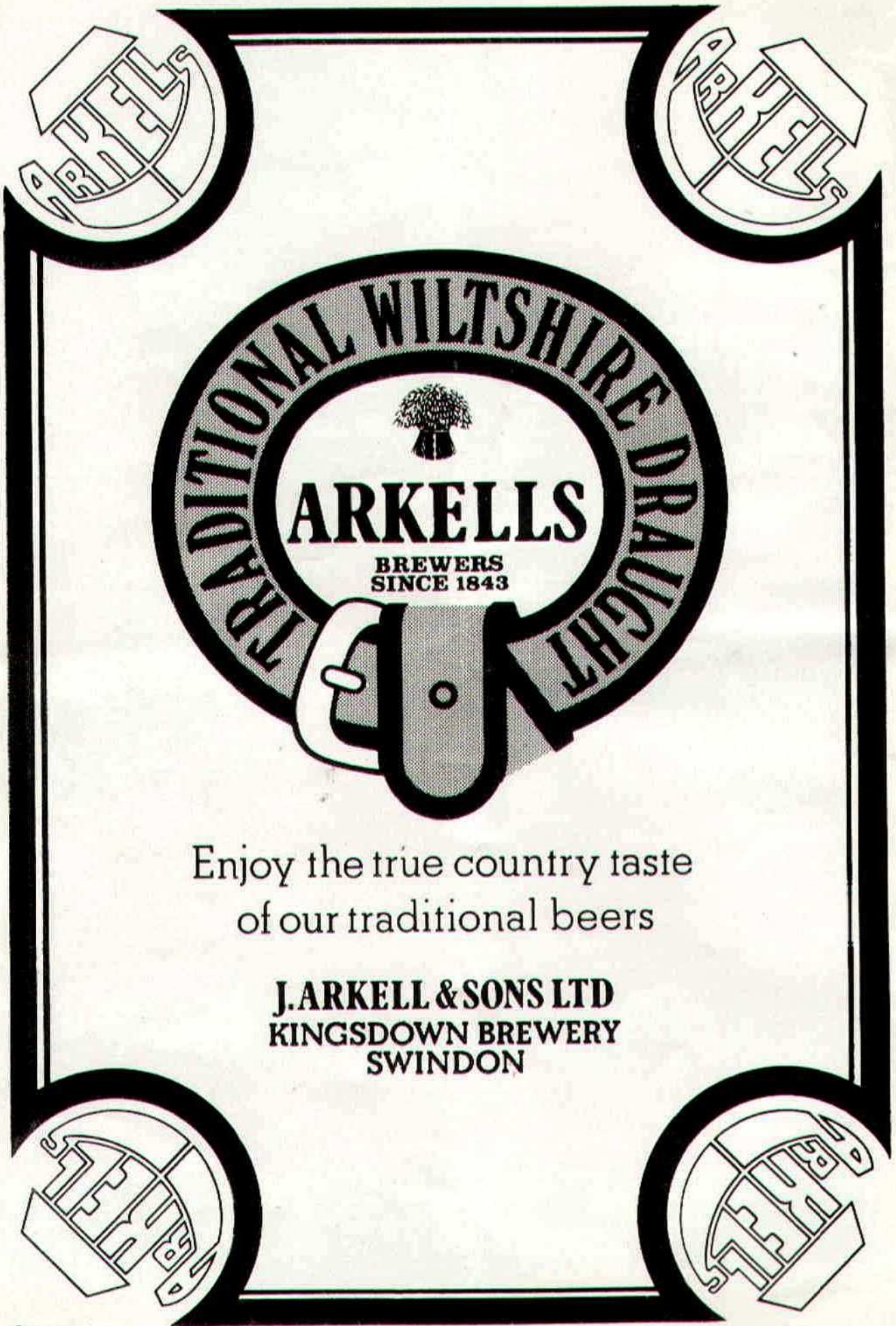




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## Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we welcome our friends from Shrewsbury who have been very successful this season to date. They must find that every game is a cup tie being at the top of the table and today is one when we do not wish them well although I am sure that whatever the outcome of today's game we shall remain firm friends. Last Saturday's game at Mansfield was a very good result for us as the other top teams were successful as well.

This week we have strengthened our squad with the signing of Bryan Hamilton from Millwall. This former Everton and Ipswich player is of course a current Irish International player and must prove a decided asset to Bob's squad. David Cunningham has left us at the moment for a months trial period at Peterborough United and Kevin Roberts has joined Weymouth and this has obviously reduced the playing staff and made John Trollope's job more difficult.

