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# FOREST FOCUS

It's quite like old times, isn't it? Crowds of over 40,000, late comers, and not so late comers, being locked out, the Trent End closed at a quarter to two and the occupants of that section being unable to bear the frustration of not being three goals up in the first quarter of an hour, reverting to type by shouting obscenities. Yes, it's quite like old times, so in order to avoid disappointing too many people from making a fruitless journey we have decided to make our next home game on the 21st January against Arsenal an all-ticket match.

Whether the decision is justified only time will tell because with three of these games in succession and the promise of more to come there will soon not be enough days in the week to sell the tickets.

We have already had two this season, one against Manchester United which was compulsory, the other against Aston Villa in the League Cup, which was voluntary, and both have been abysmal flops. The massive attendances, by our standards, over the Christmas period have made us have second thoughts.

I don't like these all-ticket games, and I am sure supporters don't like them because it means making a special journey to the ground to purchase tickets. But I do know that these are very unusual times for all at Forest. I mean we have never, ever, led the First Division so far into the season.

Before the first ball was kicked way back in August most of us would have been happy there and then to settle for safety and avoid a quick return to Division Two. So it

was with some apprehension that we made our way to Goodison Park on 20th August.

So positive was Mr. S. R. Vincent, "Faithful Magpie", Carlton, that we had no chance of staying up that he wrote in the "Football Post", on that same day, and I quote :

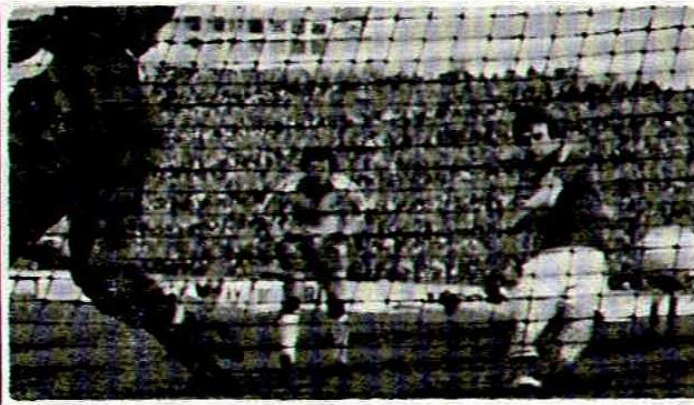
"... before the season starts, I would like to predict that Forest will come straight down, while Notts if they start with a few wins, could clinch promotion this time . . .".

Only one voice, as far as I am aware, was raised like an alpine horn in Innsbruck that something a bit better than survival was on the books and that was Peter Taylor's who was heard to say : "We need two players for a place in Europe, there are only six good teams and we are one of them".

"Ah, ah, the usual managerial trumpet blowing to drum up interest amongst our supporters" we said (if you will excuse the mixed metaphors) and took no notice. After all it is part of management to try to sell a few more season tickets in August.

Well, the performances on the field are now selling the season tickets and there has been such an almighty scramble to clamber onto the band-waggon just in case we do something daft like getting to Wembley. We shall see then who can stand up and be counted.

Those with season tickets are, of course, well and truly aboard, whilst a few others have a tenuous hold such as Supporters' Club members, programme voucher collectors, and "Forestrail" travel members, etc.



"Ee, me duck", there won't half be a rush if we make it to one or the other of the two finals. One thing, however, is certain and that is that First Division football will be played at the City Ground next season and there are not many clubs that have been able to say that on a Boxing Day.

Whenever we win on a Saturday my son dashes off to the local news-agent next morning to buy two extra Sunday papers to read all about it, and I was amused to read in one of them an article by a Mike Gangley, (or was it Hanger?). He went to great lengths to prove that Forest would not win the F.A. Cup. Considering that there are 64 clubs battling it out at this stage he does not need a crystal ball to forecast who is not going to win the trophy.

To reinforce his prediction he cited a few of our notable failures and even dismissed our 1959 cup-winning season with a "nearly fell at the start against amateur Tooting in the Third Round".

His memory took him back to our "throwing away a three-goal lead at Southampton in the last 15 minutes" completely and conveniently ignoring the fact that we finished with only nine fit men after "Saints" "No. 9" George Kirby had been allowed to run wild by a lax referee who shall remain nameless but whom we all know. Peter Grummitt was knocked from pillar to post and received no protection whatsoever, whilst Jeff Whitefoot was hobbling almost immobile in the centre circle.

Well, Mr. Clanger, some of us have equally long memories. No mention was made about our 1966/67 semi-final nor the fact that Joe Baker had

been maimed in the 6th Round with an injury that, for all practical purposes, spelt the end of his career, whilst the fiasco against Newcastle was glossed over with a "true to fashion Forest lost". We were then a Second Division outfit, of course, and the referee disallowed a goal from a free-kick in one of the replays when many others would have been pointing to the centre spot.

Mr. Wrangler, sir (or may I call him Sir Wrangler) then falls back, in this amazing article, on the elements to prove his point that "ice and snow can turn good footballers into fairies. On these days only the brave get through".

Mr. Banger, has not the news leaked down the grapevine that we have no cowards here and the likes of John McGovern and Tony Woodcock can negotiate frosty patches as well as ice skater John Curry?

So instead of "Count out Clough", as the headline says, it should read "Count out Clanger". He has optimistically predicted one of four teams to lift the trophy, i.e., Manchester City, Aston Villa, Leeds United, or Everton. Now that is what I call bravery, none of your namby pamby playing on bone hard pitches, just appending your name to predicting one of four teams to win. By the way, Mr. Clough has led a team out at Wembley — Leeds United in the Charity Shield match.

But reverting to that 1966/67 season. It was today's visitors Swindon Town who gave us a scare in the 5th Round by taking us to two replays. All in all, that cup run of ours was watched by 303,959 spectators in seven games with an average of 43,422 per game.

