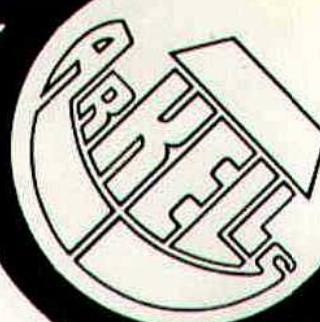




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Bob Smith says.....

Although we did not manage to win two points against Exeter City on Tuesday evening we still got a very valuable one point and if that sounds as if I am considering a draw as acceptable I am not for at this stage of the season it is imperative that we keep getting results but I also say that it is equally important that we do not lose. Strong words were said by me after Tuesdays game to certain players and I am sure that in todays game we will go out and attempt to play our normal attacking game in an effort to gain maximum points. In my notes for the last home match I mentioned that in a lot of the matches from now until the end of the season good football may take second place to the team that scraps for everything. Pitches now become hard and dry and the ball begins to bobble and at times this does not allow for flowing football so players whether fighting for promotion or relegation must show the right kind of character. I am confident and convinced that we have enough of those players here at Swindon.

May I remind you of the Sponsor a Goal scheme and although the season is drawing to a close it is still not too late to offer to help in this way. If everyone here today sponsored just 1p per goal the most it would cost each person is roughly



70p but the collective total would be quite phenomenal so how about it - why not, when you get home write out your entry form and send it to the club.

Thank you for coming along this afternoon and once again I would remind you to give the lads, your team, every encouragement throughout the afternoon.

Bits and Pieces

As the promotion race warms up, any three of seven clubs could be staging Second Division football next season. Despite Swindon having dropped three home points recently and facing a heavy away schedule, the fact that all three clubs now sitting at the top still have to come to the County Ground means that the Town could yet make an impression on the leading batch. All the remaining fixtures for the seven clubs currently at the top of the table are as follows:

* Denotes those games being played this weekend.

WATFORD Points: 48 Games left : 10
Home: Chester, Colchester, Hull, Plymouth, Southend.

Away: Carlisle, Mansfield*, Sheffield Wednesday, Shrewsbury, SWINDON.

SWANSEA Point: 47 Games left: 9
Home: Chesterfield, Shrewsbury, Southend, Walsall

Away: Blackpool, Mansfield, Plymouth, Sheffield Wednesday*, SWINDON.

GILLINGHAM Points 44 Games left: 11
Home: Colchester, Exeter, Shrewsbury, Walsall.

Away: Carlisle*, Chesterfield, Colchester, Lincoln, Plymouth, Southend, SWINDON.

SHREWSBURY Points: 44 Games left: 12
Home: Bury, Chesterfield, Exeter, Peterborough*, Rotherham, Tranmere, Watford.

Away: Chester, Gillingham, Lincoln, Mansfield, Swansea.

CARLISLE Points: 43 Games Left: 8
Home: Brentford, Chester, Gillingham*, Oxford, Watford

Away: Bury, Exeter, Tranmere

SWINDON Points: 42 Games left: 12
Home: Chesterfield*, Gillingham, Oxford, Swansea, Watford

Away: Blackpool, Brentford, Exeter, Hull, Oxford, Peterborough, Sheffield Wednesday

SOUTHEND Points: 42 Games left: 9
Home: Exeter*, Gillingham, Peterborough, Tranmere, Walsall.
Away: Brentford, Hull, Swansea, Watford.

Sunday May 6 sees the advent of the first Programme Fair to be held at Swindon. Several dealers will be selling football programmes old and new and one of the country's top collectors of programmes, medals, caps and football miscellanea will be coming to the County Ground to put on a display. The Town club will, of course, have its own stall and many Swindon programmes dating from the early 'sixties will be on sale, together with old Cup Finals, current First Division programmes - and even some of those for the Town's past away games that may have eluded the ardent collector. Anyone interested in a hobby which is rapidly gaining in popularity should find a visit well worthwhile. The Fair will be held in the North Stand from 10.30 until 2.30 and the admission fee will be just 20p, with half-price for children under fifteen.

ANDY ROWLAND's seven goals in his last eight games represents the Derby-born striker's best tally since early in 1976, when he hit seven in just six games. But even that record brought his former club, Bury, little success - for three of those games were lost and only one produced a victory. In that six match spell just one other name appeared on the Bury score sheet - that of Brian Williams!