As you may have read we have, with the co-operation of the schools, arranged through John to help out with the coaching of young players during school hours. I would like to point out that, contrary to statements made that at last we are breaking through on the public relations side with schools, over the years we have always had excellent relations with that body. I mention folk like Fred Coleman, David Hobbs, Phil

Baker, Geoff Walters, George Glead, John Archer, Bill Harland and I could fill this page with such people who have always given us a 100% support with schoolboys and I hope that they think the same way about us and the support we give them. John Trollope has, of course played alongside Geoff Walter and David Hobbs and this latest breakthrough is of course of paramount importance. We are hoping to be able to accommodate the Swindon Schoolboys team on the County Ground in the next round of the English School Shield but the date has yet to be confirmed but hopefully it will be on Wednesday, 29th November. The Schools team has been scoring very freely this year so why not make a special effort to support them.

Talking of cup ties brings us to next weeks home tie with March Town and I know that Bob Smith will not be treating this encounter lightly because we all know how often upsets occur against smaller clubs.

To tomorrow, Sunday 19th, the club ground and facilities will be open for inspection to the public and I am sure that our supporters will be interested in the many various sections of the ground and buildings.

Hoping you enjoy today's game and bring your friends next week.

# John Ward at the Open Forum

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Two hundred Swindon fans of all ages crammed into the Supporters' Club at the County Ground one evening early this month to quiz the Chairman and the Manager on just about anything to do with Swindon Town. The supporting cast consisted of First Team Coach, Wilf Tranter, long-serving Director and former League referee Arthur Done and Pools Manager Doug Buswell. Questions ranged from "Why did you sell Chris Guthrie?" to "Please can you leave the floodlights on after evening matches so that we don't fall in to the pot holes in the car park?" Mr. Green picked his way expertly through the technicalities of the possible relief road that could pass through the club car park, deflected a suggestion that there should be a new share issue to supporters who want to become more involved in the running of the club and was generous in his treatment of the gentlemen who complained about the state of the roof over the Shrivenham Road stand. "But we've just spent £10,000 on it," said Mr. Green plaintively. "When did you last sit there?" "Not since last season," was the sheepish reply. "Well let me know if there is anything still wrong," said Mr. Green graciously "and I'll get on to the contractors."

The star of the night's show was Manager Bob Smith. He was on his feet for virtually a full ninety minutes and would have gone into extra time had not he and Wilf Tranter had to turn out for the Reserves next day against Chelsea, thus needing an early bed. "It's the pensioners against the Pensioners," he remarked, allowing himself one of his rare public smiles. He began by giving a progress report on the playing season so far. Manager and Coach agreed that in no way were they totally satisfied with the first team's performance. Nor, they stressed, were the players themselves. The first twelve to fourteen games had been a finding out period. A manager aims to influence people's thinking but this cannot happen overnight. The players were now beginning to put 100% effort into each game as he demanded. The away form was unsatisfactory but results did not really do justice to the way in which the team had played. It was tempting to ask the players to tighten things up away from home but he was reluctant to change their attitude of wanting to win away.

When anyone made a critical comment Bob Smith was ready to admit that they were right if he agreed with them. If he didn't agree he said so politely, patiently but very firmly. "I am sorry but I just don't see it that way," he

told the man who accused Swindon's midfield players of not going forward. "Chris Kamara and Roy Carter are probably the best midfield players at going forward in the Division". The problem in away games was that if anything they - and everybody else - were going forward too much. The opposition was bound to put you under pressure at some stage and that was the time to show composure and tighten up until you had weathered the storm. The players had still not learned this lesson from previous matches as they had shown at Colchester. Two nil up at half time they had allowed themselves to be hustled out of their stride and beaten by a team whose manager had said in his half-time team talk "You'll never beat them for skill. Let's try a bit of kick and rush and see if we can unsettle them that way."

Bob Smith gave some interesting explanations of various current tactics. He admitted that in spite of frequent practice Swindon's corners were extremely unsatisfactory. A fan of near post corners he could not get the players to place the ball accurately on the near post. Near post balls were however responsible for many of Chic Bates's goals. "He is a much improved player this year, a real success with the courage and ability to get in at the near post and take the defence by surprise." We also learned that a topic for discussion at team talks had been how best the goalkeeper could clear the ball. Manager and Coach wanted the ball thrown short to one of the back four who could play it between themselves before creating an opening to release it forward. Even though this method proved successful, at least in the managers' eyes, especially away from home, the players found themselves being barracked by the crowd who became restless at the slow build-up. After pressure from the players Bob Smith somewhat reluctantly agreed that Chris Ogden could belt the ball as far as possible downfield. Admittedly it landed more often than not on the head of the opposing centre half but from there the Swindon midfield were often able to pick it up. It might be a coincidence but since this change of tactics Ian Miller on the right wing, who earlier in the season had had difficulty at being brought into the game, seemed to be seeing much more of the ball.