But the outstanding memory for me as far as the administration was concerned was meeting the Swindon representative at Leicester Forest East service area to collect the replay tickets. As we were transferring them from one car to the other the wind caught hold of a bundle of stand tickets and blew them all over the car park. If anyone could have seen us scrambling around picking up the tickets they would have had a real laugh. Not all problems arise on the field of play!

KEN SMALES

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## SOLVE THE ANAGRAMS

The answers for the "Solve the Anagrams" puzzle in the "Review" for the Coventry City game on Saturday, 10th December were:

Abbey Stadium, Ashton Gate, Portman Road, Fratton Park, The Shay, Bramall Lane, Stamford Bridge, Sincil Bank, Turf Moor, Deepdale, Edgar Street, Vetch Field, Maine Road, St. Andrews, City Ground.

The ground revealed between the heavy black down lines was **Bootham Crescent**.

The three winners were:

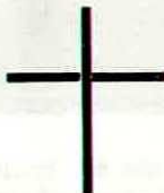
Gary Sanders (aged ten), 87 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (£2 voucher for Souvenir Shop).

A. Walters, 54 Station Road, Awwsworth, Notts. (seat ticket for today's game).

M. Zajac, 15 Co-op Avenue, Hucknall, Notts. (seat ticket for today's game).

## BACK NUMBERS

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## CLUB BEREAVEMENTS

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Eric Flint, the club physiotherapist.

He suffered a severe coronary thrombosis on Monday, 19th December, made a partial recovery and was discharged from hospital but passed away on Tuesday, 27th December.

He had an expert knowledge of the remedial treatment for injuries and was held in high regard by everyone at the City Ground.

The club suffered yet another loss with the recent death of Mr. Charles Stevenson.

"Chas", as he was affectionately known, will be remembered as the driver, for many years, of the club's official coach to all away fixtures. He had an uncanny knowledge of the highways and byways throughout the country.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to both families in their sad loss.

## LOST WATCH

During the Forest v. Liverpool game on Boxing Day there was a man's Avia watch lost—possibly in the Trent End region of the ground.

The item is of great sentimental value and there is consequently a reward offered for anyone who may have found it.

Please contact 'phone number 874154 if you have any information.

## GRANTHAM BRANCH

A Disco/Dance was held on 21st December at the "Blue Bull", Westgate at which the Christmas Prize Draw was made. The winners were: J. Ash, B. Veasey, D. Copley, T. Bland, Mrs. Townhill, J. Pearce, T. Gladders, J. Hamilton, M. Gibson, Mr. Barnett.

All members are invited to attend the Social Club, Barrowby Road on Wednesday, 25th January for a talk by Mr. George Flint (top referee) and Mr. Geoffrey Macpherson. A nominal fee of 25p will be charged, your full support will be appreciated.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you . . . to Chas. J. Fox Records, at the Victoria Centre, and to Jonathan's Disco who supply the records played for your pre-match entertainment at the City Ground.

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# FOREVER FOREST !

by DANNY LONG (now of Skegness)

When the first World War ended in 1918, a diminutive Irishman was seen in Forest's colours. His name was Danny O'Shea. He was small, tricky, and apparently popular enough to make a lasting impression on the younger Forest fans of those days. I never saw him play, but then I was a mere five-year-old.

However, I would dearly liked to have met Danny O'Shea, for I was destined to carry his name throughout my life, and still respond only to that tag, despite the fact that my parents gave me a totally different name. It came about that in that locality on the other side of the Trent known as Sneinton Elements, we had a small flock of rabid Forest fans whose ages ranged from about five to ten years.

Not the least prominent of these was one Billy (Pat, of course) Collins, then aged about ten, and a football fanatic. It was Pat, who during an impromptu kick about on the Clay Mounts in Sneinton, decided that I was small enough and tricky enough to be dubbed "Danny Shea". The "Shea" was dropped in due course, but the tag of "Danny" has stuck for 60 years—and has stuck to me in travels all over the globe during over 30 years service in the R.A.F.

That perhaps explains my particular affinity to Nottingham Forest (by the way, when will some of those TV and radio sports commentators learn that it is NOTTINGHAM FOREST?). Pat Collins, an unforgettable character even at the tender age of ten, was the mainspring of our activities, and he was always the one to talk us into a trip to the City Ground. Getting in was hardly a problem. We never had any money, but that was unimportant. It was the route to the ground which presented problems. Nigh on three miles, taking in Meadow Lane and Trent Bridge was no joke if you were of such tender years.

However, if we could walk to the river end of Trent Lane, we could perhaps persuade "Mester Radford", who lived in our locality and who operated the ferry, to row us across for now't. "Owd Man Radford" was a kindly soul when the mood suited, and he would contrive to take us across one at a time along with his other passengers. Once on the Bridgford side of the river it was child's play.

In those enlightened days, the fence around the Forest ground had weaknesses — particularly alongside Grantham Canal. One of us would "keep konk", and the others would ease one of the boards sufficiently

for us to slip in. There was one occasion when a "Bobby" was waiting inside the fence, but he merely gave us all a clip with his gloves, roared "Behave yourselves", and let us stay in the ground.

Pat Collins' popularity was put to the test on one never to be forgotten occasion. He had assured us that Forest Reserves were playing a Midland League game one evening late in the season. We duly made the trip, walked all the way because the ferry wasn't operating, crawled through the fence safely, and walked up the back entrance of the Popular Side Stand, only to find not a soul in sight. It was soon obvious that there was to be no game that evening, so we left by the route we had come.

As we walked up the riverside we spotted that there was a CANCELLED notice across the poster announcing that Forest Reserves were due to play Wath Athletic. As we had never once paid to get in to see a game at the Forest ground, Pat's remark "This club isn't worth supporting" hardly seemed appropriate!

It is only fair to report that, as the years passed, that little cluster of Forest fans became true and loyal supporters. Many years later — just after another war to end all wars — one of our clan allowed his loyalty to Forest to go too far.