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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

For the second time this week we have the opportunity to win more points to add to the final total which to all of us is so important. Today we meet and welcome the players and officials of Chesterfield Football Club and I expect Colin Prohett will be looking forward to his return visit.

On Tuesday evening we had to battle hard for a point and I am sure that today's game will be just as hard. With everybody talking about the promotion challenge, every game becomes a challenge both to our opponents and to ourselves. We are not on our own in this respect as there are at least six or seven clubs interested as we are in the League and of course all four divisions have their challengers. As soon as we drop a point from any game we can be certain that the cry will go up that we have thrown away our chances but with twelve games to play we have a long and I hope successful run to come yet. With most clubs having two games each week to play until the end of the season we have plenty to keep us interested in if only to watch for the progress of our rivals and this can be interesting because we shall all find our remaining games keenly contested. It was great to have a return of our following back with us on Tuesday evening last and we can only hope that you will continue this support until the end of the season.

We received a letter this week from a supporter who said that since the departure of the Football Pink in his area they seem to be missing out on clubs news. I can only suggest that he tries to obtain a match programme where we do and will

continue to keep our supporters up to date with the activities of the club and the players. The programme which is compiled through the hard work and interest of our Secretary, Bob Jefferies is really full of club and general football interest.

The injury list does not seem so intensive so far this season for which we are grateful although we still have John McLaughlin, Brian Williams and Peter Dornan out from the senior squad through injury.

We have a reserve fixture on the County Ground on Tuesday next against the Arsenal and we also play Birmingham Youth in the Midland Youth League on Thursday next at the Shrivenham Road, kick off 2.15 p.m.

Next week is a big one in our calendar as on Monday we have a Shareholders Meeting in the Supporters Club at 7.30 p.m., travel to Exeter on Wednesday and finish the week with the return fixture against Swansea City on the County Ground at 3.0 p.m. This should be a rousing game and I am sure that everyone will be keen to see it.

We have fixed a date for our Annual Dinner and Dance which is to be held at the Wiltshire Hotel on the 22nd May, a Tuesday evening. As I have said in previous notes this is a very popular event and anyone wishing to attend should apply to the Secretary as soon as possible. Last years guests will receive an invitation through the post as soon as the details are finalised.

I hope you will enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.

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IN TOWN TODAY



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Back (l to r.) Billy Dearden, Glyn Chamberlain, Andy Kowalski, Shaun O'Neill, Steve Cammack.
Middle (l to r) Glen Letheren, Gary Pollard, Les Hunter, Andy Higgins, Gary Simpson,, Phil Walker
Phil Tingay.

Front Row (l to r) Arthur Cox (Manager), John Cottam, Ken Burton, Colin Tarrt, Ricky Heppolette, Rodney Fern, Harold Roberts (Coach)
ABSENT: Frank Barlow (Coach), Bobby Flavell, Geoff Salmons

IN TOWN TODAY

By Tony Pullein

Chesterfield's recent run of four games without a win, from which they collected only one point, leaves them still in some danger of relegation. At the moment they have a sufficient number of points in hand to cushion them against runs like that but they will need to average a point per game from their coming matches if they are to steer clear of the Fourth Division next season.

The club has made several new signings this season, among them being former Swindon defender Colin Prophett who now usually plays alongside John Cottam in the middle of the defence.

Colin began his career with Sheffield Wednesday and was transferred to Norwich for £45,000 in 1973. We signed him for £20,000 just over a year later and he made well over 150 first-team appearances for us.

Cottam made his League debut for Nottingham Forest in 1971 and, while with them left for loan spells with Mansfield and Lincoln. Chesterfield signed him in 1976.

Prophett's arrival at Saltergate meant that Sian O'Neill lost his place, though he has made some subsequent appearances in the back four. Sian was a reserve player at Leeds and made his League bow soon after joining Chesterfield in 1974.

Bobby Flavell and Ken Burton are the full-backs. Flavell learned his game with Burnley without getting a chance in their League team. A move to Halifax in 1975 helped him to establish himself and he joined Chesterfield last summer.

Burton, a former England youth international, made some 50 League appearances for Sheffield Wednesday and, after a loan period with Peterborough, signed him for Chesterfield in 1973.

Glen Letheren made just one First Division appearance with Leeds but, while with the Peacocks, he was loaned to Scunthorpe --- for whom he made 27 League appearances in 1976/77 --- Chelsea and Notts. County. Chesterfield signed him last season.

