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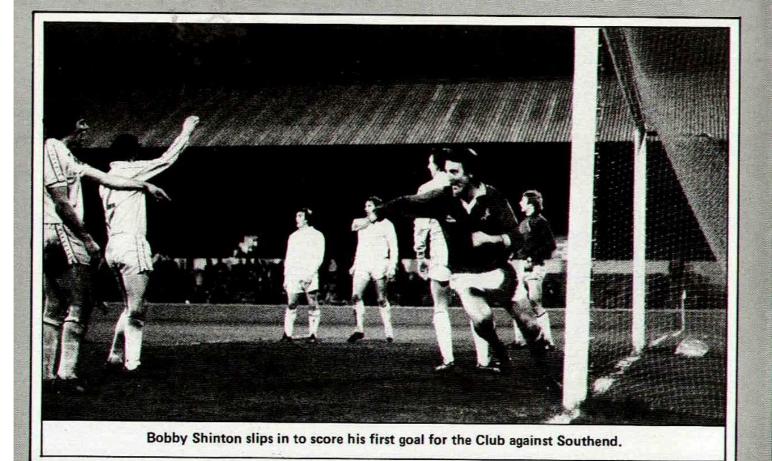
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# LIFE WITH THE LIONS

The advantages of the loan system have been clearly illustrated in the case of Bobby Shinton who has spent the last month with us.

At the time of writing Shinton's future is uncertain but over the last few weeks he has done himself, us and Manchester City a

lot of good.

We relied on the good will of City's general manager Tony Book and manager Malcolm Allison to secure Shinton's services. But there was an agreement that if anyone offered the £200,000 asking price for the striker he had permission to talk terms with the club involved.

We would like him to prolong his stay but our financial situation makes it impossible to raise the money for a permanent transfer. The player has done well for us and as a result five clubs have become interested in buying him — they might not have been without the chance of watching him in first team football.

By putting him in the showcase, so to speak, as well as strengthening our team, we have repaid both Shinton and Manchester City. It will not be easy to replace him.

There are naturally critics of the loan system. Some claim that some promotion and

relegation issues have been decided by the loaning of players. Perhaps that is true but generally speaking I think it benefits the game.

The disadvantages of the system is that in some cases it can disrupt a side. Every manager likes a settled team with the minimum of chopping and changing. In that respect we have had to do that because of a string of injuries during the season so Shinton's loan was a blessing without upsetting the stability of the side.

With promotion still a possibility I have been spending a lot of time searching for players, either to buy on our limited resources or loan. Unfortunately, about every other manager is trying to do the same at this time of the year so it is very difficult to get the right men.

We do have the consolation of knowing we have so many talented youngsters but who must have the right blend of youth and experience. And it is probably a little more experience we have been lacking — players to direct the boys who have done so well for us.

Whatever or whoever Bobby's future is I wish him well and thank him for efforts on our behalf.

# THE SOUTH LONDON PRESS "HOT SHOT" COMPETITION

(Organised in conjunction with Millwall FC)

Due to the delay in receiving the equipment for this great fun competition the starting date will now be Saturday 8th March. Entries are still being accepted from persons over 16 years of age and should be sent ON A POSTCARD ONLY, to either:

"Hot Shot" Promotions Dept., South London Press, 2-6 Leigham Court Road, SW16 2PD.

Or to:

Millwall FC Commercial Services, 470 New Cross Road, New Cross, London SE14 6TJ.

# LIONS SCENE

Once again it has not been proved economical to discard the copies of the magazine for the original game. We trust however, that the reduced cover price of 20p plus this 4-Page Supplement are adequate compensation for the dated copy in the original magazine.

### **FIXTURES**

The next two home games should be very interesting and entertaining as we meet two sides going for promotion. Tonight we play Swindon Town. Swindon are not only having a very good run in the League but had two cracking Cup runs and it will be interesting to see how these Cup runs have affected their League form. This Saturday, 8th March, we play Sheffield United, kick off 3.00 p.m.