Early in 1947, Forest had drawn 2-2 with Middlesbrough at the City Ground in a 5th Round F.A. Cup-tie. The replay was at Middlesbrough on the following Wednesday, our staunch Forester (a dual identity — he was also a Sherwood Forester) was due to leave for Palestine on the same day. He turned up at Ayresome Park instead — Forest lost 6-2 — he went into detention for several months, and that little episode has long convinced me that Liverpool and Everton have not cornered ALL of the soccer fanatics.



Photo opposite: 7th February, 1947. Clearing the pitch of snow in readiness for the F.A. Cup game v. Middlesbrough.

# Action at the big



Archie Gemmill lets fly with a tremendous shot to provide us with a 20th minute lead against Liverpool following fine play by Anderson and Woodcock.



Phil Neal blasts the ball, somewhat fortunately, over his own crossbar following a left-wing burst by "Robbo".

# Boxing Day game





# LETTERS

## Appreciation

HAVING followed football since a youngster I have seen fortunes rise and wane. I've watched good sides and bad. Cardiff City have not been without their problems over the last decade and the opportunity of late to see some decent stuff has obviously been limited.

My choice of "Match of the Day" and BBC's choice often differs. Whilst two teams battle out a goalless draw, other teams are winning by three, four, sometimes five-nil and yet we have to tolerate their interpretation of "Match of the Day".

However, they are to be congratulated for once, for the other Saturday evening I witnessed the finest exhibition of footballing technique seen for years. A lesson to all of how the game should be played.

I was always taught to beat a man with a pass, never to use a throw-in throwing back towards my own goal but always throw towards the opposition. There were basics in your team's performance which were to be admired.

You have had your critics and I have been among them, but, then again, I believe the BBC did not help your image. What you have achieved at Nottingham Forest I hope will result in just reward.

**NORMAN BLACKMORE**  
7 Archer Crescent  
Ely, Cardiff

## Praise from Teesside

MAY I congratulate Mr. Clough for providing the First Division with such a highly competent, professional team. Nottingham Forest's display against Manchester United was brilliant.

If there is any justice in soccer then Forest must win the First Division title.

I was an ardent fan of yours when you were "Boro's" centre-forward. Now, although my allegiance still lays with them, I have adopted Forest as my other team.

Folk in the North-East are proud that "Cloughie" is the tops.

Finally may I wish you and your team every success, and trust that my letter has not offended you or intruded upon your privacy.

**B. J. McQUADE**  
9 Oxford Street  
Middlesbrough, Cleveland

## An excellent display

CONGRATULATIONS on a magnificent win against Manchester United. An excellent display of inspired, ardent, clever football. I wish that "beaver" Archie Gemmill played for us.

Best wishes for the rest of the season. You deserve to win the championship and I wish you luck.

**AN ARDENT MANCHESTER  
UNITED FAN**

## United supporter was right!

SOON after you had joined Forest I wrote to you after I had seen you at a testimonial dinner at Uppermill. I had been a great admirer of the work you had done at Derby, and I was sure you would repeat it at Forest. I am a Manchester United supporter and I can honestly say, after the United-Forest game, that, unfortunately, you proved me right!

I am not only an admirer of the football Forest play, but also the fact there is no time wasting or niggling going on in your team. Forest are playing successful, attractive, and sporting football and you can be proud of your contribution.

Finally, I am sure you are disappointed about the England job, but I have a feeling eventually you will get it.

**HARRY SINGLETON**  
22 Salisbury Crescent  
Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire

## Best visitors for many years

AS a Manchester United supporter for many years may I thank you for bringing to Old Trafford the best team seen there for many seasons. The team work was a delight to watch!

I hope you win the league championship.

**DAN BLUNT**  
21 Brownsville Road  
Heaton Moor, Stockport

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## Brilliant performance

MAY I convey to you, your coach, and players my sincere congratulations for the brilliant performance of football your fine team displayed against Manchester United a few weeks ago. I have been associated with the game for 45 years in all aspects, as a player and league club director, and therefore would say without any hesitation whatsoever: **"Surely the F.A. has got the message"**. Brian, you have years on your side so, in the meantime, **"Rub it in hard"**.

I had the pleasure of meeting you years ago. Who knows, someday I may have that pleasure again. May I conclude my letter by wishing you, Peter, and your families (and your players) a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

May your wish come true—that like Bing Crosby's "White Christmas"—you and Peter will, like that fine song, be around for a long, long time.

S. G. PLOMER  
37 Egerton Road  
Queens Park, Boumemouth

## "Review" is praised

I HAVE been a Forest supporter for many years now and get to nearly all home and away games and, when doing so, I buy all the away programmes. I like to look at and to read the programmes but I always go back to the Forest one as being the best, and for all one gets in the "Forest Review" it is, surprisingly, the cheapest.

The articles in the "Review" are very interesting — for example, the "Forest Focus" written by yourself I find most entertaining. The action replay is excellent with four or more photographs usually being shown (in away programmes the most is two).

My father is very interested in bringing back old memories with the "Those Were The Days" article which he finds interesting.

All in all I think it is a very good "Review" and at 15p it is a publication which the pocket can afford.

IAN ASPINALL  
52 Swinton Rise  
Ravenshead, Notts.

## Congratulations for all!

I WOULD like to congratulate your club on the high standard of performance this season. I must admit that until January, 1977 I had not taken much notice of Nottingham Forest but then I met one of your most loyal supporters. It is this which has prompted me to write.

I feel that football supporters in general come in for much criticism either on the grounds of violence or because they lack constancy. In the case of John Saul, a senior social worker in Stoke-on-Trent, he cannot be criticised on either count. He has supported Forest since his youth and this has been a physical support — following the club to away games and travelling great distances to be at home games.

