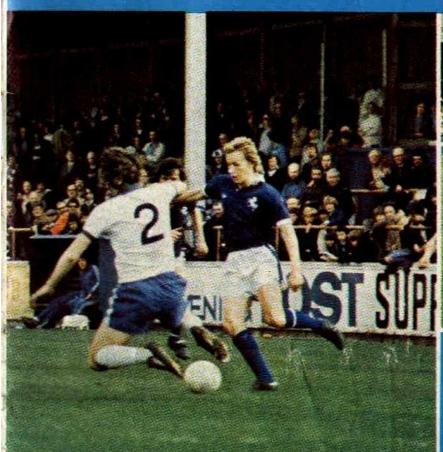
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These notes have been written immediately after our 1-1 draw in the Cup match at Gillingham, quite some time in advance because of the complications arising over the holiday period. I hope we have done nothing to spoil your holiday and that because of our results you are looking forward eagerly to what the New Year will bring.

Ron Greenwood starts his reign as England's team manager and I wish him every success. It's so important that we have a successful national team because it sets the standard. A nation's football is judged by what the national side is doing and we have certainly not had much to shout about at this level. At club level, Liverpool have set a standard no other club side in the world can compete with. Not only winning their domestic competitions but winning the European Cup as well. Why the difference and what can we learn from it? Liverpool as a club side have only a certain amount of players to select from, though obviously they enter the transfer market when they feel the need. Because of the club, money is no object. But they have a settled squad, each member over a fair period of time know-

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ing what is required of them and because of this limited number of players being available, knowing the strength and weaknesses of fellow team mates. England's recent policy has been one of instant success or you are out, no team can be built under these conditions. The manager must be above the constant criticism which will come his way. He must stick to his beliefs and his players and not try to go alone with what people, who have no experience as managers are constantly flinging at him, whether they be the media or the public. Yes, he's certainly got to be a strong-minded man. Is our domestic football so strong because we have a mixture of nations in it, the Scottish, Welsh and Irish all bring something different. A Scottish player plays with a natural passion, only sometimes obtained by an English player, and the mixture can often obtain the right blend.

Welcome to Swindon Town and Danny games against them, I'm still wondering how we lost 2-3 up there last November. Give us the encouragement that we will need to sec



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A special word of thanks to all 3-N-Easy Agents for their efforts in connection with the Triple Draw covering the Christmas and New Year holiday period and congraulations to the main prize winners—I'm sure you all appreciated the extra cash just before Christmas.

To All Young Supporters

If you received gifts of money for Christmas, look in at our Sales Shops where we have many Gillingham souvenirs that will interest you. May I recommend, especially, our 1978 Gills Diaries which are real value at 75p and contain a mine of information.

New Year's Resolutions

These are usually quickly made and quickly broken. But how about making a serious New Year's resolution to help your Club through its fund raising activities? This could be simply as a member of one or more of our competitions, as a Gills Agent, as a Ball Donor, as Advertiser-with a board around the ground-or possibly through your firm or company as a Sponsor of a player or match.

To become involved in any of the above just ring Medway 51462 or 51854 and one of the Club's commercial staff will arrange to meet

We resolve— with your help—to make 1978

FORMER FAVOURITES



No. 13 Ron Newman

Ron will be best remembered for his sparkling displays on the right wing for the Fourth Division championship side of 1963-64.

Signed by Freddie Cox in September 1963. he scored on his debut and netted a total of 20 goals in 93 Football League appearances.

Ron began his professional career with Portsmouth—then First Division side—in 1954. Before moving on to Leyton Orient, seven years later, he chalked up 108 appearances and scored 21 goals.

He later had a short spell with Crystal Palace from where he joined Gills.

In January 1967, Ron emigrated to the United States. For the last nine years he has been with Dallas Tornado, first as a player and now as chief coach.

