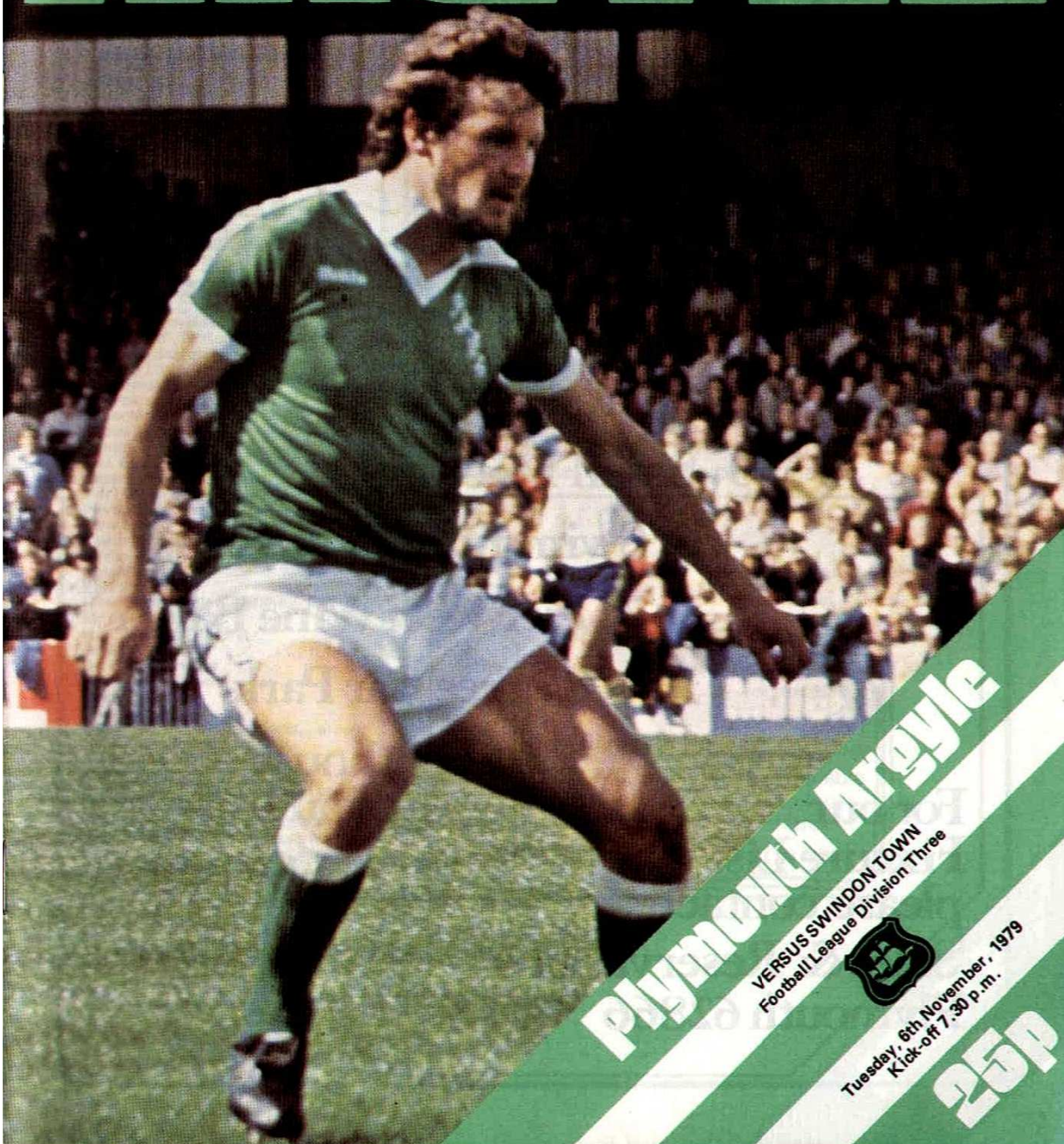


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The Manager Says..



BRENTFORD REPEAT? NEVER AGAIN!

Tonight Swindon are our opposition. They are at the present moment on the crest of a wave being through to the latest stages of the League Cup and, as always, pressing for promotion to Division Two.

A fortnight ago at Swindon we saw a game of two contrasting halves. Though losing 2-0 at half time we came back strongly in the second half with a goal from David Kemp to reduce the deficit, but we failed to get the equaliser.

To night we hope to gain our revenge but we will have to show a different kind of attitude than that in our last home performance. Many comments have been expressed since the Brentford game, whilst I cannot guarantee that Argyle will win tonight's game I will guarantee that supporters will never again have to suffer a repeat of that disastrous performance.

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Welcome Swindon



JIMMY ALLAN — Goalkeeper. Jimmy comes from Inverness and was signed from Scottish Non-League football in October 1970. Although he made his debut in September 1971, he had to wait for a first team place and had made 183 League appearances to the end of the last season.