Whilst living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as a student, he hitch-hiked down for home games and even followed the club to Portugal for pre-season matches. He now lives in Stoke but has a season ticket and never misses a match.

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**JIMMY ALLAN**

**JIMMY ALLAN (goalkeeper)**

Born in Inverness, he was signed from Brora Rangers in October, 1970 as an apprentice and was offered professional status nine months later. Allan soon made his league debut, but did not fully establish himself until last season. He is nearing his 150th league appearance.

**JOHN TROLLOPE (full-back)**

The club's longest-serving player, he is a former apprentice who signed professional forms in August, 1960. Trollope is the only survivor from the promotion-winning sides of 1963 and 1969 (the latter line-up also beat Arsenal in the League Cup Final at Wembley). Born near the County Ground, he's one of the most loyal and hardworking players in the game and is on the verge of beating (just seven outings needed after today) Jimmy Dickinson's all-time record (with Portsmouth) of 831 senior appearances.

**JOHN McLAUGHLIN (defender)**

Born in London, he served his apprenticeship with Colchester United, for whom he made 66 league appearances, and has played for England at Youth level. McLaughlin joined Swindon for a £25,000 fee in December, 1973 and has remained a regular member of the team since then. Originally a full-back, he has also spent lengthy periods in midfield.

**COLIN PROPHETT (defender)**

He comes from Crewe (where he played as an amateur for Alexandra) but made his professional debut for Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Norwich City in 1973. He played in 34 First Division games with the "Canaries" prior to his transfer to Swindon in September, 1974. Prophett usually plays as "sweeper", from which position he captained the "Robins" last campaign.

# PERSONAL SWIN

**ANDREW FORD (defender)**

A Somerset lad, he joined Bournemouth upon leaving school and stayed with them for two years. He then joined Southend United (whilst still in his teens) and became a regular member of their first team, winning their "Player of the Year" award and being included in the Fourth Division team selected by the P.F.A. last campaign. He joined our visitors in the close season.

**ROY CARTER (defender)**

A recent signing from Hereford United, his only other league club, on the 5th December, Carter made his debut for the "Robins" against Gillingham after three outings in the substitute role. He originally joined Hereford from Western League champions Falmouth almost three years ago, establishing himself the following season.



# L POINTS

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## KENNY STROUD (midfield)

Although London born, he served his apprenticeship with Swindon and became a professional in 1970. He had to wait for several seasons to gain a regular first team place, and has also played as a central defender. He scored a most spectacular goal against Everton last season which has since been immortalised by television replays.

## RAY McHALE (midfield)

A native of Sheffield, he played in 123 league games for Chesterfield before moving to Halifax Town in October, 1974. In almost two years at The Shay ground he was an automatic choice and finished as their leading scorer two years ago. Transferred to Swindon in September, 1976 he has become a regular member of Town's side.



JOHN TROLLOPE

## CHRIS KAMARA (midfield)

Born in Middlesbrough, Kamara signed schoolboy forms for that club but eventually joined Portsmouth as an apprentice. He made 64 first team appearances with the Fratton Park club prior to joining Swindon five months ago.

## DAVID MOSS (forward)

Signed from non-league football (with Witney, his local team) he received his league debut for Swindon almost five years ago and has since completed nearly 200 league games. Last season's leading goalscorer and "Player of the Year", he is an orthodox winger who can operate down either flank.

## DAVID CUNNINGHAM (forward)

A Scot from Kirkcaldy, his first club was Brechin City for whom he made 44 league appearances before moving to Southend in 1973. Cunningham then appeared in 56 league fixtures for Southend (and spent a period on loan to Hartlepool) before signing

for Swindon on a free transfer in the close season.

## CHRIS GUTHRIE (forward)

Born in Newcastle, Guthrie appeared in only five outings for his home town club before moving to Southend. He then made 107 league appearances for them, netting 35 goals, and it resulted in his transfer (for a six-figure fee) to Sheffield United during the 1975 close season. Although he made 58 league appearances in his two seasons at Bramall Lane he did not really settle, and consequently moved to Swindon in July, 1977. He has also played for England Schoolboys.



### Team group photograph:

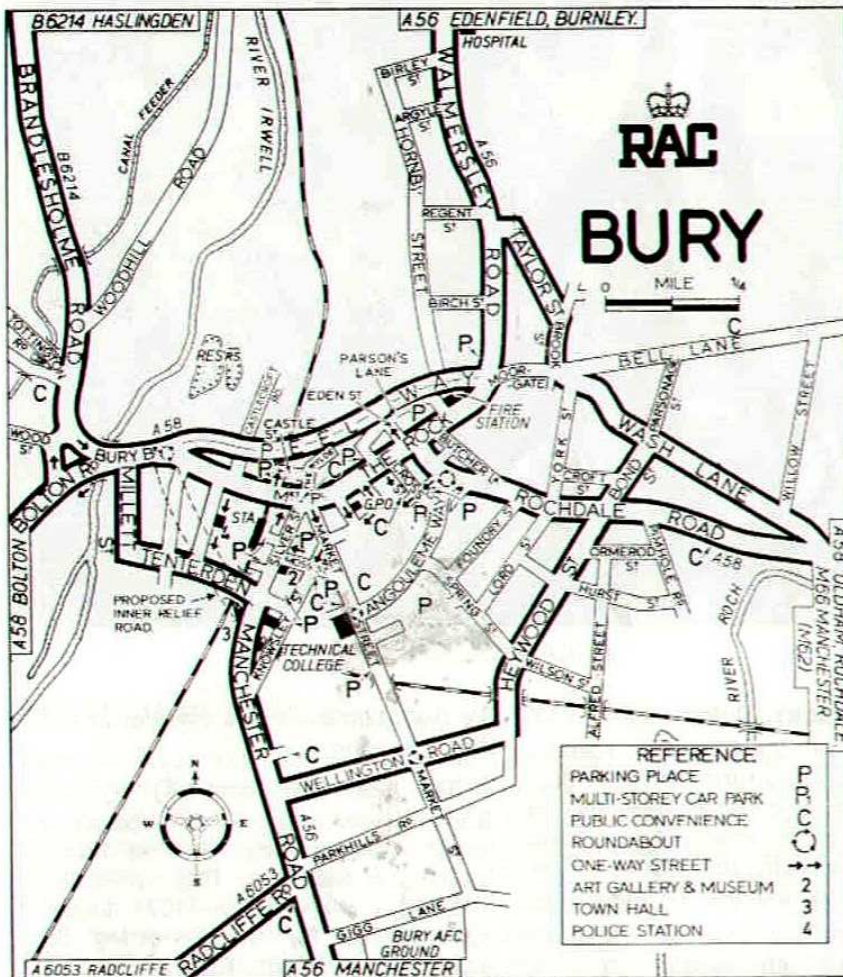
Back Row (left to right): Micky French, Kenny Stroud, Richard Brinkworth, Russell Lewis, Gus Gilligan, Paul Gollicutt.