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Denis Prowse

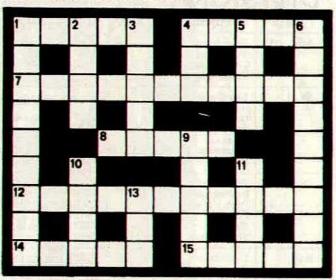
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ACROSS

- Terry Nicholl's number (5)
- Former president of Malaysia and current president of the Asian Football Confedera-- Abdul Rahman (5) tion: -
- 7. Former Derby man who hit some vital goals for Bruges last season (5, 6)
- Frank McLintock wrote a book called "—— The Way The Ball Bounces" (5)

 12. Last season Rotherham had six League -
- players-two more than any other club (4, 7)
- 14. England's first regular post-war keeper (5) The twenty-two players named by each World Cup finalists country (5)

DOWN

- Nickname of Southend (9)
- Spanish club: Celta -
- 3. Old geographical section of Division Three
- Half-time refresher (3)
 Martin or McNab (4)
- Martin or McNab (4)
- 6. Goalmouth scrambles often catch keepers this way (9)
- Nickname of Orient (3, 2) Round before the final (4 10.
- World Cup finalists in 1978 (4) 11.
- Christian name of Gillingham's current Eire 13. Youth international (3)

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DIVISION 3

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Sept.	3 7 10 13 17 24 27	Bradford H Hereford A Oxford H Bury A Chester A Tranmere H Chesterfield H	4-1 0-2 2-1 2-2 2-2 1-1 3-0	3875 3441 4381 5179 3367 5007 5580	Westwood 2, Nicholl, Richardson Richardson, Westwood Shipperley, Price Shipperley, Westwood Richardson Westw'd., Crabbe, Weath.		
Oct.	1 8 10 15 22 29	Plymouth A Rotherham H Port Vale A Preston A Carlisle H Shrewsbury H	3-1 2-1 2-2 0-2 1-1 1-1	12399 7584 3418 7212 7022 7938	Richardson 2, Price Price 2 Price, Crabbe Westwood Price		
Nov.	5 12 19 26 30	Swindon A Exeter H Sheff. Wed A Weym'th FAC H Weym'th FAC A	2-3 1-0 0-0 1-1 1-0	7080 5714 9762 5834 3000	Westwood, Overton Price Westwood Shipperley		
Dec	3 6 10 17 20 26 27 31	Walsall H Shrewsbury A Lincoln A Peterboro FAC H Peterboro FAC A Portsmouth H Peterborough A Swindon H	3-1 2-1 2-0 1-1	5243 3920 2907 10181	Richardson 2, Westwood Nicholl, Richardson Westwood, Price Nicholl		
Jan.	2 7 13 21 28	Wrexham A Hereford H Colchester A Cambridge H Bradford A					
Feb.	11 18 25	Oxford A Chester H Tranmere A Plymouth H					
Mar.	7 11 18 25 27	Rotherham A Bury H Preston H Carlisle A Peterborough H Portsmouth A					
Apr.	1 8 15 22 26 29	Wrexham H Port Vale H Exeter A Sheff. Wed. H Walsall A Chesterfield A Lincoln H					

TEAMS

Saturday, 10 December (South East Counties League) Q.P.R. 3, Gillingham 1 Matthews; Ford, Harding, Bruce, Hobday, Tyler, Walker, Smith, Bot-tiglieri, Seath (Venn), George. Goalscorer: Walker (pen.).

Saturday, 10 December (Football League Division 3) Lincoln City 0, Gillingham 2 Hillyard; Knight, Williams, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson. Sub: Hughes. Goalscorers: Westwood, Price.

Monday, 12 December (Midweek League) Gillingham 2, Peterborough Utd. 1
Wheatley; Ford, Harding, Bruce,
Tyler, Hughes, Walker, Clark,
Weatherly, Jolley, Bottiglieri (Smith). Goalscorers: Bruce, Jolley.

Saturday, 17 December (South East Counties League) Gillingham 1, Arsenal 3
Sutton; Ford, Harding, Bruce, Tyler, Hughes, Walker, Smith, Bottiglieri, Johnston, George, Subs: Cobby, Venn. Goalscorer: Johnston.

Saturday, 17 December (F.A. Cup Round Two) Gillingham 1, Peterborough Utd. 1 Hillyard; Knight, Williams, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt (Weatherly), Price, Westwood, Rich-Goalscorer: Nicholl.

GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including 17 December) Division 3: Westwood 12, Price 8, Richardson 8, Crabbe 2, Nicholl 2, Shipperley 2, Hughes 1, Overton 1, Weatherly 1.

F.A. Cup: Nicholl 1, Shipperley 1, Westwood 1.