CHICK BATES — Forward. A native of West Bromwich who played part time Southern League football for seven years before starting his League career with Shrewsbury Town in 1974. He made 160 League appearances before signing for Swindon in January 1978 and had made 52 more to the end of last season. A hard-working player who finished last season in a mid-field role.

ROY CARTER — Midfield. The 1979 'Player of the Year' at Swindon. He was born at Torpoint, Cornwall and played part-time football with Falmouth in the Western League before joining Hereford United in the summer of 1975. He played in the side which won promotion to Division II and made 64 League appearances before leaving for Swindon in December, 1977. He had made 66 appearances for Swindon to the end of last season mainly in a midfield role, but he is a versatile player and has filled in at centre half when required.

RAY McHALE — Midfield. A native of Sheffield he made his League debut for Chesterfield in Season 1971/72. After 123 League games he signed for Halifax Town and did not miss a single first team game whilst there making 86 League appearances. He signed for Swindon in September, 1976 and had made another 130 appearances in the League to the end of last season. He usually plays in the centre of midfield linking the play, but has a hard shot when in sight of goal.

RUSSELL LEWIS Defender. From Wales, he was signed from Welsh League football in the early part of the 1975/76 season and had made 13 League appearances at the end of the last season all as a central defender.

ALAN MAYES — Forward. Alan comes from London and his first professional club was Queens Park Rangers, although he did not make the first team there. In 1975 he moved to Watford and played in their Fourth Division

championship side of 1977/1978. He played over 100 games for Watford as well as 10 on loan to Northampton Town and signed for Swindon in February, 1979. He played 22 games for Swindon last season and had the usual sort of distinction of scoring a hat trick on his debut in a game at Rotherham. A mobile player who normally operates beside the centre forward.

IAN MILLER — Forward. Ian comes from Perth, but his first League Club was Bury for whom he made 9 League appearances. He moved to Nottingham Forest, but he did not make the first team there. A move to Doncaster in August, 1975 brought a regular first team place and he played 124 League games before his transfer to Swindon in the summer of 1978. A traditional right winger he played 44 League games for Swindon last season.

ANDY ROWLAND — Forward. From Derby he joined his home town club, but was unable to break into the first team. A move to Bury in Season 1973/1974 gave him first team football and he made 166 League appearances before his move to Swindon in September, 1978. A strong traditional centre forward, he made 28 League appearances for Swindon last season.

KEN STROUD — Defender. Originally from London Ken is one of the longest serving players at the Club having joined from school. He signed professional in 1970 and made his League debut in 1971/1972 season. He had played 200 League games to the end of last season, many of them in midfield, although more recently he has settled into his favourite position playing beside the centre half in the middle of the defence.

JOHN TEMPLEMAN — Defender. John comes from Yarton (Sussex) and was originally with Portsmouth, although he made his League debut for Brighton in the 1966/67 season. He was a member of the side which won promotion to the Second Division in season 1971/1972 but after 229 League games at full back he moved to Exeter City in 1974. He made over 200 first team appearances for Exeter before signing for Swindon in the 1979 close season.

FLASHBACK

by DON SMITH

VISITORS SWINDON SEASON 1950-51 HOME WON 5-1

Swindon visited Home Park on March 10th, 1951. The teams that day were:-

ARGYLE: Shortt, Ratcliffe, Jones, Dougall, Chisholm, Porteous, Astall, Willis, Tadman, Dews, Govan.

SWINDON: Uprichard, Foxton, May, Kaye, Hudson, Batchelor, Lunn, Onslow, Owen, Millar, Bain.

Argyle had an outside chance of catching high flying Notts Forest in the race of the Division Three South title. In those days only one team was promoted and this game was a good springboard for the push. It was 1-1 at half time, but four second half goals saw Argyle go "nap". Goalscorers for Argyle were Tadman, Dews, Govan, Willis and a Paddy Ratcliffe penalty. Swindon's reply was also a penalty converted by Hudson. Argyle failed to get promotion that season, but made it the following season.

This programme series is written by Plymouth Football archivist Don Smith of 15 Abingdon Road, Plymouth who still urgently needs early football items i.e. handbooks, programmes, photos, cuttings etc, for research. All letters acknowledged.

ARGYLES RECORD v SWINDON

Season	Argyle scores first		Away
	Home		
1950-51	5-1		2-1
1951-52	3-0		2-2
1956-57	1-0		3-0
1957-58	2-2		0-1
1958-59	3-2		4-3
*1963-64	2-4		1-2
*1964-65	2-1		3-2
1968-69	2-1		0-3
1974-75	4-3		0-2
1977-78	0-2		1-3
1978-79	2-0		3-1
1979-80			1-2
	Today		

* Division Two rest Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	34	22	9	3	72	29
Away	35	9	6	20	40	69

The sides have met in the F.A.Cup
Season 1903-4 2-1
Season 1908-09 1-0



BACK ROW — from left to right: Wilf Tranter (Coach), Brian Williams, Kenny Stroud, Russell Lewis, John Templeman, Jimmy Allan, Kevin Roberts, Chris Ogden, Andy Ford, Billy Tucker, Chris Kamara, Roy Carter, Bob Smith (Team Manager).
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IN MY OPINION



by Derek Henderson

WE MUSTN'T MISS THIS TIME!