Our Youth team continued their successful run. They beat Middlesbrough 2-0 in the F.A. Youth Cup. The only other game to be played so far is West Brom v Aston Villa. The result being a 1-1 draw. The draw for the Semi-Final will be made next Monday 10th March.

In the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Semi-Final we drew 2-2 with Queens Park Rangers after leading 2-0 at half time. We seemed to lose concentration and allowed Q.P.R. to pull themselves back and earn a draw. The replay will be played at the Queens Park Rangers main ground in Shepherds Bush next Thursday, 6th March at 7.30 p.m.

# **INJURIES**

John Mitchell is still making slow progress from a back injury and was due to see a specialist on Thursday last. At the time of going to print we have not had the result of this examination.

# **CONGRATS JACKO!!**

As you know John Jackson had a presentation just before our game with Oxford United from our Chairman Mr. Eppel. This presentation was a ship's decanter on a silver tray to mark John's 600th League appearance against Southend United. Although John has only made 28 appearances for us of the 600, we feel that for such a landmark for a professional footballer he should receive something to mark the occasion and I feel sure all supporters would agree such a gesture from the Club.

# ANDY MASSEY AND TONY KINSELLA

Andy Massey and Tony Kinsella have been selected once again for the Eire Youth Squad to take part in the U.E.F.A. Youth Championship matches due to take place in Belgium on the 12th March.

# WHO'LL WIN THE PROGRAMME AWARD?

By Jimmy Flanagan

In a couple of weeks time Programme clubs up and down the country will be giving their awards to various clubs' programmes who have been voted the best in different categories by their members. Although it is not one of the most important dates in football it is important to the people who produce the programme because it is their chance to see just how good or bad their production has done this season. The category with the most interest to us is the award for the best Third Division programme.

As I am sure a lot of our supporters will agree, this season's Millwall programme is one of the best our club has produced and must stand a good chance of winning the award. Apart from it being colourful it is also very informative and it gives our supporters a wide range of football news with articles by guest writers the manager and also good coverage of the visitors. One of the best articles in my opinion is the "Lions in Focus", one which gives supporters an in depth look at the people behind the scenes who help to run the club on a smooth basis. Our programme also gives up-to-date news on the reserves and youth team as well as action pictures which cover the best action of recent games, all on two pages.

Another progamme I found very informative was Oxford United's. Althoug it is not as colourful as ours, it too gives its supporters a lot of interesting reading. It is indeed a well set out programme with a blend of reading one page followed by a picture the next page nearly all the way through. With only three pages of advertising out of twenty four it is very good value at twenty-five pence.

One programme that will not only fare well in the divisional awards but also the individual price range awards is that of Chester. The Seals programme is colourful and also very informative not only about Chester but also on news

from abroad. This programme too, has a small amount of advertising and as I am sure a lot of purchasers of this programme will agree, is excellent value for twenty pence.

A team who could achieve the double of winning two titles is Sheffield United. Apart from a colour cover, United also have a double page colour profile each week. United also test their younger supporters' football knowledge in a quiz page. The past plays a big part in United's programme as well with the articles on past games and players. However, one factor which could stop United gaining the award is the large amount of advertising (almost one-third of the programme).

The only other Third Division programme that has really impressed me is Wimbledon's. The Don's cover is one of the most attractive in the Division. It is of course, like all the others I have written about, very informative and very well produced. I close today by wishing all clubs the best in the awards, after all the hard work that goes into preparing a programme, they certainly deserve some appreciation for their efforts.

UP THE LIONS!!!!