The Manager did not duck some very direct questions about his transfer deals. He disposed of any ideas that Colin Prophet had been unfairly treated by explaining that he had told him squarely that he considered Kenny Stroud

to be the better player in that position. Colin felt that he had another two years of first team football left in him so Bob Smith agreed to let him go to the first decent offer. He was also asked to justify replacing Chris Guthrie with Andy Rowlands. "Chris Guthrie is a 100% player. We got on very well; in fact he still trains here on Fridays. Perhaps he's better in the air, perhaps Andy Rowlands is a bit braver. The reason why I bought Andy was that at Bury he had scored goals consistently over several seasons in a side that wasn't as good as Swindon. I stress the word consistently. The goals didn't come in twos and threes in a game and then none for several weeks but regularly no matter how bad the conditions. When I knew that Andy was available I was determined to get him for Swindon and this meant that when Fulham renewed their interest I let Chris Guthrie go. I think it will prove a good deal for Swindon but only time will tell."

What conclusions can be drawn from this latest Open Forum? It certainly proved that no two people see a game alike: how else could someone have insisted that Swindon played right defenders against Southend? Even Bob Smith was momentarily lost for words at this extraordinary accusation. Far more important however was what it showed about Swindon Town. Everyone from the Chairman downwards really wants the supporters to become more involved. It is perhaps surprising to find a football club bothering to hold a session like this at all; that it allows such straight talking from the audience without trying to suppress awkward questions is a refreshing indication of the honesty with which the club is run. All of us who were there must have left feeling that by showing the behind-the-scenes knowledge of the Manager and Directors we were that bit more involved in making Swindon tick. For too many people Swindon Town means merely turning up on a Saturday afternoon to have a good moan at the players. This is a great shame when Swindon has so much more to offer. As the Forum showed the people who run the club today are not secretive or superior. They want to share it with anyone who will join in. For Bobby Smith Swindon is not, to coin a phrase, just a job it's more a way of life. The rest of us may not have the talent or the opportunity to contribute so much but we can all do something. Maybe it's just to shout encouragement instead of getting on the players' backs when things are going badly but how important that is was admitted by Bob Smith when he said that encouragement from the crowd is the players' greatest motivator. Or perhaps you could become an agent for the club's lottery tickets or get a group together to sponsor the kit for an unclaimed player. If we could each put a little bit more into the club we'd be surprised how much more we'd get out.

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# Bob Smith says.....



Today we welcome Shrewsbury Town who, as of this moment, second in the Third Division League table and all signs are that, with ourselves having a good run and lying fifth that today's game will be an exciting one. I personally feel that we are starting to achieve something on the field and the players are responding to the methods that we have worked on and talked about since the start of the season. To give you an idea of what I mean not so long ago I spoke in my notes of consistency and the players have gone a long way to achieve the level of consistency that I have been demanding of them.

To further strengthen the pool of players I have this week signed Bryan Hamilton a player of not only good ability but also one who possesses all the qualities that I look for in a professional player and I am certain he will help make Swindon a more successful club both on and off the field.

The other good news this week was that all the senior players were available for selection and this is probably the first time for at least three months that this has been the case and I only hope that this position continues for a long time to come.

In conclusion I am sure that you are all aware of how well the players have done of late and I would ask you all, once again, to get behind your team and give them your vocal encouragement to achieve the result we are all looking for.