Middle Row: Jimmy Allan, John Trollope, Colin Prophet, Chris Kamara, Chris Guthrie, Steve Aizlewood, Andy Ford, Kevin Roberts.

Front Row: David Moss, David Cunningham, John McLaughlin, Trevor Anderson (now with Peterborough United), Ray McHale, Howard Goddard (now with Newport County).

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23	Burnley		3-1		Elliott 3
27	Sheffield United		5-0		Barrett, Elliott, Butlin, Birtles 2
Sept. 6	Liverpool		0-0		
10	BOLTON WANDERERS	3-1			Elliott 3
13	LEEDS UNITED	2-0			Birtles, Elliott
17	Aston Villa		1-0		Elliott
20	DERBY COUNTY	1-0			Kent
24	STOKE CITY	1-0			Birtles
27	PRESTON NORTH END	5-0			Birtles, Curran, Elliott, Mills 2
Oct. 5	Albion		1-3		Birtles
8	Wolves		0-3		
11	COVENTRY CITY	0-1			
15	Manchester City		0-4		
18	Huddersfield Town	1-0			O'Hare
29	Leeds United		1-0		Burke
Nov. 5	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-1			Elliott
12	Manchester United		2-3		Burke 2
19	BURY	4-2			Birtles 2, Elliott, Burke
Dec. 3	BLACKPOOL	6-2			Elliott 3, Burke, Birtles, Gunn
13	Coventry City		2-1		Bowyer, Burke
17	BLACKBURN ROVERS	2-2			Elliott, O'Hare
31	BURNLEY	2-2			Birtles, Elliott
Jan. 2	Everton		1-2		Elliott
11	SHEFFIELD UNITED (2.0)				
21	Derby County				
Feb. 4	Bolton Wanderers				
11	ASTON VILLA				
18	Stoke City				
25	Preston North End				
28	WOLVES				
Mar. 11	MANCHESTER CITY				
25	Blackburn Rovers				
27	LIVERPOOL				
April 1	Newcastle United				
4	MANCHESTER UNITED				
8	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY				
15	Bury				
25	ALBION				
29	Blackpool				

To be arranged : Sheffield Wednesday (away)  
Huddersfield Town (away)

Photograph opposite :  
BRYN GUNN (an ever-present this season).



### CENTRAL LEAGUE

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Everton	25	13	9	3	31	22	35
2	Manchester City	23	15	4	4	56	20	34
3	Liverpool	23	15	4	4	50	20	34
4	Wolves	25	13	8	4	49	25	34
5	Leeds United	24	12	6	6	46	28	30
6	FOREST	24	13	4	7	46	31	30
7	Manchester Utd.	24	10	7	7	38	32	27
8	Albion	22	10	6	6	35	28	26
9	Derby County	24	10	5	9	32	28	25
10	Blackpool	24	8	7	9	29	33	23
11	Burnley	23	8	7	8	29	33	23
12	Stoke City	24	6	10	8	28	31	22
13	Bolton Wand.	23	6	7	10	29	36	19
14	Coventry City	23	7	5	11	30	39	19
15	Bury	24	6	6	12	30	42	18
16	Aston Villa	21	5	7	9	15	20	17
17	Huddersfield T.	24	5	7	12	26	33	17
18	Newcastle Utd.	21	6	4	11	19	35	16
19	Blackburn Rov.	22	7	2	13	22	44	16
20	Sheffield Wed.	21	7	1	13	17	31	15
21	Preston N.E.	20	3	7	10	21	34	13
22	Sheffield United	22	5	3	14	19	52	13

### CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Birtles 24, Gunn 24, Kent 24, Elliott 23, Burke 19, MacLeod 18, Mills 17, Woods 17, O'Hare 15, Smith 14, Curran 13, Clark 11, Turner 11, Haslegrave 8, Sutton 6, Bissell 4, Barrett 3, Butlin 3, Briscoe 2, Bowyer 1, Kendall 1, Magee 1, McPhail 1, Middleton 1, O'Neill 1, Rhodes 1, Thrower 1.

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Elliott 18, Birtles 10, Burke 6, Butlin 2, Curran 2, Mills 2, O'Hare 2, Barrett 1, Bowyer 1, Gunn 1, Kent 1.

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# WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

Following the triumph at Newcastle ten days ago Bob Cass, of "The Sun", wrote:

"Forest are five points clear at the top of the table—just who can stop them now? Only a disaster can topple them from that perch on this performance.

"Clough afterwards refused to make any predictions about the championship although he said: "Obviously it feels good to be five points clear. We might as well be there as anybody else. We were never this far ahead at Derby—but there is still a long way to go".

"It was a match which started slowly but built up to a fever pitch of passion and enthusiasm. Such was the extent of the teams battling qualities that both were reduced to ten men for a spell late in the game. Ian Bowyer and John Bird were led off with faces bloodied by nasty head cuts.