League Cup: Price 1, Westwood 1 Reserves: Jolley 6, Clark 4, Weatherly 3, Bishop 1, Bruce 1, George 1, Smith 1, Walker 1.

Youth Team: Walker 12, Johnston 6, Bottiglieri 4, Bruce 2, George 2, Hughes 2, Hobday 1, Seath 1, Smith I, Tyler 1.

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GILLS YOUTH TEAM 1977-78

Back Row (left to right): Stevie Smith, Colin Ford, Nigel Donn, Paul Harding, Ricky Palmer, Peter Hobday, Steve Bruce, Troy Johnston, Ian Starkey, Peter Venn, Ken West (Trainer). Front: Tony Bottiglieri, Kevin George, Pat Walker, Bill Collins (Manager), Paul Tyler (Captain), Steven Cobby.

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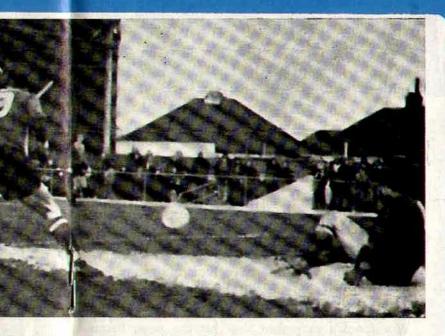


Above: Danny Westwood knocks in Gillingham's second against Walsall. Below: Damien Richardson leans back

THE GILLS IN ACTION

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nien Richardson leans back and smacks in number three.

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FOREST FIRE!

Two weeks ago 'Match of the Day' was most fortunate to be at Old Trafford for the match between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest. In what was surely the best game so far this season, Brian Clough's Forest game so far this season, Brian Clough's Forest set about demolishing United in front of the Stretford End and the normally fast moving 'Red Devils' were made to look almost pedestrian. Forest were inspired by a 23rd minute goal when Brian Greenhoff was unfortunate to be in the way of a rebound from Tony Woodcock's snap-shot that hit the post. From that moment on it was nearly all one way that moment on it was nearly all one way traffic and United's defence was completely cut to ribbons by Forest's slick first-time passing. It was a sheer delight to watch. Forest increased their lead with a superb move end-ing with Tony Woodcock blasting the ball home from close range after 29 minutes. John Robertson ran through to make it 3-0, and Woodcock scored Forest's fourth with just one minute left.

THE ROBINS

This afternoon we bid welcome to Swindon Town in what will surely be an exciting match as most Gills/Swindon games seem to be. Swindon started the season in fine style, winning five and drawing one of their first six games, a run which saw them go as high as second in the division. Highlight of that run was undoubtedly a 5-1 home victory against Second Division Cardiff City in the second round of the League Cup. After that, Swindon won only one of their next six games, culminating in a 2-5 defeat at Cambridge. However, the unpredictable 'Robins' bounced right back and in the next game, at home to third-placed Shrewsbury, they rattled up a 5-0 win with goals from Kamara, Aizlewood, Moss, Trollope and Guthrie. However, it was to be another five games before their next win. But it was well worth waiting for a 4-0 home victory over Exeter City (Anderson 2, Moss and McHale). Since then, Danny Williams' side have only lost two out of 12 games. Top goalscorers for Swindon, at the time of going to press, are Dave Moss 12, Ray McHale 11, Trevor Anderson 9 and Chris Guthrie 8.

RETURN FOR CHIVERS?

Former Spurs and England striker, Martin Chivers, is hankering for a return to English football after 18 months with Swiss club Servette. Although Fulham and Crystal Palace have both shown an interest, it seems that Norwich City are favourites for his signature. David Garth

SOCIAL CLUB

Membership Applications and Renewal. As from today we will be accepting applications for new members. The rates for 1978 have been amended slightly: New members £1.00, Renewals 75p. Life membership is also available, please make enquiries in the Social Club. wherever possible, Membership Secretary Roger Triggs should be referred to regarding this subject.

Christmas Draw. Thank you for your support. The 1st prize, a extra large cuddly Teddy Bear was won by one of our regulars who was later seen that night walking hand in hand

along the road with the Teddy.

