lead at the top of the Third Division to two points with a fine 3-1 victory at Preston --- North End's first home defeat of the season. It was Wrexham's fourth successive victory and extended their unbeaten run to ten games which have produced 18 points.

The Welsh club has never been in the Second Division though they would have been enjoying that status right now had they not lost their last four games of last season. Player-manager Arfon Griffiths is determined to make sure this time, however, and he will be hoping for two more points from today's home clash with Colchester United.

Wrexham made a most disappointing start to this season, failing to win any of their opening four League games. The turning point came when they bought striker Dixie McNeil from Hereford. He has netted six times for them so far.

Tranmere's decision to depart from their usual practice of playing home games on Friday nights did not pay off, even though their visitors were close promotion rivals Shrewsbury Town. Before the match Shrewsbury were second in the table, one place above Tranmere. But with First Division pace setters Everton also at home, just across the Mersey, Tranmere's share of the soccer going public was a mere 4,708 --- one of their lowest attendances of the season.

One of the surprise promotion challengers are Cambridge United who crushed visiting Lincoln by 5-0

One of the surprise promotion challengers are Cambridge United who crushed visiting Lincoln by 5-0. It was Cambridge's biggest win since they recorded a similar score in September 1974 --- also against Lincoln City! This was Cambridge's sixth successive home win and it took them level on points with third-placed Shrewsbury.

Cambridge, who have been in the Football League only since 1970, were one of the clubs promoted from the Fourth Division last season.

By Tony Pullein

Hapless Portsmouth suffered their fourth defeat in a row, and looked back on a run of nine League games without a win, following their 1-3 reverse at Carlisle. In spite of their precarious position at the foot of the Third Division, they are reported to be contemplating the sale of striker Dave Kemp to Derby.

While the cash would be invaluable, the effect upon the team's morale could be disastrous. For Kemp is the Third Division's leading scorer with 13 League and Cup goals. Apart from his prodigious effort, Pompey's other players have managed only three League goals between them all season!

Kemp didn't score at Carlisle but kept his lead in the Third Division scorers' chart:

	League	Lge Cup	Total
Kemp (Portsmouth)	10	3	13
Gough (Colchester)	8	3	11
Tynan (Sheff.Wed.)	7	4	11
Shinton (Wrexham)	9	2	11
Westwood (Gillingham)	10	1	11

Bury defender Gerry Keenan hit his first goal in League football at Bradford City but it came too late to effect full recovery from the 0-2 deficit they had conceded in the opening 11 minutes. Though they are acknowledged as one of the better footballing sides in the Third Division, the Shakers are suffering a rough time in the League at the moment.

Saturday's defeat extended their run to eight matches without a win in the League though, during this spell, they have beaten Oxford and Millwall to earn a place in the fourth round of the League Cup.

Sheffield Wednesday, still without an away League victory, went down 0-1 at Oxford and they now join their former First Division rivals Portsmouth in the bottom two places in the table. Wednesday have won only once in three attempts since new manager Jackie Charlton took over and he clearly has an uphill battle ahead of him.

It Happened In November

November 15, 1890

After netting eleven times without reply in two previous F.A. Cup ties, Swindon travelled to Aldershot to meet the 93rd Highlanders. The Town went down 0-6.

November 12, 1904

Swindon had to play an F.A. Cup tie and a League match on the same day - and both at the County Ground! For the Cup game, the Town fielded the reserve side and kicked off at 1 p.m. against a Dorsetshire team called Longfleet St. Mary's. Swindon won 8-0. Then the first team took the field at 2.45 to play Brentford in the Southern League - but lost 1-3.

November 28, 1925

The 1925-26 season brought a change in the structure of the F.A. Cup, the number of rounds before the semi-final being increased from four to the current six. Swindon Secretary-Manager Sam Allen was not impressed with the new set-up, which gave the Town a First Round trip to Farnham to face the United Breweries side. He told his players "Lets go out and show them what a farce this is" - and his men obliged. Jack Johnson claimed three and Frank Richardson four as Swindon romped home by ten goals to one.

November 8, 1930

Swindon shared eight goals with Newport County here, after trailing by two goals at half-time. Hero of the day was inside-right Joe Eddleston who scored three of the Town's four.