"Forest, with the strong wind at their backs, dominated the first half.

Even after Needham's goal they showed little thought for resting on their laurels. Even facing the wind, Forest still managed to look a cut above their opponents.

"Clough giped afterwards: "It's getting to a stage that when we go away from home we give Peter Shilton the match ball because he doesn't see enough of it during the game".

Meanwhile the "Daily Express's" Alan Thompson when reviewing the same match added that:

"Everyone gets into the act for Forest these days. Last night it was big Dave Needham's turn. The former Q.P.R. defender, signed as stand-in for injured Larry Lloyd, scored his first for the league leaders.

"It took him just 15 minutes—and it put Newcastle further in the pit of depression. Full-back Colin Barrett took two defenders out of the game simply by standing at the flag when

John Robertson floated over a corner to the near post.

"Forest almost increased their lead in the 72nd minute when Woodcock hit the post from six yards at the end of a smart three-man move".

According to Roger Duckworth, again in "The Sun", we received praise from Ally MacLeod the Scottish boss:

"John Robertson, the skilful Nottingham Forest winger, has played himself into the reckoning for a place in Scotland's World Cup squad. Scotland manager Ally MacLeod said last night: "I watched the lad at Newcastle on Wednesday night and was suitably impressed.

"He will be considered for a place in the 40 for Argentina. He's the sort of player I like, one who doesn't try to do things he cannot manage. John knows exactly what he can do and he does it well. I went specifically to watch him. Obviously



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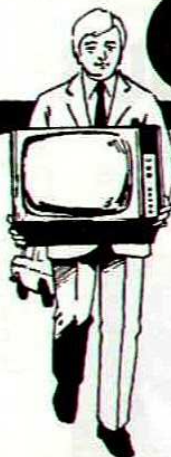
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I was having a look at Archie Gemmill and Kenny Burns as well, but I know them inside out".

"How does the Scottish boss rate the First Division's runaway leaders? "They look just the sort of side that wins championships", he said. "They are very organised in defence and can win matches even when they are not at their best".

#### OUR WIN AT BRISTOL

Bruce Perry, of the "Sunday Mirror", commented:

"City flopped because they didn't know how to take chances. They were handed a cruel lesson by Forest who storm into the New Year still five points clear at the top.

"In midfield there was little to choose between the two sides with Gow and Tainton often getting the better of exchanges. But City's passing and finishing was pathetic and it was Forest who showed them how to deliver a killer punch.

"Needham moved upfield to meet a free-kick from Robertson and beat Shaw with a delicately-glanced header. A long through-ball from O'Neill sent Gemmill clear of the Bristol defence, and as his drive

came back off the crossbar, Woodcock followed up to score.

"Their fast-moving forwards came storming back after the interval and O'Neill quickly sent another drive crashing against a post. O'Neill had another chance to increase the Forest lead ten minutes after the break when Shaw was caught badly off his line. The winger drove his shot straight at the 'keeper, but made no mistake in the 60th minute when he rounded off a fine solo run to score his fifth league goal of the season.

"Even with a three-goal lead, Brian Clough's Forest continued to fight for every ball, clearly showing why they are favourites for the title. Gemmill and Woodcock spelt danger every time they were in possession, and Collier was often outpaced as he struggled to hold the Bristol defence together".

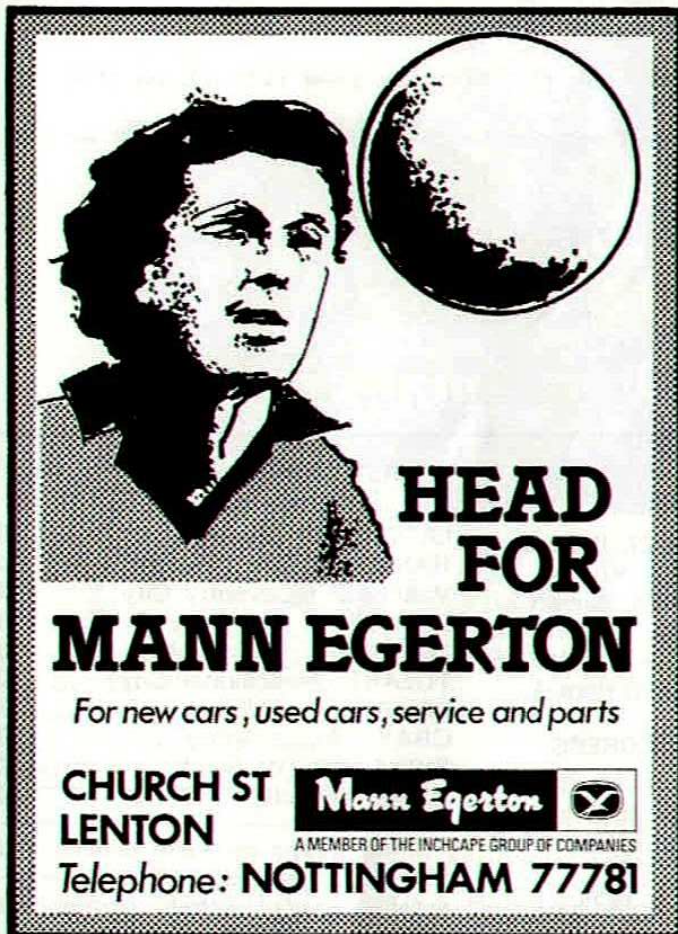
Jeff Powell, of the "Daily Mail", discussing the new England management regime, wrote:

"Brian Clough was given a post in Ron Greenwood's high-powered administration yesterday, and with it the chance to prove himself the England manager of the future.

"Clough and company will all be asked to collaborate fully with manager-in-chief Greenwood in the restoration of England as a world power.