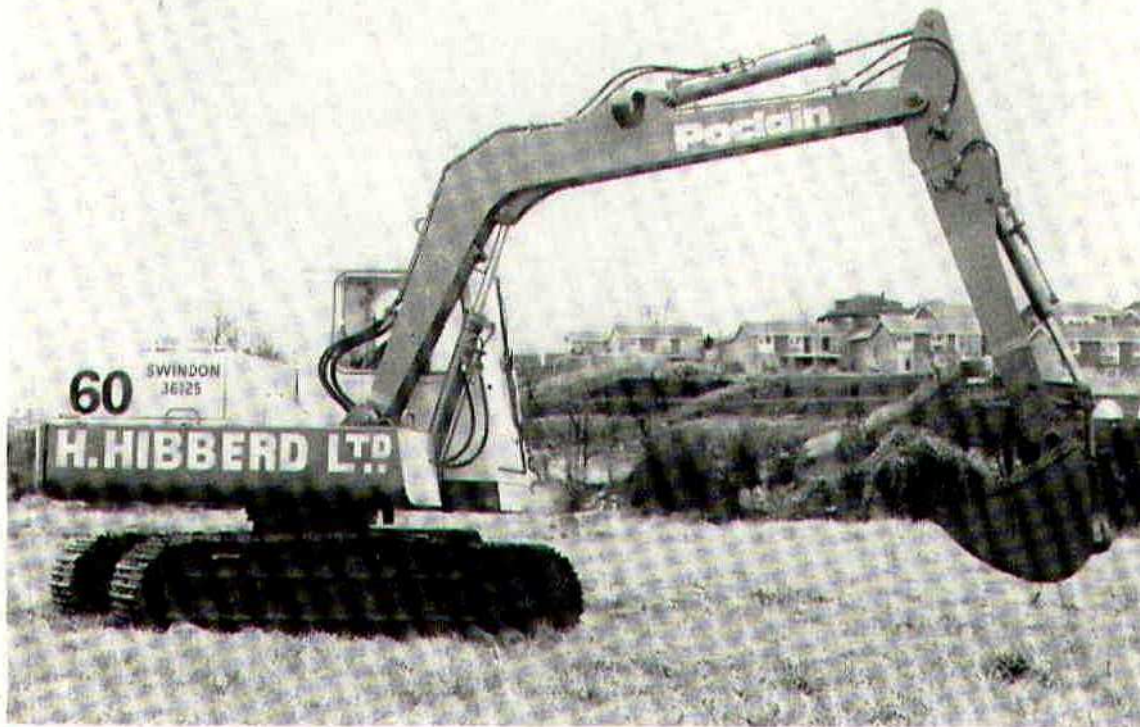


# Bryan Hamilton

Signed from Millwall  
Last Tuesday

## DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE.....up to and including Tuesday November 14th

	Home					Away					PTS	TOP GOALSCORERS (inc. Lge. Cup)
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A			
Watford	17	7	0	2	20- 8	5	0	3	18-13	24	Ross Jenkins 18	
Shrewsbury T	17	4	5	0	11- 5	4	3	1	9- 6	24	Ian Atkins, Paul Maguire 6	
Swansea C	17	7	1	0	23-11	3	2	4	10-12	23	Robbie James 12	
Gillingham	17	5	2	1	13- 6	1	6	1	8- 9	20	Ken Price 6	
<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13- 3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8-14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>CHIC BATES 9</b>	
Chester	17	7	2	0	17- 5	1	2	5	6-16	20	Ian Edwards 16	
Plymouth A	17	4	3	1	12- 9	3	2	4	13-13	19	Fred Binney 14	
Southend U	17	6	0	2	15- 4	0	6	3	11-14	18	Gerry Fell 7	
Carlisle U	17	4	5	0	13- 4	0	5	3	4- 8	18	Dave Kemp 6	
Chesterfield	17	5	1	3	15-13	1	5	2	9- 9	18	Rod Fern 8	
Rotherham U	17	6	0	3	11- 7	1	4	3	7-10	18	Richard Finney 9	
Sheffield W	17	2	5	2	8- 9	3	3	2	7- 9	18	Brian Hornsby 7	
Exeter C	17	5	3	1	15- 6	1	2	5	5-11	17	Keith Bowker 10	
Colchester U	17	5	3	0	14- 8	0	4	5	5-13	17	Bobby Gough 7	
Blackpool	17	6	1	1	12- 3	1	2	6	5-20	17	Vic Davidson, Derek Spence 6	
Walsall	17	3	3	2	16-12	2	3	4	11-13	16	Terry Austin 7	
Hull C	17	3	4	1	16- 7	2	1	6	8 -14	15	Keith Edwards 9	
Peterborough U	17	3	5	0	11- 6	1	2	6	10-21	15	Alan Slough 6	
Oxford U	17	2	5	2	8- 9	1	3	4	6-13	14	Peter Foley, Jason Seacole 5	
Bury	17	1	5	3	13-14	1	4	3	5- 8	13	Dave Gregory 7	
Mansfield T	17	1	5	2	6- 8	2	2	5	11-14	13	Kevin Bird 4	
Tranmere R	17	3	5	1	15-11	0	2	6	4-16	13	Ronnie Moore 7	
Brentford	17	5	1	3	9- 7	0	1	7	5-16	12	Andy McCulloch 5	
Lincoln C	17	1	3	4	5-14	0	1	8	4-19	6	Glenn Cockerill 2	