Courage Eastern. On Wcdnesday, 21st December a party from the Social Club were guests at the Brewery in Southwark, London. Everybody enjoyed the evening, there was plenty of drink—no chance of running dry remarked a member of the staff and this proved to be correct (only just).

TRAVEL CLUB

Members, don't forget that Gills are playing at Wrexham this coming Bank Holiday Monday. It's an afternoon kick-off so you will all be home in good time if you've got to work the following day.

If you haven't already reserved your place, please book with Sue Blakeman immediately
—Medway 70934.

Happy New Year to you all.

GILLSWORD

Solution to the puzzle in the last edition:

Across: 1. World Soccer, 6. Swain, 8. and 9. Ted Bates, 14. Ole, 15. extra, 16. Netherlands. Down: 1. West, 2. Ryan, 3. Dundalk, 4. City, 5. Reds, 7. The Dell (Southampton), 10. Town, 11. Best, 12. Stan, 13. Pars.

SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

With the Gills. New Year's Eve and a time for reflection. At this time last year the Gills had lost seven games in a row, starting with a First Round F.A. Cup defeat at the hands of Watford. The team were in 17th position until the New Year brought a change of fortune. The main task of the Supporters' Association is to create and maintain interest in the Gills and we also applaud the efforts of others in this endeavour, both in amateur and professional capacities. Although the local media come in the latter category we must recommend the regular live coverage given by B.B.C. Radio Medway, especially of away matches—compulsory listening in our house! There's nothing like being at the match however and a word of praise for those coachloads of away supporters. Today's Mascot. Mark Judd from Marden is

leading the side out today. He is a nine-year-old and his favourite player is Gary Armstrong.

Mark is a choirboy and a Cub Scout,

TEN YEARS AGO

As the first two Saturdays in 1968 were blank dates for Gills, this is an ideal opportunity to reflect on what had happened so far.

By the end of the year Gillingham had secured 25 points from one game less and that record gave them 12th place in Division Three, six points behind leaders Walsall.

At the other end of the scale came Grimsby on 15 points. Above them Scunthorpe and Mansfield were also struggling although having

gleaned one point more.

With half the season gone, Gills still had four ever-presents:— Bill Brown (top scorer with 10 goals), Brian Gibbs, John Meredith and John Simpson.

Meanwhile the reserve team was enjoying moderate success in Division One of the Football Combination. Indeed, they had shot up to third place but, as they had played as many as five games more than some of the other sides, it was something of a false position.

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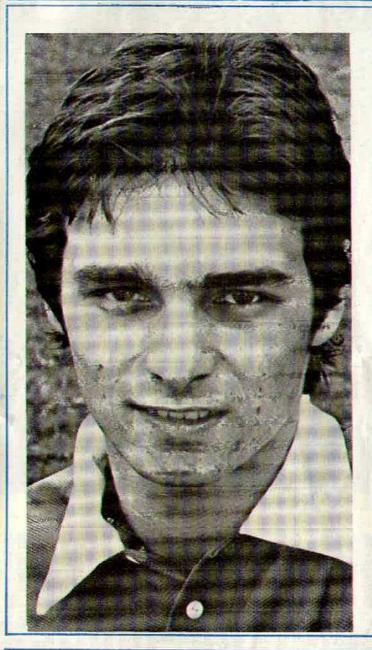
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PRESTFIELD PROFILE



Born: Rotherhithe 13 April 1959. Signed for Gillingham (as a professional): July 1976. League Record: Gillingham 1 app, 0 goals.

It's been a frustrating season so far for this free-scoring young striker. As the first team attackers have all been in good form, Terry simply hasn't had the opportunity to add to his one Football League appearance, at Brighton, last term.

Injury and illness has prevented him from playing in two of the reserves' limited fixtures but even so he has already scored six goals in nine appearances.

Last season—Terry's first as a professional—couldn't have started better. He registered seven scores in his first three games for the Youth team and had he maintained that rate would have finished with 84 goals to his name! He didn't quite manage that but did net a combined total of 29 for the youth and reserve sides compared to 22 the previous season.

Terry is a fine taker of chances and in many ways is reminiscent of Brian Yeo. He could well be the man the first team look to for goals in the future.

TERRY JOUEY



NOON

professional forms in July 1971. Made his ness, he joined Swindon from Brora Rangers Jimmy Allen (Goalkeeper). Born in Inver-League debut two months later and last season in October 1970 as an apprentice. Signed full made 43 League appearances.