"Clough's position in the administration, as joint youth team manager with present incumbent Ken Burton, should not be misconstrued as a backhanded compliment. This was the job he wanted if he could not be England manager, the job he asked Greenwood to give him. And he is given the assistance of his fellow miracle worker at Nottingham Forest, Peter Taylor.


"After securing F.A. approval for his appointments Greenwood was at pains to emphasise the importance of Clough's role, saying: "I had a long chat with Brian and Peter and they were very keen to work with the Under-18's. I warned them it might look demeaning to share the job with Ken Burton who has already formulated the squad for the Little World Cup qualifying games against France in February and March. But Brian said that was the job he wanted and I'm glad for him to have it. I've always liked Brian and there are no problems between us".



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# FACTS and FIGURES

Date	Last Div.	1st Res.	Season	Opponents	Home Score	Away Score	Attendance	Scorers	Referee
Aug. 15				NOTTS CO. (Cty. Cup)	1—1		11,589	Bowyer (Forest won 3-2 on penalties)	G. Flint
20	1—1	1971/72		Everton		3—1	38,001	Withe, Robertson, O'Neill	K. Styles
23	3—3	1910/11		BRISTOL CITY	1—0		21,743	Withe	A. F. Jenkins
27	0—2	1971/72		DERBY COUNTY	3—0		28,807	Withe 2, Robertson	K. H. Burns
30				WEST HAM U. (L.C. 2)	5—0		18,224	O'Neill, Bowyer 2, Woodcock, Withe	D. Turner
Sept. 3	0—3	1971/72		Arsenal		0—3	40,810		R. C. Challis
10	2—4	1971/72		Wolves		3—2	24,522	Withe, Bowyer, Woodcock	G. Nolan
17	3—0	1966/67		ASTON VILLA	2—0		31,016	Woodcock, Robertson	A. Porter
24	1—2	1971/72		Leicester City		3—0	21,447	O'Neill, Woodcock, Robertson (pen.)	T. Mills
Oct. 1	—	—		NORWICH CITY	1—1		23,741	Burns	M. R. Baker
4	0—2	1971/72		IPSWICH TOWN	4—0		26,845	Withe 4	J. B. Worrall
8	2—4	1971/72		West Ham United		0—0	26,126		C. Maskell
15	2—2	1971/72		MANCHESTER CITY	2—1		35,572	Woodcock, Withe	D. W. Lloyd
22	1—2	1968/69		Queen's Park Rangers		2—0	24,449	Bowyer, Burns	M. J. Taylor
25				NOTTS CO. (L.C. 3)	4—0		26,931	Robertson (pen.), Woodcock, Bowyer 2	A. W. Grey
29	3—1	1923/24		MIDDLESBROUGH	4—0		27,373	Anderson 2, Bowyer, McGovern	A. E. Morrissey
Nov. 5	0—2	1971/72		Chelsea		0—1	36,116		B. Stevens
12	0—0	1971/72		MANCHESTER UNITED	2—1		30,183	Burns, Gemmill	G. Courtney
19	1—6	1971/72		Leeds United		0—1	42,925		C. Seel
26	4—1	1971/72		ALBION	0—0		31,908		P. Reeves
29				ASTON VILLA (L.C. 4)	4—2		29,333	Lloyd, Anderson, Withe, Woodcock	C. Thomas
Dec. 3	1—1	1964/65		Birmingham City		2—0	29,925	O'Neill, Woodcock	B. Daniels
10	4—0	1971/72		COVENTRY CITY	2—1		29,823	O'Neill, McGovern	J. D. Hough
17	2—3	1971/72		Manchester United		4—0	54,374	Woodcock 2, Robertson, (B. Greenhoff o.g.)	T. Morris
26	2—3	1971/72		LIVERPOOL	1—1		47,218	Gemmill	D. W. Civil
28	1—2	1971/72		Newcastle United		2—0	41,612	Needham, McGovern	D. Richardson
31	1—5	1910/11		Bristol City		3—1	31,990	Needham, Woodcock, O'Neill	L. C. Shapter
Jan. 2	1—0	1971/72		EVERTON	1—1		44,030	Robertson (pen.)	R. W. Toseland
7				SWINDON T. (F.A.C. 3)					K. W. Baker
14	0—4	1971/72		Derby County				THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH	D. Turner
17				Bury (League Cup 5)				THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH	
21	1—1	1971/72		ARSENAL				THIS IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH	D. Shaw
28				F.A. Cup, 4th Round					
Feb. 4	1—3	1971/72		WOLVES					
8				Lge. Cup, semi-final, 1st L.					
11	1—1	1966/67		Aston Villa				Tickets available from Villa Park, Birmingham, priced £2.50, £2, and £1.50	
15				Lge. Cup, semi-final, 2nd L.					
18	1—2	1971/72		LEICESTER CITY (5)					
25	—	—		Norwich City				Tickets available from Carrow Road, Norwich, Norfolk, priced £2.50, £2.20, and £1.80.	
Mar. 4	1—0	1971/72		WEST HAM UNITED					
11	2—2	1971/72		Manchester City (6)					
18	1—0	1968/69		QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS					
18				League Cup Final					
21	2—5	1923/24		Middlesbrough					
25	1—0	1971/72		NEWCASTLE UNITED					
28	1—3	1971/72		Liverpool					
April 1	2—0	1971/72		CHELSEA					
8	0—1	1971/72		Albion (S.F.)					
15	0—2	1971/72		LEEDS UNITED					
22	1—1	1971/72		Coventry City					
25	1—1	1971/72		Ipswich Town					
29	4—3	1964/65		BIRMINGHAM CITY					