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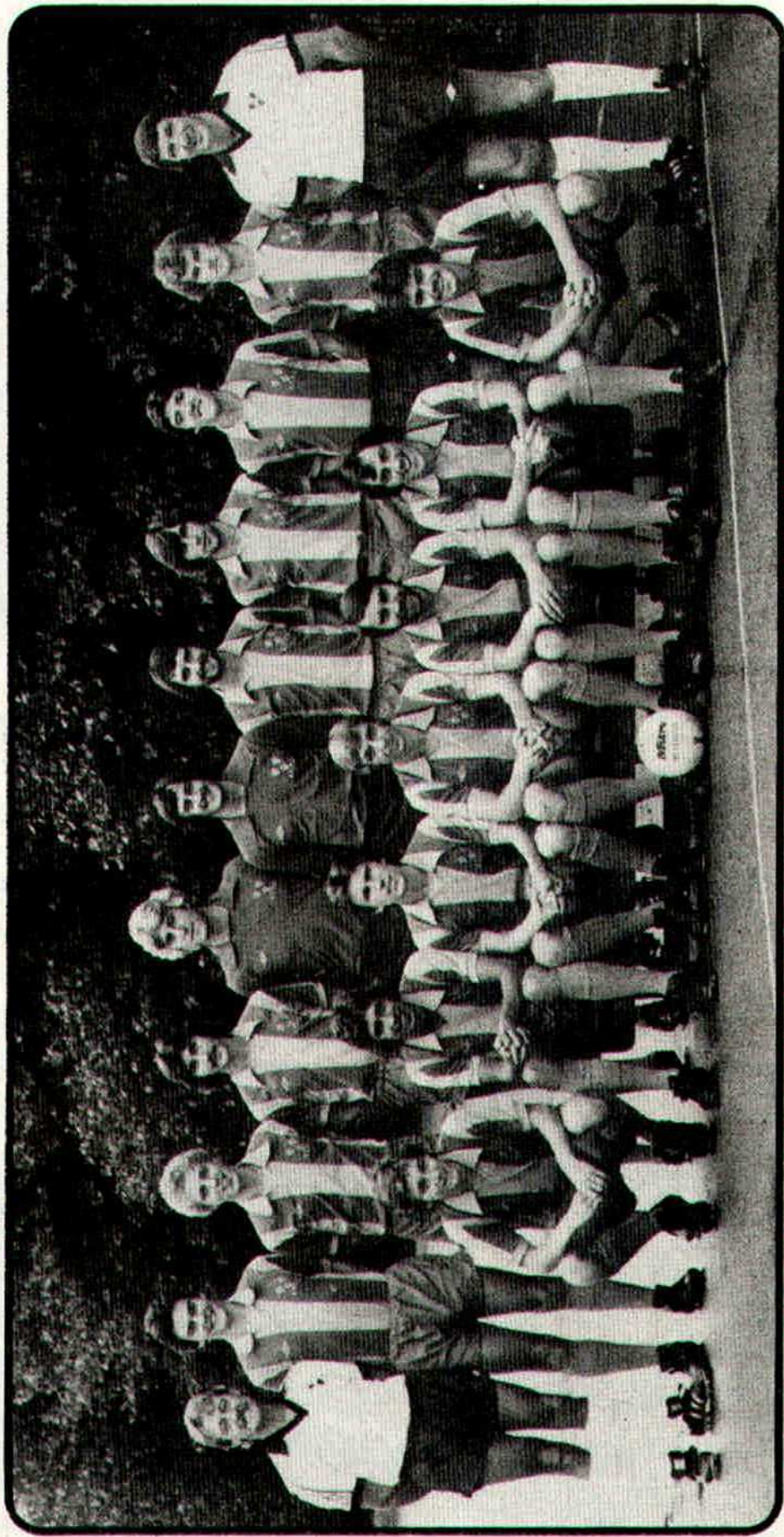
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# IN TOWN TODAY



## SHREWSBURY TOWN

Back Row:

John Malam (Assist. Coach); John Keay; Steve Cross; Ian Atkins; Ken Mulhearn; Bob Wardle; Colin Griffin; Steve Hayes; Tony Larkin; Carleton Leonard; Richie Barker (Manager).

Front Row:

Michael Roberts; Steve Biggins; John King; Graham Turner (Player/Coach); Jim Lindsay; Paul Maguire; Peter Loughnane.



# IN TOWN TODAY SHREWSBURY GOOD ENOUGH FOR DIVISION TWO

by Tony Pullein

Shrewsbury Town extended their unbeaten run to ten games last Saturday when drawing 1-1 at home to Walsall but, in spite of dropping that point, the Gay Meadow side kept its place proudly in level top place of the Third Division table. So far Shrewsbury have been beaten only once in the League all season -- 0-1 at Colchester in September -- and they are certainly playing well enough to win a place in Division Two for the first time in the club's history.

Manager Richie Barker has based his side upon an exceedingly efficient defence. Only three times has goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn had to pick the ball out of his net as often as twice in a League game.

Mulhearn is, of course, one of the most experienced goalkeepers in the game. He set out with Everton but didn't make their first-team. Stockport signed him in 1964 and he kicked off with them in Fourth Division football. Manchester City signed him in 1967 and he took the rise into First Division play in his stride.

Ken joined Shrewsbury in 1971 and this season he broke the club's appearances record established in 1963 by Joe Wallace who played 329 League matches for them.

The back four usually comprised of John King, Colin Griffin, Graham Turner and Carleton Leonard, though Tony Larkin has been in at left-back quite often.

King and Leonard both developed in the junior teams at Gay Meadow and are now very experienced League footballers. Griffin was a reserve player at Derby but went straight into Shrewsbury's senior side upon his transfer in 1975. Turner began with Wrexham in 1964/65 season and joined Chester in 1968. Shrewsbury paid a club record £30,000 to sign him in 1973. Larkin also opened his professional career with Wrexham but he didn't get into their League team. Shrewsbury signed him this season.

Two new signings have been drafted into midfield since the start of the season -- Bob Chapman and David Tong.