Andy Ford (Defender). Upon leaving school is joined Bournemouth and switched to Made 135 League appearances for Southend before moving to Southend two years later.

the County Ground last August.

John Trollope (Defender). The club's longest serving player having signed professional forms in August 1960. Holds the club appearance record with 697 League appearances up to the start of this season and is playing as player

appearances for his home town club, before his transferring to Swindon in March 1976. He won four Welsh U/23 caps whilst with Steve Aizlewood (Defender). Began his career with Newport County. Made 191 League well as ever Newport.

field Wednesday. Moved on to Norwich in 1973 and made 34 First Division appearances before his transfer to Swindon in September Colin Prophett (Defender). Born in Crewe, he made his professional debut with Shef-1974. Made 45 League appearances last season when he performed in the role of sweeper.

Ray McHale (Midfield). Hails from Shef-

field. He made 123 League appearances for October 1974. In almost two years there he Chesterfield before moving on to Halifax in did not miss a match, making 86 League

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appearances and was also leading goalscorer in season 1975-76. Transferred to Command to season 1975-76. Transferred to Swindon in September 1976.

chester with whom he made 66 League appearances. Represented England at Youth level and cost Swindon a £25,000 fee in December John McLaughlin (Midfield). Born in London, he served his apprenticeship with ColKenny Stroud (Midfield). Although London he served his apprenticeship with Swindon before becoming a full professional in 1970. Has played as a central defender, but is more at home in midfield where he has made the majority of his 120 League born,

appearances up to the start of this season.

David Cunningham (Midfield). A Scot from Moved on to Southend in 1973 and made 56 League appearances for them before joining Swindon last summer. Also spent a short loan Kirkcaldy, his first club was Brechin City spell with Hartlepool.

he began his professional career with Portadown. Moved on to Manchester United, but found first team opportunities limited and Trevor Anderson (Forward). Born in Belfast, made only 13 League appearances for them. Arrived at the County Ground in November

1974. Full Northern Ireland International

Dave Moss (Forward). Signed from non-ague Witney, his local team. Made his League debut for Swindon in April 1972 and made 172 League appearances up to the start of this season. Last season's leading goal scorer, he is an orthodox winger. League

ember 1975. Made 56 League appearances for brough and signed schoolboy forms for that club. Joined Portsmouth as an apprentice and signed a full professional contract in Dec-Portsmouth before signing for Swindon last Chris Kamara (Forward). Born in Middles-August for a £20,000 fee.

club before moving to Southend where he made 107 League appearances and was twice he made only five appearances for his home their leading goalscorer. Transferred to Shef-field United during the summer of 1975 but could not settle and was signed by Swindon Chris Guthrie (Forward). Born in Newcastle last July.

made 56 League appearances for them before Roger J. Triggs Micky French (Forward). A native of East-Moved on to Brentford in season 1974-75 and bourne. His first professional club was QPR. arriving at the County Ground last February.

Back Row (left to right): French, Stroud, Brinkworth, Lewis, Gilligan, Collicutt. Middle: Allan, Trollope, Prophett, Kamara, Guthrie, Aizlewood, Ford, Roberts. Front: Moss, Cun-Goddard.

Swindon as his cracking goal, which helped Gills to a 2-2 draw, was his first in the member last season's home match against Gillingham have already met Swindon once this season in an incredible minutes. Despite twice taking the lead, it was the Wiltshire club who hit back to good reason to rebattle at the County Ground which produced five goals within the space of Billy Hughes has snatch a 3-2 victory. Leagne.

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SWINDON

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1 Jimmy Allen

2 Andy Ford

3 John Trollope

4 Chris Kamara

5 Steve Aizlewood

6 Colin Prophett

7 David Moss

8 Kenny Stroud

9 Chris Guthrie

10 Ray McHale

11 Trevor Anderson

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OFFICIALS

Referee: Malcolm Sinclair (Guildford)

Began refereeing on the Isle of Wight 18 years ago and graduated to the Football League list through the Surrey Senior League and Football Combination. He is a bricklayer by trade.

Linesmen: D. Axcell/red flag. J. C. Deakin/yellow flag.

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