### OUR ATTENDANCES (league games only)

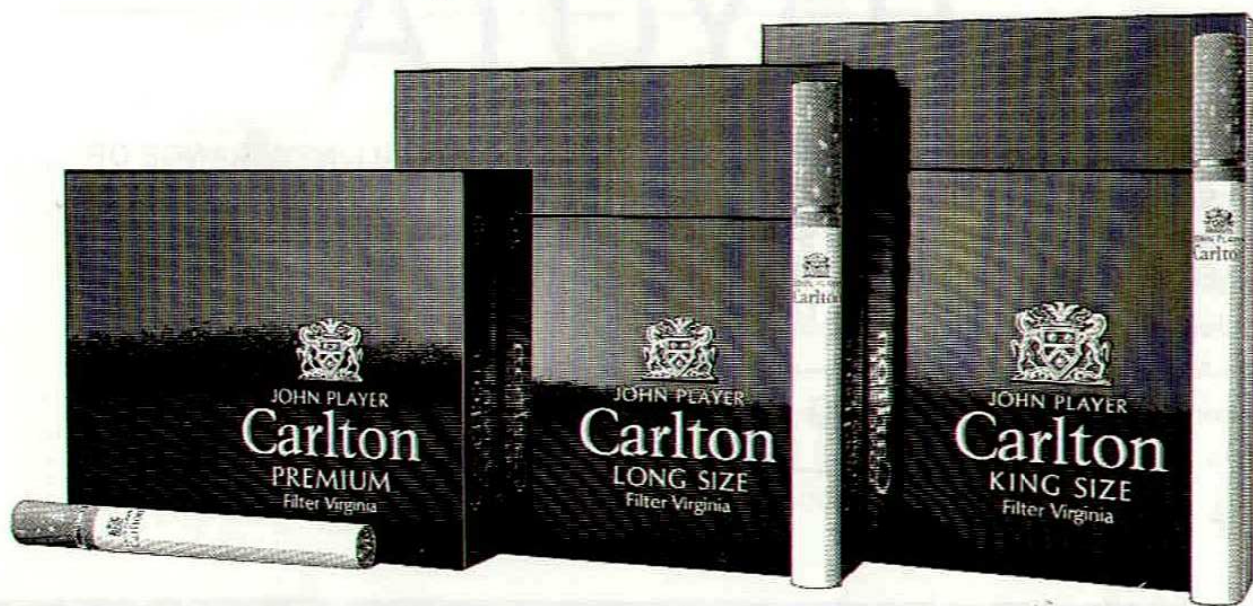
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FIRST DIVISION							LEAGUE AND LEAGUE CUP APPEARANCES				FIRST DIVISION HOT SHOTS (league games only)				
Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.								
1 FOREST	24	16	5	3	45	15	37	Anderson 27, Burns 27, Robertson 27, Woodcock 27, Withe 26, McGovern 25, O'Neill 23, Barrett 22, Lloyd 22, Bowyer 19, Shilton 19, Gemmill 14, Middleton 6, Clark 5, Needham 5, Woods 2, O'Hare 1.				LATCHFORD (Everton)... .. 19 HANKIN (Leeds United) ... .. 14 WALLACE (Coventry City) ... .. 14 FERGUSON (Coventry City) ... .. 13 FRANCIS, T. (Birmingham City) 13 TUEART (Manchester City) ... .. 12 BROWN, T. (Albion) ... .. 11 GRAY (Aston Villa) ... .. 10 RICHARDS (Wolves) ... .. 10 WITHE (Forest)... .. 10			
2 Everton	24	12	8	4	48	28	32	... AND GOALSCORERS				Photographs by Keith Gibson and Karlis J. Dankbars, Alpha Photography, Stoney Street, Nottingham ('phone 582605).			
3 Liverpool	24	13	6	5	32	16	32	Withe 12, Woodcock 11, Bowyer 7, Robertson 7, O'Neill 6, Anderson 3, Burns 3, McGovern 3, Gemmill 2, Needham 2, Lloyd 1.							
4 Arsenal	24	13	5	6	32	19	31	One own goal also scored by Brian Greenhoff (Manchester United).							
5 Manchester City	24	13	4	7	45	24	30								
6 Albion	24	10	4	6	36	30	28								
7 Coventry City	24	11	6	7	44	40	28								
8 Norwich City	24	9	10	5	31	32	28								
9 Leeds United	24	9	8	7	36	32	26								
10 Derby County	24	9	7	8	32	34	25								
11 Aston Villa	23	9	6	8	28	24	24								
12 Ipswich Town	24	8	7	9	25	28	23								
13 Chelsea	24	7	8	9	24	32	22								
14 Manchester Utd.	23	9	3	11	35	38	21								
15 Wolves	24	7	7	10	29	34	21								
16 Birmingham City	24	8	4	12	30	38	20								
17 Middlesbrough	24	6	8	10	21	34	20								
18 Bristol City	23	6	7	10	27	31	19								
19 West Ham Utd.	24	5	7	12	28	39	17								
20 Q.P.R.	24	3	9	12	25	40	15								
21 Newcastle Utd.	23	6	2	15	27	42	14								
22 Leicester City	24	2	7	15	11	41	11								



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Has made several senior appearances, principally in the Football League Cup, in which competition Peter Shilton is, of course, not eligible. His great uncle is the former Villa and England player Eric Houghton who was also manager of Notts County and is now an Aston Villa director.



**STEVE ELLIOTT (striker).**

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20	—	COLIN BARRETT	3	JOHN TROLLOPE	24 1
22	3	JOHN McGOVERN	4	ROY CARTER	3 —
5	2	DAVID NEEDHAM	5	CHRIS KAMARA	22 7
24	3	KENNY BURNS	6	COLIN PROPHETT	24 —
20	5	MARTIN O'NEILL	7	DAVE MOSS	23 9
14	2	ARCHIE GEMMILL	8	KENNY STROUD	23 1
23	10	PETER WITHE	9	CHRIS GUTHRIE	20 8
24	8	TONY WOODCOCK	10	RAY McHALE	24 7
24	6	JOHN ROBERTSON	11	DAVE CUNNINGHAM	6 —
16	3	IAN BOWYER	12	ANDY FORD	15 1

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