# SWINDON SINCE CHRISTMAS

After their tremendous feats in both the League Cup and the F.A. Cup this season Swindon are now striving to get back into the promotion race by winning the games that they have in hand over most of the teams in front of them. They were very unlucky to go out to Spurs in a fourth round F.A. Cup-tie at White Hart Lane and they also fully extended Wolves before going out by just one goal on aggregate in the League Cup semi-final. They also lost top scorer ALAN MAYES with a nasty facial injury in the Wolves game and during this period they also lost League games to promotion rivals Grimsby and Sheffield Wednesday, Now, however, they are set for a finishing spurt that they did not quite achieve last season when they were similarly placed but just missed promotion.

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# DAYS GONE BY

First meeting between Swindon and ourselves was at E.F.R. on 14th November 1891. Millwall ran out 2-1 winners thanks to goals from Gloak and Jones.

Millwall Team: Obed, Cargill, Harry Lindsay, Harry Earle, Harry Thompson, Harry Butler, Jimmy Fenton, Frank McCulloch, Eddie Jones, Peter Banks, Fred Withington and David Gloak.

# THIRD DIVISION SCENE

Sheffield Wednesday are now emerging as strong promotion challengers with an unbeaten run of seven games up to the time of writing and 20 goals in the process.

Neighbours United are looking less certain at the moment, winning only one game out of six recently. Oddly enough their last success up to the time of writing was against Blackburn on New Year's Day after which Rovers promptly won six League games in a row and despatched Fulham and Coventry from the F.A. Cup and fully extended Aston Villa before going down rather unluckily in a fifth round replay. Young Rovers striker SIMON GARNER has got the goals that have won vital away points at Rotherham and Plymouth recently and with ANDY CRAWFORD and DUNCAN MACKENZIE in good form recently too, Rovers could yet fight their way through to promotion after being in the relegation zone three months ago.

Chesterfield are also dark horses in the promotion race with five wins and a draw in seven games with veteran striker ERNIE MOSS netting his fifteenth goal of the season to win the game at Gillingham recently.

The situation is looking just as tight in the relegation zone. Southend are fighting hard, but dropped a useful point last week when held to a 2-2 draw by Reading at Roots Hall. KEITH MERCER, their recent signing from Watford got both Southend's goals and he could prove to be a useful asset in the next few weeks. This was Reading's seventh game without defeat and former Shrewsbury and Chester striker MIKE KEAR-NEY has got six goals during this spell.

Bury, who had lost three League games in a row either side of their F.A. Cup defeat at Liverpool, won a 4-pointer at Wimbledon last week and raised their supporters' hopes of climbing to safety, but with four clubs destined to go down it seems likely that no club can feel safe until they have passed the 40-point mark. A few days earlier Mansfield had shown that their hopes are still alive by winning 2-0 at Bury and so ending a winless spell of 14 games. What's more, they had picked up only one point from their four previous visits to Gigg Lane. TERRY

AUSTIN got his 17th goal of the season in the win at Bury and much will depend on his ability to keep scoring in the last few vital weeks.

Another team to end a long winless spell recently was Brentford whose win over Blackpool was their first since hammering Hull 7-1 early in December. BOB BOOKER, who got a hat-trick in the Hull game, was also on the mark against Blackpool though in between he had scored only once.

Swindon seem to have been affected a little by 'Cup lag' after their unlucky defeats by First Division Spurs and Wolves in F.A. Cup and League Cup games recently. Up to the time of writing they have taken just three points from their last four games, going down 2-0 at Grimsby to a team who seem to have gone from strength to strength since they too lost unluckily to Wolves in the League Cup.

In the course of three successive games they played three promotion rivals recently and though going down narrowly at Colchester they ended Chesterfield's seven game unbeaten run with a 3-2 win at Saltergate on a great day for midfielders with ALAN BIRCH on the mark for Chesterfield and KEVIN DRINKELL, KEVIN KILMORE and BOB CUMMING scoring for Grimsby.

# IN OUR OWN HANDS by Jimmy Flanagan

Today I am going to write about our promotion hopes and how they can be impaired or shattered in the next couple of weeks.