After missing out on the last two World Cup finals, England have been presented with what amounts to a passport to Spain in 1982.

Such is the composition of the group in which we are placed — Hungary, Switzerland, Rumania and Norway — that if we fail to qualify, I suggest we give up soccer and turn to ludo.

We have had to stand by in embarrassed fashion while supposedly inferior countries have battled it out at Munich in 1974 and Argentina in 1978. On both those occasions, the Scots — with fewer resources and, one would have thought, less choice of quality players — have added to our discomfort by qualifying for the finals.

In Munich they emerged as the only unbeaten team in the finals, though they were eliminated in their group.

They, too, must feel confident about getting to Spain, with two having to qualify from a collection of four countries made up also of Sweden, Portugal and Northern Ireland.

I fancy there must be less chance for Eire and Wales. Eire have fierce competition from their group which includes Holland, France, Belgium and Cyprus. And the Welsh, devastated by their recent 5-1 defeat in West Germany, must take issue with Czechoslovakia, Turkey, Iceland and Russia.

It is strange that Rumania should prove one of England's opponents. It was Rumania who were England's first opponents in Mexico, the last time we were involved in the final series. We won 1-0 that time, and not very convincingly either.

But even allowing for one 'howler' of a result in this group, England should get through with possibly Hungary as the others to qualify.

There is little doubt in my mind that Ron Greenwood is steadily shaping us into a world force again. I think we should not put too much credence on the 5-1 win in Belfast but even so, the Irish are capable of great things on their day and this must have been very satisfying for Greenwood.

A good showing when we reach the European finals in Rome will do much for our morale. Plymouth-born Trevor Francis, I am sure, is going to prove one of our real hopes for success assuming we get to Spain in '82.

There has even been some talk of Spain not being able to meet their commitments and the possibility that the World Cup might be staged in this country. That's one way of qualifying — the host country are automatically included!

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"K" STANDS FOR 'KEVIN' And what an impression young Kevin Hodges has made in the 1st Team this season. He can be seen (above) in the thick of things v Brentford.

"K" STANDS FOR 'KEMP' What a trump buy Dave Kemp is proving to be with 6 goals already to his credit. Keep banging them in Dave!



**ARGYLE
ACTION**

LITTLE at LARGE

Company Secretary Graham Little
writes



"ANDY KNEW A GOOD PLAYER!"

It is always interesting to me to hear outsiders views on Plymouth Argyle past and present. Ears pricked up in the Boardroom after Argyle's recent home match v. Rotherham when the visitors likeable Scottish Manager Jimmy McGuigan was talking to our Vice-Chairman Mr. Peter Skinnard and myself.

FAR FROM FIT!

He had been talking about former Argyle Manager Andy Beattie who he said is far from fit these days. Andy has been a scout for several clubs since his days at Home Park and it is a fact that it was he who recommended Kevin Keegan to Bill Shankly at Liverpool. Andy obviously knew a good player when he saw one for he signed Denis Law at Huddersfield and of course, in his short stay at Plymouth he signed Centre Forward Frank Lord from Crewe — and the Manager he bought him from was — Jimmy McGuigan!

ARGYLE'S BEST PLAYER!

Anyway, to continue the story, I digressed rather, Jimmy stated that he had watched Argyle Teams over a long period of years and the best player he had ever seen in Argyles colours was Neil Dougall. "I haven't seen him for years — I suppose he left Plymouth when his coaching days were over" said Jimmy. A look of astonishment came over his face when Mr. Skinnard told him that not only was he still living in Plymouth but that he was actively engaged at Home Park as a committee member of the Vice Presidents Club.

Before hurrying with me into the V.P. Club to have a quick chat with Neil before going off on the long

journey to Rotherham — Jimmy told his own Directors "What a player this fellow was. His passing was immaculate and he had a terrific shot, and above all his temperament was perfect." Neil is such a modest fellow — he will probably be embarrassed if and when he reads this, but I couldn't agree more with Jimmy.

MY CHOICE!

I think if I had to name my best three players between 1949 and now it would be

1. Neil Dougall
2. Maurice Tadman
3. Paul Mariner

As Jimmy McGuigan left the Club he was explaining to his Chief Coach the many attributes of Neil as a player.

When Neil was Manager of this Club for a short while he had the good sense to bring Ellis Stuttard here as Reserve Team Manager not realising of course that a few months later Ellis would take his place as Club Manager.

Now, after several appointments at the Club as Public Relations Officer and on the playing side as a Coach, Neil is at the Mayflower Sports Centre in Central Park where he is doing a first class job. He follows Argyle regularly and is a very popular member of the Vice Presidents Club.



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Supporters Association Chairman Sam Rendell writes.....

“JACK COCK — ARGYLE STAR OF YESTER YEAR!”