Chapman, popularly known as Sammy, gave wonderful service to Nottingham Forest, largely as a central defender, and made well over 350 League appearances for them before joining local rivals Notts County in the summer of 1977. Shrewsbury signed him a few weeks ago.

Tong was signed last month after successfully completing a month's loan period. David graduated through the Blackpool juniors to make his League debut for the Tangerines in 1974 and he made more than 70 League appearances for them.

Steve Hayes can play either defence or midfield and he is another player to come from the

junior ranks. He made his League bow in 1974/75 and the following season left for a loan period with Torquay.

Jimmy Lindsay has been a permanent member of the midfield for much of the time since his transfer from Hereford in 1977. A former Scottish youth international, Jimmy began with West Ham United and made more than three dozen First Division appearances for the Hammers. He moved on to Watford in 1971 and to Colchester in 1974. He spent only one season at Layer Road, however, before signing for Hereford.

The attack, depending upon the formation adopted, could include Ian Atkins, Steve Biggins and Paul Maguire.

Atkins and Maguire are level top scorers with six goals, three of Atkins' coming from penalties. Both of them learned their game at Gay Meadow and have become regulars over the past two to three years.

Biggins made a tremendous impact when introduced to the side last season. Steve scored on his League debut at Hereford in January and, though he had to wait until April for a further chance, he scored again when re-introduced. After that he proceeded to score six goals in seven matches. He has scored twice this season.

Shrewsbury have won away matches at Oxford (1-0), Exeter (1-0), Southend (1-0) and Rotherham (2-1) and have picked up points from drawn games at Walsall (1-1), Plymouth (1-1), Tranmere (2-2).

Their only defeat was at Colchester.

Shrewsbury were a disappointment in the League Cup. They won their first round first-leg game with Fourth Division Stockport 1-0 but then lost the return 1-3 to go out on aggregate.

This happened to turn out as a blessing in disguise, however, for it left them clear to concentrate upon their promotion challenge. By the end of September they were well established as Third Division leaders though a touch of nervousness does appear to have crept into their play since then.

Shrewsbury won seven of their opening ten League games yet they have won only once in their last seven outings. Six of their last seven games have been drawn. Such points are welcome from away matches, of course, but Shrewsbury may have to take a critical look at their home performances if they are to make their promotion dream come true.

# DIVISION 3 - 1978-79

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score	Scorers	Attendance
Aug. 12	Portsmouth FLC1	A	0 - 0		9261
15	Portsmouth FLC1	H	4 - 2	Aizlewood, Miller, Williams, Guthrie	7165
19	Bury	H	2 - 1	Bates, Miller	5428
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	1 - 1	Carter	2150
26	Shrewsbury Town	A	0 - 0		2672
30	West Ham FLC2	A	2 - 1	Miller, Guthrie.	19672
Sep. 2	Mansfield Town	H	1 - 0	Bates	6195
9	Walsall	A	1 - 4	Williams	5024
12	Brentford	H	2 - 0	McHale, Bates	6685
16	Plymouth Argyle	A	0 - 2		6099
23	Blackpool	H	0 - 1		6609
27	Chester	A	0 - 2		3556
30	Sheffield Wednesday	H	3 - 0	Bates, Rowland, Gilchrist	5857
Oct 3	Peterborough FLC3	A	1 - 1	Aizlewood	6132
6	Colchester United	A	2 - 3	Gilchrist, Bates	3324
10	Peterborough FLC3R	H	0 - 2		7674
14	Rotherham United	H	1 - 0	Bates	4476
17	Peterborough United	H	3 - 1	Bates 2, Carter	4352
21	Lincoln City	A	3 - 0	McLaughlin, Williams, McHale	2982
28	Carlisle United	A	0 - 2		5141
Nov 4	Southend United	H	1 - 0	Gilchrist	5647
8	League Cup 4				
11	Mansfield Town	A	1 - 0	Bates	
18	Shrewsbury Town	H			
25	F.A. Cup 1				
Dec. 2	Chesterfield	A			
9	Hull City	H			
13	League Cup 5				
16	F.A. Cup 2				
23	Exeter City	H			
26	Swansea City	A			
30	Watford	A			
1979					
Jan. 1	Oxford United	H			
6	Brentford (3)	A			
13	Walsall	H			
17	League Cup SF				
20	Plymouth Argyle	H			
24	League Cup SF				
27	Blackpool (4)	A			
Feb. 3	Chester	H			
10	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
17	Colchester United (5)	H			
24	Rotherham United	A			
Mar. 3	Lincoln City	H			
10	Carlisle United (6)	H			
16	Southend United(LCF)	A			
24	Tranmere Rovers	H			
27	Bury	A			
31	Gillingham (SF)	A			
Apr. 7	Chesterfield	H			
11	Exeter City	A			
14	Swansea City	H			
16	Oxford United	A			
21	Watford	H			
24	Peterborough Untd.	A			
28	Hull City	A			
May 5	Gillingham	H			
10	12 F.A. Cup Final				