The midfield has undergone several changes and Geoff Salmons, Les Hunter, Colin Tartt, Andy Kowalski, Gary Pollard, and Ricky Heppolette have all appeared here.

Salmon is a player of great experience. He first played League soccer with Sheffield United in 1967/68. He made 180 League appearances for the Blades, most of them in the First Division, and in 1974 he was signed by Stoke for £200,000. He completed more than a century of First Division games for the Potters until last season returning to Sheffield United on loan. He later signed for Leicester but last season moved on again, to Chesterfield for £35,000.

Hunter, Kowalski and Pollard all developed in the junior teams, Hunter getting his League chance in 1975/76. Kowalski has been in the side since 1972/73. Pollard was introduced last season.

Tartt emerged with Port Vale and made almost 200 first-team appearances for them prior to his transfer to Chesterfield two seasons ago.

Heppolette made his early appearances for Preston and was transferred to Orient for £40,000 in 1972. Crystal Palace paid £15,000 for him in 1976 but he remained only a few weeks before signing for Chesterfield.

A feature of the Chesterfield attack has been the return of striker Ernie Moss who recently celebrates with goals in three successive games. Moss began his career with Chesterfield and was on three occasions their leading scorer. He moved on to Peterborough in 1975 and Mansfield paid £20,000 for him almost two years later. He lost his place at Field Mill this season and was happy to return to his original club.

Rod Fern, Steve Cammack, Phil Walker and Gary Simpson are other players who could appear in attack.

Fern is leading the club's scoring list for the third season in a row, with 13 goals so far. Rod opened his career with Leicester and played in their 1969 F.A. Cup Final team. Luton signed him in 1972 and he joined Chesterfield three years later.

Cammack won England youth honours in his Sheffield United days. He was transferred to Chesterfield in 1975.

Walker and Simpson both came through the junior set-up. Walker, who has scored eight goals this season, was introduced to the side last season. Simpson came in during 1976/77.

Chesterfield have won two away League games --- at Brentford (3-0) and Lincoln (1-0). They drew at Carlisle (1-1), Blackpool (0-0), Hull (1-1), Tranmere (1-1), Oxford (1-1) and Plymouth (1-1).

They have been beaten in each of their last four away games at Exeter (1-3), Southend (0-2), Watford (0-2) and Chester (0-3). Earlier they were beaten at Gillingham (1-2), Bury (1-3) and Rotherham (0-1).

Chesterfield were beaten in the first round of the F.A. Cup. After drawing 1-1 at Darlington, they lost their home replay 0-1. In the League Cup they ousted Barnsley by 3-1 on aggregate in round one and then pulled off a fine 2-1 win away to Second Division Orient. Their run finally ended in an extraordinary game in which they were beaten 4-5 at home by Charlton.

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
11	Mansfield Town	A	1 - 0	Bates	4721
18	Shrewsbury Town	H	2 - 1	Gilchrist, Aizlewood	7317
25	F.A. Cup 1 March Town	H	2 - 0	Bates, Gilchrist	5633
Dec. 9	Hull City	H	2 - 0	Miller, Carter	5697
16	Enfield (FAC2)	H	3 - 0	Bates, Carter, Gilchrist	5681
26	Swansea City	A	2 - 1	Bates, Gilchrist	16159
30	Watford	A	0 - 2		15292
1979					
Jan. 6	Cardiff City (FAC3)	H	3 - 0	McHale, Kamara (2)	9983
16	Walsall	H	4 - 1	Kamara o.g., Bates, Gilchrist	7282
20	Plymouth Argyle	H	1 - 3	Carter	7780
27	Aldershot (FAC4)	A	1 - 2	Rowland	10913
Feb. 3	Chester	H	2 - 0	McHale, Carter	6036
24	Rotherham United	A	3 - 1	Mayes (3)	5128
28	Chesterfield	A	1 - 1	Kamara	4112
Mar. 3	Lincoln City	H	6 - 0	Rowland (2), Mayes, McHale, Bates, Miller	6649
10	Carlisle United (6)	H	0 - 0		8386
16	Southend United	A	3 - 5	McHale, Mayes, Kamara	4303
Mar. 20	Colchester Utd.	H	1 - 2	Rowland	6768
24	Tranmere Rov.	H	4 - 1	Rowland 2, Mayes, McHale	5678
27	Bury	A	1 - 0	Rowland	3557
31	Gillingham	A	2 - 2	Mayes, Carter	9560
Apr. 3	Exeter City	H	1 - 1	Rowland	7923
7	Chesterfield	H			
11	Exeter City	A			
14	Swansea City	H			
16	Oxford United	A			
21	Watford	H			
24	Peterborough Utd.	A			
28	Hull City	A			
May 1	Oxford United	H			
5	Gillingham	H			
8	Brentford	A			
11	Sheffield Wed.	A			
12	F.A. Cup Final				
15	Blackpool	A			