The visit of three London clubs this season — Brentford, Chelsea and Millwall — affords me an opportunity of writing of a talented former Argyle player who during a long career in football also donned the colours of the clubs named. I refer to Jack Cock, or John Gilbert Cock to give him his full name, a boyhood hero of mine. Jack was a Cornishman by birth, having been born in Hayle in 1893, but he certainly became a Londoner by adoption.

THIRTY TWO GOALS IN SEASON!

It is right and proper that we should devote space to write of Jack Cock for he has held the Home Park record for being the player with the highest individual tally of goals in a single season for over fifty years. He netted 32 goals for Plymouth Argyle in Division 3 (South) in season 1925/26. That same season with a total of 107 goals in 42 games Argyle became the first Third Division side to top the century of goals in a season and they were the first English League side to do so under the then recently introduced changed offside rule. They were only the fifth club exceeding the hundred goals total in the entire history of the League from 1888 up to that season.

WON MILITARY MEDAL

Prior to the 1914/18 war Jack played in London Amateur football and as an amateur made appearances for Brentford. In 1914 he joined Huddersfield Town but the outbreak of war prevented him furthering his career with the Yorkshire club at that time. He enlisted in H.M.Forces and was awarded the Military Medal. As the war drew to its close Jack was a guest player in a star studded Brentford team in the regionalised Football Combination competition. The Brentford team included such great players as Fred Keenor, later to make 32 appearances in the Welsh national team and 'Patsy' Hendren the famous Middlesex and England cricketer.

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With the cessation of hostilities league football was resumed and Jack rejoined Huddersfield Town. In season 1919/20 he gained the first of his two international caps by playing against Northern Ireland in Belfast and he scored England's goal in a one each draw. That same season Jack was transferred to Chelsea for what was then a very large fee of £4000. His move doubtless cost him an appearance in the F.A.Cup Final for it will be recalled that Huddersfield were beaten finalists that season losing to Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge by the only goal scored.

ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

In his first season, or rather part season, with Chelsea Jack scored 21 goals in 25 games and he gained his second international cap. He was in the England team which beat Scotland 5 to 4 at Sheffield and once again

Jack's name appeared on the score sheet. In all, whilst at Stamford Bridge, Jack scored 47 goals in 99 appearances. He then moved back North joining Everton and after a spell at Goodison Park came to the South West in 1924. He joined Plymouth Argyle, together with inside forward colleague Fred Forbes, and they made an immediate impression and were a popular pair. Whilst on Argyle's books Jack made 89 appearances and scored no fewer than 72 goals.

MARATHON CUP TIE!

Jack Cock had been with Chelsea at the time of the marathon Chelsea versus Argyle cup tie in season 1920/21 when after drawn games at Stamford Bridge and Home Park Chelsea finally emerged as victors by the only goal scored in the second replay which took place at Ashton Gate, Bristol. Four seasons later he was in the Argyle side which faced Chelsea in a memorable F.A. Cup match and although Jack scored a fine goal against his former club it was insufficient to give Argyle victory for Chelsea scored twice to win by the odd goal.

MANAGER OF MILLWALL

Returning once again to London in season 1927/28 Jack promptly assisted Millwall to become Champions of the Third Division (South) and win promotion to the Second Division — Argyle had to be content with 3rd place that season. In two seasons with Argyle Jack had been in the runners up team — to Reading in 1925/26 and to Bristol City in 1926/27. It was a case of third time lucky for him — but alas he was not wearing Argyle colours on the successful occasion. Jack remained with Millwall until 1931 and served them with distinction. He then joined non-league Folkestone. Finally ending his professional career he still remained in the game for a while as a permit player with Walton.

In 1944 Jack made a welcome return to the Football League scene when he became Manager at Millwall — a post he held for four years before retiring from football to become 'mine host' in the neighbourhood of Millwall.

FINE TENOR!

Jack Cock besides being a really brilliant footballer with a fine turn of speed was particularly smart in appearance. He had a fine tenor voice and sang professionally appearing in various Music Halls in his day — including the Hippodrome at Devonport. He died in 1966 at the age of 73. Although yielding to none in my admiration for this outstanding personality — I do share the hopes of all supporters that his long standing record will be broken ere long and good wishes are extended to the current Argyle strikers in this respect.