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(TOTALS INCLUDE APPEARANCES AS SUB)

Goals in parentheses	Lge.	FLC	FAC	TOTAL
KEVIN ROBERTS		1		1
JOHN McLAUGHLIN	14(1)	3		17(1)
ANDY FORD	17	5		22
RAY McHALE	17(2)	5		22(2)
STEVE AIZLEWOOD	16	5(2)		21(2)
KENNY STROUD	17	5		22
IAN MILLER	15(1)	4(2)		19(3)
CHRIS KAMARA	15	5		20
CHIC BATES	17(9)	5		22(9)
BRIAN WILLIAMS	10(2)	3(1)		13(3)
ROY CARTER	17(2)	4		21(2)
CHRIS OGDEN	16	4		20
RUSSELL LEWIS	5	2		7
PAUL GILCHRIST	9(3)			9(3)
ANDY ROWLAND	5(1)			5(1)
JOHN TROLLOPE	3	2		5
DAVE CUNNINGHAM	2	2		4
JIMMY ALLAN	1			1

Also appeared: Chris Guthrie (transferred to Fulham) - 9 apps. 2 goals.

# Bits and Pieces

Much has been said recently on the subject of the Town's crowds this season - or lack of them. It cannot be denied that gates have been at a low ebb, but comparisons made in the local press show a somewhat distorted picture. Figures for the handful of home games so far this season, whilst being lower than those for other opening matches, are certainly not the lowest since the last war. During the energy crisis of spring 1974 the Town, already bottom of the Second Division and forced to kick-off during the afternoon for mid-week fixtures, could attract barely three thousand to games. It is true that an average taken from gates this season falls well below any for a whole season, but then most seasons include a local derby, the possibility of increased gates attracted by top-of-the-table sides and probably a large holiday crowd thrown in for good measure. None of these factors has applied to Swindon's home games this season. Today's is the first to fall into one of those categories and hopefully it will be reflected in the size of the gate.

Not many Swindon followers will have heard of March Town United, who visit the County Ground next Saturday. But if you have supported the Town for forty years or more you could well remember the team that March defeated in the last qualifying round to earn the trip here. It was Southall who in November 1935, attracted a 7,000 crowd for the visit of Swindon in the First Round and the Town suffered a rare defeat against non-League opposition, finishing on the wrong end of a 3-1 scoreline. The team which represented Swindon on that day was:  
Rutherford, Duckworth, Smith, Cousins, Armstrong, Newberry, Peters, Bowl, Lowry, Brae, Wells.

Thirteen years have now passed since Charlton's Keith Peacock became the first substitute to be introduced to the League game. The ruling allowed only injured players to be replaced at first, but the use of a tactical substitution was soon permitted. The first man to wear a number twelve shirt for Swindon was Owen Dawson, when he took the field to replace Ken Skeen at Southend on September 24, 1965. Since then over sixty Town players have had the honour, Chic Bates being the sixtieth when he appeared twice as substitute towards the close of last season.

The first number twelve to score for Swindon was Bruce Walker at Southport on November 18, 1967. His goal earned the Town a 1-1 draw, but ironically he never played for the League side again, joining Bradford City soon afterwards. The most goals scored by a Town substitute were the two recorded by Peter Noble

here against Bury on February 24, 1968. Sadly, Swindon lost 2-3.

Chris Jones is the man to have worn the number twelve shirt for the Town most times - 19 - and his promotion-clinching goal at Rotherham on May 2, 1969 could possibly be the most crucial ever scored by a Town substitute. Only three players appearing as twelfth man have never made a full appearance for Swindon - John Bailey, who came on twice in home games during April 1968, Ian Farr (once in November 1975) and Phil Harris (at Portsmouth in August 1976).

## PIC OF THE PAST

Swindon Town 3 Shrewsbury Town 0  
(September 28, 1968)



Shrewsbury keeper John Phillips thwarts the efforts of Swindon's Peter Noble on this occasion - but he was unable to prevent Noble from scoring twice.

# ACTION REPLAY



Spectacular stuff from Swindon winger Ian Miller, watched by Chris Kamara, as he kicks overhead into the Southend goalmouth at the County Ground.



Swindon's goalscorer Paul Gilchrist is almost on target again during the Town's match with Southend.

# From the **COMMERCIAL OFFICE**

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. Let's get behind the team today and help keep up the winning ways.

Tomorrow 19th November we are holding an "Open Day" starting at eleven o'clock. Any of you who come along will be shown around the County Ground and all it's facilities except the Supporters Club and Rendezvous Club after twelve o'clock. This is because of the licensing laws. The first team squad will be available for autographs and talks. Also on the programme is displays of soccer skills by Wilf Tranter and the apprentices. One thing we do ask is for some patience because it will be only possible to show people round in groups of 20. So if a lot of you arrive in a short space of time, please understand if you have to wait.