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Wednesday April 4 1979

	Home				Away				Pts.	Top Goalscorers (incl. Cup)	
	P	W	D	L	F-A	W	D	L			F-A
Watford	35	12	4	2	38-17	7	6	4	29-23	48	Ross Jenkins 33, Luther Blissett 25
Swansea C	37	14	4	1	49-26	6	3	9	18-24	47	Alan Curtis 18, Robbie James 18
Gillingham	35	11	7	1	29-14	3	9	4	15-17	44	Danny Westwood 14, Ken Price 8
Shrewsbury T.	34	9	7	0	22-6	6	7	5	20-24	44	Paul Maguire 14, Ian Atkins 11
Carlisle U	38	8	9	1	27-11	4	10	6	17-23	43	Dave Kemp 19, Jim Lumby 8
SWINDON TOWN	34	13	2	3	36-12	5	4	7	20-26	42	Chic Bates 14, Andy Rowland 11*
Southend U	37	10	5	3	29-14	4	9	6	19-22	42	Derrick Parker 9, Gerry Fell 7, Colin Morris 7
Exeter C	35	12	6	2	33-14	1	7	7	16-26	39	Keith Bowker 11, John Sims 9
Plymouth A	37	9	7	2	29-17	4	4	11	22-33	37	Fred Binney 24, Gary Megson 6
Colchester U	36	10	6	1	25-13	2	7	10	15-30	37	Bobby Gough 15, Trevor Lee 7
Blackpool	35	10	4	3	28-10	4	3	11	17-32	35	Tony Kellow 16*, Derek Spence 15
Chester	37	10	7	3	36-17	2	4	11	11-34	35	Ian Edwards 20, Ron Phillips 10
Hull C	33	9	6	2	29-11	4	2	10	18-29	34	Keith Edwards 17, Bruce Bannister 13
Oxford U	36	8	7	4	21-15	2	7	8	13-26	34	Jason Seacole 10, Peter Foley 9
Brentford	36	10	4	4	27-16	2	5	11	10-23	33	Andy McCulloch 10, Steve Phillips 10
Sheffield Wed.	33	5	7	3	15-12	4	7	7	18-25	32	Brian Hornsby 16, Rodger Wyld 14
Rotherham U.	33	10	1	6	21-18	3	5	8	14-23	32	Dave Gwyther 14, Trevor Phillips 14
Chesterfield	34	8	5	6	32-29	2	6	7	12-21	31	Rod Fern 13, Phil Walker 8
Bury	34	5	7	5	26-23	2	9	6	16-25	30	Ken Beamish 18*, Dave Gregory 17*
Walsall	36	7	5	6	30-24	3	4	11	18-29	29	Alan Birch 9, Roy McDonough 7
Mansfield T	32	3	8	2	16-12	3	8	8	17-24	28	Terry Austin 15*, Kevin Bird 5
Peterborough U	34	6	5	6	18-18	2	5	10	14-31	26	Joe Cooke 13*, Barry Butlin 7
Tranmere R	36	4	9	5	22-22	0	4	14	15-41	21	Clive Evans 9, Steve Peplow 7
Lincoln C	34	4	6	5	17-22	1	3	15	9-43	19	Glenn Cockerill 4, John Fleming 4, John Ward 4

* Includes goals for previous clubs this season.