ARGYLE

Pilgrims' Progress

SEASON 1979-80

Opponents	Ground	F	A	Gate	NeilHards/Clevere Ford	Tyrone James	Chris Harrison	Forbes Phillipson-Masters	George Foster	Brian Bacon	Garry Megeon	Mike Truison	Fred Binney	Colin Rendell	Brian Johnson	Kevin Hodges	Steve Perrin	Mark Graves	S. McCormick	John Uzzell	Gary Ball/Brian McNeil	D. Brown/G. Crudgington	Keith Fear/John Simms	David Kemp
1979																								
Aug. 11	NEWPORT COUNTY LC1	A	0 1	4,574	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*	9	10	11	12*								
Aug. 14	NEWPORT COUNTY LC1	H	2 0	4,505	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9/1	10	11	8	12								
Aug. 18	BURY	H	2 0	5,669	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9/2	10	11*	8	12*								
Aug. 21	MILLWALL	A	1 2	5,241	1	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	2/1			8	12						
Aug. 25	CHESTERFIELD	A	1 3	4,126	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11			9/1							
Aug. 28	CHELSEA LC2	H	2 2	10,822	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	9/2	10	11	2		8							
Sept. 1	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	1 3	6,208	1	3	5	6	7	9	10	11	2			8			4*	12*				
Sept. 4	CHELSEA LC2	A	2 1	14,112	2	3/1	4	5	7	9	10	11/1	6			8						1	12	
Sept. 8	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	0 1	7,442	2	3	4	5	12*	7	9	10	11	6			8*							
Sept. 15	WIMBLETON	H	3 0	5,744	12	3	4	5	6	7	9/1	10	11	2								1	8/2	
Sept. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H	1 1	5,635	3	4	5	6	7	9	12*	10*	11	2								1	8/1	
Sept. 21	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	1 4	4,929	3	4	5	10*	7	9	12	11	6								2	1	8/1	
Sept. 25	WIMBLETON L.C.3	H	0 0	6,090	4	11	5	6	7*	8	9	10	12*	2							3	1		
Sept. 29	BLACKPOOL	H	2 2	5,693	4	7	5	6	12	9/2	10	11	2								3	1		8
Oct. 2	WIMBLETON FLC 3 replay	A	0 1	5,042	12*	4	7	5	6	8	9	10	11*	2							3	1		
Oct. 6	CHESTER	A	0 1	2,988	12	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	2								3	1		8
Oct. 9	MILLWALL	H	1 1	5,353	4	11	5	6	7	9	12	2									3	1	10	8/1
Oct. 13	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	0 1	6,026	4		5	6	7	9	10	11	2								3	1		8
Oct. 20	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1 0	4,850	4	7	5	6	9	10	11	2									3	1		8/1
Oct. 23	SWINDON TOWN	A	1 2	6,514	4	7	5	6	9	10	11	2									3	1		8/1
Oct. 27	BRENTFORD	H	0 1	5,203	12	10	4	5	6	11	9	7	2								3	1		8
Oct. 31	OXFORD UTD	A	1 1	3,824	2	11*	6	5	10	12/1	4	7									3	1	9	8
Nov. 3	BURY	A	1 2	2,641	2	11	6*	5	10	12/1	4	7									3	1	9	8
Nov. 6	SWINDON TOWN	H																						
Nov. 10	CARLISLE UNITED	H																						
Nov. 16	COLCHESTER UNITED	A																						
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Dec. 8	BARNSELY	H																						
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Dec. 21	MANSFIELD TOWN	A																						
Dec. 26	READING	H																						
Dec. 29	CHESTERFIELD	H																						
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Jan. 5	HULL CITY (3)	H																						
Jan. 12	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A																						
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Feb. 9	SOUTHEND UNITED	H																						
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Feb. 16	BLACKPOOL (5)	A																						
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Mar. 8	BRENTFORD (6)	A																						
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May 10	F.A. CUP FINAL																							

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Date	Opponents	K.O.	
1979			
Tue. Aug 21	BRISTOL CITY	H 7.30pm..	1-1
Sat. Aug 25	NORWICH CITY	H 3.00pm..	0-1
Sat. Sep 1	BRISTOL ROVERS	A 3.00pm..	4-3
Tue. Sep 11	CARDIFF CITY	H 7.30pm..	3-2
Sat. Sep 8	ORIENT	H 7.30pm..	1-0
Sat. Sep 15	CHELSEA	A 3.00pm..	3-5
Tue. Sep 18	CRYSTAL PALACE	A 2.15pm..	1-5
Sat. Sep 22	HEREFORD UNITED	H 3.00pm..	4-0
Sat. Sep 29	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	A 3.00pm..	2-5
Sat. Oct 6	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H 3.00pm..	0-5
Sat. Oct 13	SOUTHAMPTON	H 3.00pm..	1-1
Sat. Oct 20	ORIENT	A 3.00pm..	2-2
Tue. Oct 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H 7.30pm..	1-4
Sat. Nov 3	IPSWICH TOWN	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Nov 10	SWINDON TOWN	A 3.00pm..	
Wed. Nov 14	FULHAM RESERVES	A 2.30pm..	
Sat. Nov 17	LEICESTER CITY	A 3.00pm..	
Tue. Nov 20	BRISTOL CITY RESERVES	A 7.30pm..	
Sat. Nov 24	ARSENAL	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Dec 1	READING	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Dec 8	OXFORD UNITED	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Dec 15	LUTON TOWN	A 3.00pm..	
Fri. Dec 21	WEST HAM UNITED	H 7.30pm..	
Sat. Dec 29	NORWICH CITY	A 3.00pm..	
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Tue. Jan 1	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Jan 12	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 3.00pm..	
Wed. Jan 23	CARDIFF CITY	A 2.00pm..	
Sat. Jan 26	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Feb 2	CHELSEA	H 3.00pm..	
Mon. Feb 4	IPSWICH TOWN	H 7.30pm..	
Mon. Feb 9	HEREFORD UNITED	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Feb 16	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Feb 23	SOUTHAMPTON	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Mar 1	ORIENT	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Mar 8	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Mar 22	SWINDON TOWN	H 3.00pm..	
Tue. Mar 25	LEICESTER CITY	H 7.30pm..	
Sat. Apr 5	FULHAM	H 3.00pm..	
Tue. Apr 8	WEST HAM UNITED	A 7.30pm..	
Sat. Apr 12	OXFORD UNITED	H 3.00pm..	
Sat. Apr 19	ARSENAL	A 3.00pm..	
Sat. Apr 26	LUTON TOWN	H 3.00pm..	
Wed. Apr 30	READING	A 7.30pm..	

League Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	17	9	6	2	29	18	24
Sheffield Utd.	17	11	1	5	33	23	23
Colchester	17	9	4	4	22	18	22
Swindon T.	16	9	2	5	26	20	20
Brentford	16	8	4	4	25	19	20
Sheffield Wed.	17	7	6	4	27	22	20
Chesterfield	17	6	6	5	22	18	18
Chester	16	6	6	4	22	20	18
Oxford	16	6	5	5	26	22	17
Hull	17	4	9	4	20	19	17
Grimsby	17	7	3	7	19	22	17
Reading	16	6	5	5	19	22	17
Gillingham	15	6	4	5	20	15	16
Rotherham	17	8	0	9	28	28	16
Carlisle	17	6	4	7	22	22	16
Barnsley	17	6	4	7	16	20	16
Blackpool	17	6	3	8	28	32	15
Exeter City	17	6	3	8	21	28	15
Mansfield	17	5	4	8	22	22	14
Blackburn	17	4	6	7	15	17	14
Wimbledon	16	4	4	8	16	26	12
Bury	17	4	3	10	17	23	11
Plymouth A.	17	3	4	10	17	25	10
Southend	15	3	4	8	12	23	10

Combination League Table

Tables of Results to Tuesday
2nd October 1979 (Not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	9	8	0	1	20	7	16
Norwich City	9	7	1	1	20	5	15
Tottenham Hot.	9	5	3	1	24	11	13
Chelsea	9	6	1	2	17	11	13
Arsenal	9	6	0	3	25	13	12
Bristol City	8	5	1	2	20	11	11
Queens Park R.	9	4	3	2	24	22	11
Crystal Palace	9	3	3	3	18	11	9
Oxford United	8	3	3	2	12	8	9
Bristol Rovers	8	3	3	2	12	13	9
Plymouth Arg.	9	4	1	4	19	22	9
Southampton	9	3	2	4	14	15	8
Leicester City	10	3	2	5	18	24	8
Ipswich Town	7	3	1	3	15	11	7
Luton Town	8	2	3	3	9	11	7
Orient	9	2	2	5	6	10	6
West Ham Utd	9	2	2	5	9	17	6
Cardiff City	7	1	2	4	10	13	4
Hereford Utd	8	1	2	5	10	22	4
Reading	8	1	2	5	11	31	4
Birmingham C.	8	1	2	5	5	14	3
Swindon Town	9	1	1	7	7	23	3

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PART TWO

Continued from the Brentford Programme.

We arrived at Vetch Field at exactly 6.30 pm, an ideal time, having stopped for a cup of tea on the route. The journey through Wales broke the monotony of the motorways but the huge industrial area around Ebbw Vale depressed me. We announced the team and took the field with the following line up:- Hards (GK); Powell (RB), Webb (LB); Grigg (CH), Collins (CH); Phillips, Stirland, Row (MF); Jefferies, Evans and Wignall (Forwards) with Kendall and Jarvis the substitutes. Swansea got players forward very quickly and a lack of pace on our left resulted in them taking a lead after only 5 minutes. We steadied and got back into the game with some good moves. After 20 mins or so Evans scored after their goalkeeper parried a shot from Phillips, Full of confidence we pushed forward and then with half-time on us we gave the ball away on the half way line, left several players stranded and were 2-1 down. At half-time we concentrated on building the lads back up again and making them aware of the problem of giving the ball away in our own half. We had no sooner settled in our seats at the start of the second half when the same type of error put us 3-1 down and virtually out of the game. We gambled on a couple of substitutes and I thought we came back into the game extremely well. However towards the end Vaughan Powell had a severe attack of cramp, not surprising in view of his long lay off, and Mark Evans took a hard knock on

the thigh, virtually reducing us to nine men and Swansea finished us off with two late goals.

It is a very difficult time for 20 minutes or so after a game when you have been beaten. I like to get away very quickly without saying a lot. The journey home, with a stop for a meal at Bristol, seemed longer than on the way up. Several boys had to be dropped off on the way home and we eventually arrived back in Plymouth at 3.00am.