November 30, 1925

The Town suffered a shock 1-3 defeat at Southall in the First Round of the Cup, Harry Bowl getting Swindon's consolation goal.

November 22, 1947

Inside-forward Morris Jones made his Swindon debut at Elm Park, Reading and scored in the Town's 3-2 win. He followed it with a further five goals in his next three games and finished the season with 14 in 31 League and Cup appearances.

A Diary of Town Events that have occurred during this month

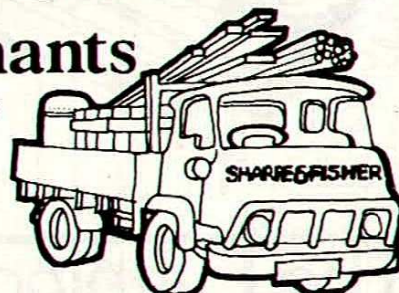
November 1, 1952

Irish International goalkeeper Norman Uprichard made his last appearance for Swindon before being transferred to First Division Portsmouth. Despite being 2-1 up at the interval, the Town lost 3-6 to Crystal Palace at the County Ground.

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November 11, 1960

In a F.A. Cup First Round replay at Twerton Park, a ten-goal thriller saw Swindon come out on top against Bath City by six goals to four. 'Bronco' Layne claimed four of them and Ernie Hunt the other two. Almost thirteen thousand filled the Southern League ground, where goalkeeper Geoff Crook made his only senior appearance for the Town.

November 17, 1962

Don Rogers made his debut for Swindon in a 4-1 home win over Southend United. He didn't score but got his name on the scoresheet two weeks later in a 3-1 victory over Notts. County.



DON ROGERS

November 20, 1965

The Town notched five goals for the third week in succession, and centre-forward Keith East took his tally to nine in just two games. Following a 5-0 hammering of Reading, Swindon cruised to a 5-1 victory over Merthyr Tydfil in the F.A. Cup and then saw off Mansfield Town by a 6-2 margin, East being responsible for five of the goals against the Stags.

November 3, 1973

Peter Eastoe, on loan from Wolves made his debut for Swindon against Carlisle United. He scored both goals in a 2-2 draw before leaving the field with a fractured cheekbone.



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- 1 ALLAN J
- 2 FORD A
- 3 TROLLOPE J
- 4 McLAUGHLIN J
- 5 AIZLEWOOD S
- 6 PROPHETT C
- 7 MOSS D
- 8 STROUD K
- 9 GUTHRIE C
- 10 McHALE R
- 11 ANDERSON T
- 12 KAMARA C



REFEREE:

MR. TONY D. COX. (Buckhurst Hill, Essex)

Began refereeing with Ilford Borough League in 1962. Progressed through Gt. London and South Essex Leagues to the Isthmian League before joining the Football League in 1972. Was Linesman in the International - Northern Ireland v. Wales in 1977.

A married man with two children and is a company director dealing as a hide, skin and leather broker. Served as an amateur on West Ham's books and enjoys all sporting activities and overseas travel.

- 1 McALISTER P
- 2 FORREST G
- 3 BRECKIN J
- 4 MATTHEWS P
- 5 STANCLIFFE P
- 6 GREEN J
- 7 FINNEY R
- 8 PHILLIPS T
- 9 GWYTHYR D
- 10 GOODFELLOW J
- 11 CRAWFORD A
- 12 WOMBLE T

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. R.B. Banning, Overton, Hants. Yellow Flag: Mr. J.M. Carter, Christchurch

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 10th December 1977

Division III

CARLISLE UNITED

K.O. 3.0 p.m.

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Exeter v Bradford City
- B Lincoln v Preston N.E.
- C Peterborough v Plymouth
- D Portsmouth v Hereford
- E Port Vale v Tranmere
- F Sheffield Wed. v Gillingham
- G Shrewsbury v Carlisle
- H Walsall v Oxford Utd.
- I Wrexham v Colchester
- J Birmingham v Leicester
- K Chelsea v Aston Villa
- L Coventry v Q.P. Rangers
- M Derby v West Ham United
- N Ipswich v Everton
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