Already a number of people are writing us off as finished in the promotion race following the bad spell we have had lately. This is not so, and with sixteen games to go (seven at home and nine away), we are still very much in with a shout. Even though we may not win the title we still have a good chance of filling one of the other two places. We have games in hand over all the clubs above us (with the exception of Swindon), so it is up to us. Below I thought I would write a little about our opponents between now and the end of the season. After today's game against Mansfield

After today's game against Mansfield we have two home games on the trot, both against teams who have been in the thick of the promotion race all season, Swindon and Sheffield United. Both will be "four pointers" and it is these sort of games that we must win.

Our next away game is against the side currently on top of the table, Grimsby Town and this will be one of our toughest tests of the season as Grimsby have gained twenty-five out of a possible thirty-two points at home and are extremely hard to beat.

After our trip to Cleethorpes, we once again have two home games on the trot against local rivals Brentford and our

bogey side Bury. Bury in fact will be eager to win, not only for League points, but also to do a "double" over us because "The Shakers" beat us 3-0 in November.

After these two home games comes what, in my opinion, is the most crucial point in our promotion run-in. The reason I think this is because we face three away games in the space of nine days at Rotherham, Blackpool and Swindon. None of these will be easy, especially the ones at Blackpool, who are struggling to stop in Division three, and at Swindon who are also, like us, in the promotion race.

We then have a home game against another side struggling to avoid relegation, Wimbledon. "The Dons" have done well on their travels with four wins and four draws to their credit.

Our next game will be a game in which we will be hoping to gain revenge against Southend United who recently became only the second side to win at the Den this season. After our next game against Rotherham at home, we will also be hoping to get something off the first team to beat us at the Den, Colchester United, and this will be another "four pointer". Three days later we face Wimbledon in a re-arranged game and this will be our first League game at Plough Lane.

Our final two games see us at home to Chesterfield and finally away to Brentford

While everyone will agree that it will be extremely hard to gain promotion, I am sure you will also agree that it is not impossible and I am sure with the right approachment to these games we stand a very good chance.

Let's get off on the right footing with a win at Field Mill today.
UP THE LIONS!!!!

# FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (Up to and including 2nd March, 1980)

By

# **TONY SMITH**

# Press Association Chief Soccer Writer

Ron Greenwood, about to embark on the World Cup trail with England at the age of 58, and 59 years-old Liverpool boss Bob Paisley are full-of-life proof that football need not be just a young man's game.

Sixty-one years-old Alec Stock at Bournemouth, Notts County's Jimmy Sirrell and Tony Waddington of Crewe are three more exceptions, but the era of the tracksuit manager means that youth dominates at the helm of most League clubs today.

This season the introduction of people such as Geoff Hurst (Chelsea), Howard Kendall (Blackburn), Richie Morgan (Cardiff) and Alan Bloor (Port Vale), has pushed the average age of the League bosses down below the 50 mark, yet at the same time there has come a move to keep the game's elder statesmen involved.

Fulham have just made Ted Drake a director and are leading the battle for a rule change that will allow them to pay him a salary rather than 'arrange' a job for him with chairman Ernie Clay.

There are already a number of ex-players and managers on club boards, Sir Matt Busby (Manchester Utd.), Joe Mercer (Coventry), Ted Bates (Southampton) and Eric Houghton (Aston Villa) among them, but there should be far more.

Successful business men with money to back their clubs will always be needed as the backbone of club boards, but men with playing and managerial experience can add a whole new dimension to a directors' meeting.

Happily many such men are still involved in the game full time in various roles.

"People of my generation, elder statesmen if you like, have a lot to offer in support of a young manager" says Chelsea's general manager Ron Stuart. "Today's managers are far more concerned with coaching, they want to get out with the players as much as possible. This means somebody who has done that part of the game can take over

some of the admin, side, perhaps assess players and future opponents and generally ease their burden.