THIRD DIVISION RECORDS THIS SEASON

Highest Home Wins	: Brentford 6	Chester 0	Highest Aggregate of Goals	: Southend 5	Swindon 3
	Swindon 6	Lincoln 0		Swansea 5	Hull 3
Highest Away Win	: Lincoln 0	Watford 5		Swansea 4	Rotherham 4
Highest League Gate	: 20,276 - Watford v. Shrewsbury			Tranmere 6	Chester 2
Lowest League Gate	: 984 - Tranmere v. Exeter		Most Goals in a League Game:	Ross Jenkins (Watford)	
				4 v. Oxford United	

TOWN APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1978-79 Up to and incl. Sat. March 3 (Goals in parentheses)

	League	League Cup	F.A. Cup	First Team Total	F. Comb.
Kevin Roberts		1		1	3
John McLaughlin	18(1)	3	3	24(1)	3
Andy Ford	34	5	4	43	1
Ray McHale	34(6)	5	4(1)	43(7)	1
Steve Aizlewood	33(1)	5(2)	4	42(3)	1
Kenny Stroud	32	5	3	40	2
Ian Miller	32(3)	4(2)	4	40(5)	
Chris Kamara	37(3)	5	3(2)	35(5)	3
Chic Bates	30(12)	5	4(2)	30(14)	1
Brian Williams	22(2)	3(1)	1	26(3)	7(1)
Roy Carter	34(6)	4	4(1)	42(7)	
Chris Ogden	22	4	3	29	6
Russell Lewis	7	2	1	10	20(1)
Paul Gilchrist	15(6)		4(2)	19(8)	10(1)
Andy Rowland	16(8)		1(1)	17(9)	11(3)
John Trollope	6	2		8	23(1)
Jimmy Allan	12		1	13	19
Bryan Hamilton	12		1	13	8
Alan Mayes	10(7)			10(7)	1(2)
Andy Hatter					3
Brian Hughes					21
Charlie Henry					14(1)
Steve Abbeley					19(1)
Michael Page					25(4)
Nigel Barry					21(1)
David Wood					5
Kenny Norman					18
Jimmy Walters					14
Ken Hehir					6(1)
Peter Dornan					6(1)

Also appeared: Chris Guthrie (transferred to Fulham) 6.3(2).0.9(2).0 Dave Cunningham (transferred to Aston Villa) 2.2.0.4.6(1) Colin Prohett (transferred to Chesterfield) 0.0.0.0.2 Glyn Brown (Thame United) 0.0.0.0.2 Paul Collicutt (transferred to Trowbridge Town) 0.0.0.0.21(2) Steve Lymer (transferred to Witney Town) 0.0.0.0.2 Gus Gilligan (transferred to Trowbridge Town) 0.0.0.0.18(6) Peter Prince (trialist) 0.0.0.0.1 Paul Cox (now with Mangotsfield) 0.0.0.0.2 Will Tranter 0.0.0.0.4 Bobby Smith 0.0.0.0.2 Totals include appearances as substitute.

ACTION REPLAY



Exeter goalkeeper Ian Main dives at the feet of his own defender, former Town player Jimmy Giles and Swindon scorer Andy Rowland (right) to smother the ball during Tuesday night's draw at the County Ground.



An acrobatic Chris Kamara in action during the Town's 1-1 draw against Exeter at the County Ground on Tuesday.

The other Town players are Roy Carter and Alan Mayes (right).

From the **COMMERCIAL OFFICE**

Good afternoon once again. Here's hoping for two points to keep us in the Promotion Race.

To the young readers a date to remember is Easter Monday evening 16th April at 8 o'clock is another Disco in the Supporters Club run by the Away Supporters Admission 50p. So come along and enjoy yourselves. Mrs. Weavers and Mrs. Hedges are to be congratulated on all the hard work they put in to raise money for the Club.

To all of you who have purchased our Easter Draw Tickets and are wondering how you will know who has won can find out by looking in the Watford Programme and Wednesday 18th April Evening Advertiser. To all of you who have one of our agents call at your door I say, ask your agent for a list of the winning numbers or ring us on Swindon 31510 or 42984. The draw will be made in the Rendezvous Club on Easter Saturday after the Swansea Match. On Sunday May 6th we are organising a "Programme Fair"

where Programme collectors will be able to come and purchase world wide programmes from a number of programme dealers. This should appeal to all of you who collect programmes. The fair will be held in the North Stand Gallery and admission will be 20p adults 10p children under 14 years old.

It is also hoped to have some of the players present to sign autographs. Refreshments will be available. Watch out for further details.

Now that spring is here are there two persons male or female who would be interested in canvassing for our Fund Raising Schemes. Wages and hours by arrangements contact Mr. D. Buswell or Mr. E. Moore on Swindon 31510 or 42984.