We are used to long distance travelling at Plymouth and after any defeat the journey seems longer. We discussed the match and individual performances quite a lot, everybody would have liked to have played it over again. I was particularly pleased with the performances of several players whilst both David Webb and Gary Wignall remarked on the pace of the game in comparison to their normal football.

Now, as I write these notes we are preparing for the Newport game, the result of which will now be known. Two years ago we defeated Newport 6-1 at Home Park in the second round before eventually losing to Burnley 1-0 in the 4th Round. That was our best performance for some years in the Youth Cup. Perhaps a good run this year will happen. It would give our young players great confidence and a much needed boost to the club at a time we all would appreciate it.

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CHATTER BOX

FOCUS ON ENGLAND'S PERFORMANCE IN ATTACK

Recent articles in Argyle's programmes have strongly emphasised the need for sustained attack, both home and away, not only as, in the long run, by far "the best form of defence", but as a necessity, if Division Championships, and/or promotions, are to be won. It was suggested that the hall mark of an attacking team was a high average shot supremacy over opponents. While a high average territorial supremacy was seen as a vital necessity to that end. A means of measuring this latter was described, by which the number of times a team's move got the ball up within shooting range of the opponent's goal, was compared, in each match, with the number achieved by the opponents, similarly. Within shooting range was defined as from any spot less than 35 yards from the opponent's by-line.

How is it possible to judge accurately this distance of 35 yards? Much easier than you would think. See in your mind's eye the opponent's half of the pitch. First look at the arc of the centre circle in that half, then 'see' the penalty circle arc curving outside the opponent's penalty area. Imagine yourself standing on the centre circle arc at its nearest point to the opponent's by-line, then pacing out the distance to the nearest point of that penalty arc. The point I'm speaking of would be half way along that paced out distance. Once on that half way point, imagine a line drawn right across the pitch parallel to the centre-line. On a Wembley sized pitch, 115 yards long, that line would be 34 3/4 yards from the opponent's by-line. That rectangular box, so formed, which includes the opponent's penalty area, can be conveniently regarded as 'our' team's 'Shooting Area'. If you imagine an opponent pacing out similarly inside our own half, then he would see his team's Shooting Area in front of him identical in size with ours.

In the following table of England's matches in the last 7 seasons, the column headed PWSR (= possessions within shooting range) gives the appropriate figures (mine) 'for' and 'against' England. Everything else is self explanatory, and includes shots 'For' and 'Against' and 'Shots on Target'.

Space won't permit comment on everything significant, but the haphazard appearance typical of the operation of random chance is well indicated. Although a successful team needs about 8 or 9 shots to score a goal, on average, England once scored 5 goals from only 12 Shots 'For'. While when goals were desperately needed to qualify for the 1978 World Cup by beating Poland at Wembley, the superb PWSR figures of 190 to 58, and the equally superb shot supremacy of 31 to 6 (which latter 'earned' at least a 4-1 win) only brought a 'freak' 0-1 defeat.

Criticisms directed at the England Team Manager at the time, and there were plenty, were entirely justified. Poland were awarded an astonishing 'freak' win on the day, by random chance, having only 2 shots 'on target' to England's 20. The all time high PWSR figure ever recorded by the writer, is 209 (by Burnley in 1956, winning 2-0). To achieve 190 is near the ultimate in excellence; the Manager should have been highly praised, not blamed.

Here, 18 matches are listed, a big enough sample of overall average figures to be near a true representation of merit. England's average Goal-ratio was 1 in 8.80, (30 goals from 264 shots), the normal 1 in 8 or 9 ratio referred to above. England's PWSR overall average was 117.56 'For' and 83.06 'Against', which is composed of 114.60 'For' in Away matches (10), and 121.25 'For' in Home matches (8).

Thus the degree of emphasis on attack by England, in away matches was little inferior to that in home matches, but neither figure was impressive. The writer would suggest that, to qualify as a truly attacking team, nothing less than a P.W.S.R. average of 145 will do. Which average figure was bettered by Argyle, in all 23 home matches in 1974/75 promotion season, viz. 146.96. In only 2 of England's 18 matches was a furious sustained attack seen, versus Italy and Poland, both at Wembley. No, regrettably, England cannot be regarded as a team which has habitually played a sustained attacking game.

Note: Abbreviations used:- FR = Friendly; ENC = Euro Nations Cup; HC = Home Championship; WCQ = World Cup Qualifying; F = For; A = Against (or Away); H = Home; P.W.S.R. = Possessions within Shooting Range.