There will be a presentation just before the game of another £1,000 winner on "The Moonraker Lottery." This time it is Mrs. Higgins, 12 Fairview Road, Hungerford who won the 1st Prize on Lottery No. 33 with her will be Trevor Wainright the agent who sold her the ticket who will receive £100.

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# NATION WIDE

By Tony Pullein

The recent sacking of Sammy Chung (Wolves), and the departure, on his own accord of John Barnwell (Peterborough), meant that in the six weeks since the beginning of October, no fewer than ten managers had left League clubs. Only one - Jimmy Adamson, who took over at Leeds - had found himself a new managerial appointment.

Sacking the manager only rarely provides a long-term solution. That's why we find so many more changes among the unsuccessful clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions than we do in Division One.

Wolves were the first club in Division One to sack their manager this season. The other changes were brought about by the managers deciding themselves, Jock Stein leaving Leeds with some reluctance to take on the task of leading the Scottish national team, and Jimmy Adamson leaving Sunderland to succeed the Scot at Leeds.

Further down the scale it is almost an unbroken catalogue of sackings - Jim Hley (Blackburn), Willie Bell (Lincoln), Peter Madden (Darlington), Jimmy Lawson (Halifax), Jimmy Andrews (Cardiff) and John Napier (Bradford City).

The last man to leave was Peterborough's John Barnwell, because he felt the Peterborough board was not ambitious enough in backing his efforts to win promotion to the Second Division. Last season they missed only on goal-difference.

Shrewsbury Town, today's visitors, were held to a 1-1 home draw by Walsall last weekend. Walsall, of course, are not the easiest of teams to beat, their draw at Shrewsbury being their fifth away game without defeat. At the moment they don't seem to be missing their old goalscoring machine Alan Buckley who scored 146 goals in just over five years with the club before his recent £200,000 transfer to Birmingham City.

Buckley's best season for Walsall was 1975/76 when he hit 35 goals and he never scored fewer than 23 in any completed season.

Ironically, the player who seems likely to take over from Buckley as Walsall's chief scorer is Roy McDonough whom Walsall purchased from

Birmingham for only £15,000 much earlier this season. McDonough scored the point-saver at Shrewsbury and has scored five times so far. That's not quite up to Buckley's rate - but these are early days. Second Division leaders Stoke City lost their 18-match unbeaten home League record to Cambridge United who won 3-1. Cambridge were thus the first visiting team in well over a year to score three goals in a League game at the Victoria Ground. The last team to do that was Tottenham in October 1977. It's good to be back! That was how Wimbledon's Paul Denny felt last Saturday when he returned to the Dons' side after a month's injury enforced absence. Paul celebrated by heading Wimbledon into the lead after only seven minutes against visiting Stockport County. He headed another later in the game and was somewhat unfortunate not to have completed his hat-trick.

This was the first time Paul has ever scored more than once in a League game and this duo put Wimbledon back on top of the Fourth Division table. The Dons signed Denny from Southend on a free transfer during the 1977 close-season.

Wimbledon's success, in only their second season in the Football League, underlines the fact that there must be many more excellent clubs in non-League circles who could give a good account of themselves at this level - if given the chance.

Indeed, Wigan Athletic, - who were only voted into the competition this summer - have been quietly climbing after an unhappy start and it's not beyond the bounds of possibility that they could be one of the clubs to join Wimbledon in promotion.

Wigan received a set-back when they went down at Newport last weekend but, even allowing for that, they were still only four points behind the fourth club, Portsmouth. One club that is most unlikely to sack its manager is Millwall, in spite of poor results George Petchey could have taken over at First Division Queen's Park Rangers during the summer but turned down the opportunity of his first post in First Division managerial circles, and a fat salary increase, in order to keep a promise he had made to Millwall. Mr. Petchey was reflecting ruefully upon that decision just recently. "Of course I regret not being with a First Division club. That's what we all aim for," he said. "But I made a promise to Millwall when they took me off the unemployed list last season that I would stay to do a job for them.

"I often complain of the dishonesty in football so I could hardly go back on my word, could I?"

Two weeks back Millwall were given the boost of an opponent scoring for them after only 40 seconds but then made elementary defensive errors and eventually lost 2-3 at home to Oldham. Last week they went down 0-1 at Newcastle and Millwall haven't won a game since the opening day of the season when they beat Newcastle 2-1 at The Den.



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## REFEREE:

### JOHN HUNTING (Leicester)

Commenced refereeing whilst with the Royal Signals in Egypt and Cyprus then via Leicestershire Senior League and Football Combination has been on the Football League full list since 1968. Was appointed to the F.I.F.A. Panel of International Referees in 1973. Officiated in the F.A. Cup Final of 1971/72, and several International and European competitions.

A married man, with three children, he is a Lecturer in Physical Education at the Leicester Polytechnic.

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