Good Luck to Bob and the team today

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NATION WIDE

By Tony Pullein

Arsenal's re-appearance in the F.A. Cup final gives the Gunners the chance to follow a modern trend and Brian Talbot the opportunity to get into the Guinness Book of Records. Arsenal will be aiming to emulate Manchester United who returned to Wembley in 1977 to win the trophy just 12 months after being beaten in the final.

Last season Arsenal lost 0-1 to Ipswich Town. Brian Talbot was in the Ipswich side that day but he has since been transferred to Arsenal for £450,000 and, if he plays at Wembley, he will become the first player to appear in successive finals for different clubs.

It is the second time this decade that Arsenal have reached successive F.A. Cup finals. They beat Liverpool in 1971 but then lost 0-1 to Leeds United a year later.

Liverpool were within six minutes of losing an outstanding record of their own. In no match this season have Liverpool lost after scoring the first goal. A goal for the Reds is normally a guarantee of victory or, at worst, a draw. But, after Kenny Dalglish had hit his brilliant individualistic opener, Joe Jordan and Brian Greenhoff combined to put Manchester United into a lead which they held until six minutes from time. Then Alan Hansen scored his first goal of the season to earn a replay.

The aftermath of the pre-deadline transfer flurry saw several players score on their debuts for new clubs. Barry Silkman, who thought his dream of First Division football would never be realised when he was rejected by Manchester City on medical grounds a couple of months ago, scored on his First Division debut for City at Ipswich.

Looking back on the Silkman deal, it seems a little odd that City should have considered him a medical risk when a £100,000 fee had been agreed yet felt he was in the pink of health when the figure had been reduced to £65,000! Geert Meijer, signed from Ajax for £98,000, took only five minutes to open his account for Bristol City at home to Birmingham. City went on to win 2-1.

Mick Walsh, the Republic of Ireland international striker, put struggling Q.P.R. 2-1 up

against Derby in his first game for the London side who eventually drew 2-2. Walsh joined Rangers in a straight swap for former Swindon player Peter Eastoe.

Third Division Mansfield expended £30,000 on Walsall forward Terry Austin who obliged with the goal that gave the Stags a 1-1 draw at Chester.

A couple of other players also hit their first goals for new clubs, though it took them rather longer to get around to it. Gordon Taylor left Blackburn for Bury last summer but didn't register his first goal until last Saturday when he scored in their 3-0 victory over visiting Shrewsbury Town.

The other player off his mark for a new club was Brentford's Jim McNicholl but, as he is a defender, he can be excused for taking so long. McNicholl made it a double celebration by scoring twice within three minutes to wipe out visiting Blackpool's 2-0 lead at Griffin Park. They were the first goals in his League career and the Bees went on to win 3-2.

McNicholl, who previously played for Ipswich, joined Brentford from Luton earlier this season and has since played twice for the Scottish under-21 eleven.

Sheffield Wednesday, who now seem to be pulling away from the danger zone, were unbeaten in eight games before going to Watford where they packed their defence in search of a point. Their tactics nearly paid dividends but Brian Pollard eventually found a way through for Watford with only 11 minutes left.

In the Fourth Division, promotion-chasing Reading found Trevor Dance, in visiting Port Vale's goal, in scintillating form and had to settle for a 0-0 draw. Yet Reading were convinced they had won when Dance made his only mistake --- and dropped the ball over his own goalline two minutes from the end. A linesman flagged for a goal but the referee had spotted a pushing offence by a home forward and the goal was disallowed.

Reading fans detected a touch of Gordon Banks in some of Dance's reflex saves. And that was no coincidence for Banks is now on Vale's coaching staff and takes a very special interest in Dance.

There was drama on and off the field at Barnsley where Oakwell's biggest League crowd (12,928) of the season turned up for the top-of-the-table clash with Portsmouth. The fans were stunned when Pompey took the lead with a Steve Davey scorcher in the 62nd minute. Though Tommy Graham equalised five minutes later the match remained in the balance right up to the whistle.

Then there was consternation as Portsmouth's popular manager Jimmy Dickinson collapsed with a heart attack. He was detained in a Barnsley hospital where his condition this week was described as "poorly".

Graham's goal for Barnsley was his 11th in only 13 games.



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Started refereeing in London in 1961, then through Football Combination and was promoted to the Football League list in 1972. Was linesman for the European Cup - Dynamo Kiev v. Belgrade Partisan in Russia in 1976, Refereed the F.A. Vase Semi-Final in 1976/77.

A married man, with two children, he is a Regional Sales Manager. Likes to play tennis and golf, also swimming.

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