ENGLAND'S SEASON BY SEASON RECORD

Season	Opponents	H or A	Category	Goals		P.W.S.R.		Shots		Shots on Target	
				F	A	F	A	F	A	England	Opp
78/79	Austria	A	FR	3	4	123	69	18	15	11	8
	Sweden	A	FR	0	0	105	83	20	11	11	7
	Bulgaria	A	ENC	3	0	118	95	20	12	14	9
	Scotland	H	HC	3	1	112	110	13	12	7	7
	N.Ireland	H	ENC	4	0	96	121	15	11	8	6
77/78	Scotland	A	HC	1	0	118	82	16	10	7	3
	Brazil	H	FR	1	1	123	63	15	15	10	9
	Italy	H	WCQ	2	0	148	56	14	5	5	2
76/77	Argentina	A	FR	1	1	92	96	10	10	6	8
	Scotland	H	HC	1	2	114	57	10	10	7	4
75/76	Finland	A	WCQ	4	1	126	78	16	12	12	6
	Brazil	USA	FR	0	1	113	88	13	14	6	7
	Scotland	A	HC	1	2	107	85	9	15	3	9
74/75	Scotland	H	HC	5	1	85	99	12	12	8	6
73/74	Scotland	A	HC	0	2	109	96	11	12	3	8
	Poland	H	WCQ	0	1	190	58	31	6	20	2
72/73	Poland	A	WCQ	0	2	135	54	10	9	4	5
	Scotland	H	HC	1	0	102	105	11	5	7	
Overall Totals (18 Matches)				30	19	2,116	1,495	264	196	149	109
Averages pe Match				1.67	1.06	117.56	83.06	14.67	10.89	8.28	6.06

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I was delighted to receive the following letter from a long standing supporter, Edmund H. Shillabeer. He writes:

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Reading that certain players had a poor game on Saturday and recognising that some are having a lean spell at the moment, I was reminded that some years ago I was at St. James' Park when Newcastle made their European debut in a home first leg "Fairs Cup" tie against Freyrenoord. It was an October mid week floodlit game and I was intrigued by the fact that the large crowd, which was noisily rooting for their United team, seemed to be cheering even more loudly every time Wyn Davies got the ball. A nearby local fan then explained to me that striker Wyn, a Welsh international for whom a large transfer fee had been paid the previous February, had still to score for his Club's first team!

Shortly before half-time the crowd's encouragement paid off and Wyn broke his duck — ending up with a hat-trick in his team's 4-1 win — and that first goal was greeted with the loudest cheer I have heard at a football match. That is why I write in the way of an appeal to the Home Park crowd not to knock players having a bad time but to give support and encouragement. Eventually it will result in that long awaited win and the cheering will be rewarded!

[AND SO SAY ALL OF US! EDITOR].

Ellis Stuttard Testimonial



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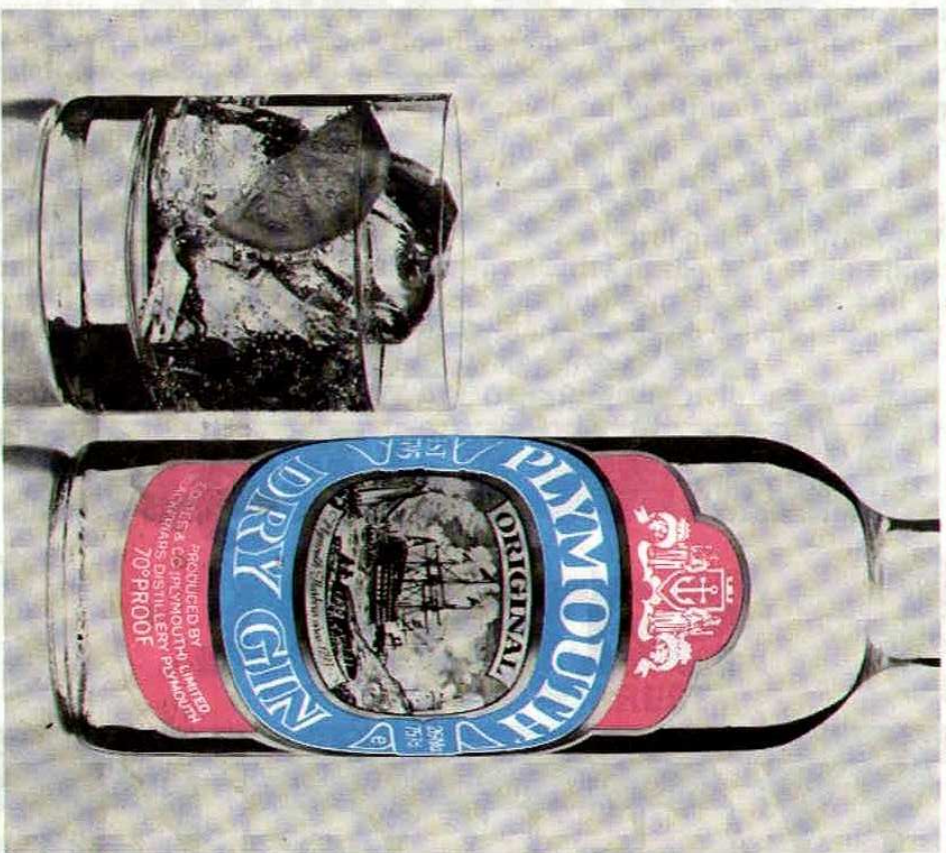
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