"The important thing is that they must not interfere, only give advice when asked. If they do that the whole thing can work well, because we still have a lot to offer the game in the way of background and experience." Former London club favourites now to be found around the country in various roles include John Harris, chief scout at Sheffield Wednesday; Roy Bentley, secretary at Reading; Frank O'Farrell, general manager at Torquay; Bertie Mee, general manager at Watford: Bill Nicholson, consultant at Tottenham; and Arthur Rowe here. Former Millwall manager Benny Fenton has recently been appointed European representative for Charlton, while another ex-Lions boss Ron Gray is chief scout at Ipswich. Many others work as part-time scouts for League clubs, while the one and only Bill Shankley has done brief advisory operations for several clubs since retiring at Liverpool and has even been mentioned as a possible successor to Danny Blanchflower with Northern Ireland. Too many others, however, are lost to the game they once graced with their skill and expertise.

"It's sad that there is this loss", says Suart. "It has its difficulties, an older man working with someone younger who, because he is the team manager, has to be in charge, but people who have been in the game a long time have a lot to offer. Bill Nicholson is perhaps the best example. Bill has seen it all, done it all, yet he is prepared to give Keith Burkinshaw his help and advice... to be his left hand man if you like."

Bill Nicholson has had to swallow a little pride to stay involved at Tottenham, but Spurs have gained as much as their former 'double' boss and all over the country there are others with just as much to offer the game.



# LIFE WITH THE LIONS

Swindon's sensational victory over Arsenal adds glamour to our clash tonight. They have again proved that clubs outside the top flight can rise to the occasion and upset all the odds.

Ten years ago Swindon shook the soccer world by defeating Arsenal in the final of the League Cup at Wembley — as Queen's Park Rangers had done before them.

To draw at Arsenal and win the replay in extratime was a marvellous achievement. We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the semi-finals.

Swindon has always been a good breeding ground. I remember the side Bert Head had in the 60's that produced such players as Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and others.

Every small club dreams of cup glory. It gets the club into the limelight, gives the players a taste of the big time and, of course, brings in much needed money.

Yet Cup runs remain short-term successes. I've no doubt that Swindon would swop that Arsenal result for an assurance of promotion to the Second Division.

But any Cup success reflects on us all. They were representing the Third Division and the win shows people that we can produce top class football, proves that the gap between the divisions can be closed

We ourselves had a fine run in the FA Cup a few years ago reaching the quarter-finals. We know how that lifted us. And the confidence from that run helped us avoid relegation that year.

So Swindon can be expected to be confident, tough opponents tonight.

Whatever competition you're in winning can become a habit.

We know that our former player Bryan Hamilton,

an experienced Northern Ireland international, has been watching us and assessing our strengths and weaknesses. We hope we can still surprise them.

It's always evident that Swindon must be among the promotion favourites. So it will be a test of our own capabilities. We're looking forward to a fine match.

At this point I'd like to mention the performances of our youth side which consists of many schoolboys. Our recent results owe a lot to the likes of Keith Stevens, Jason Pope, David Rose, Neil Missen, Mark Hawkswell, Colin Hemsley and Trevor Dickson — all schoolboys. Well done, lads.

Congratulations, too, to Kevin O'Callaghan, Tony Kinsella and Andy Massey for being included in the Eire youth squad which met Belgium last week. O'Callaghan is getting near to full match fitness now and will soon be under consideration for a return to the first team.

Not so good news is that Barry Kitchener, despite two matches, is still struggling to shake off the effects of a broken ankle. But knowing him it won't be too long before he's 100 per cent.

Hope you all enjoy the game — and have an enjoyable Christmas. We'll do our best to make a happy holiday.

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### **FIXTURES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Our youth side continue their successful run in the youth competitions. To-morrow morning they travel to Richardson Evans Sports Ground to play Fulham in the South East Counties League Cup 2nd Round 3rd Replay. Kick off 11.00 a.m. Richardson Evans Sports Ground is situated on the A3 from London to Guildford, just before the Robin Hood Roundabout outside Kingston they are on the left hand side going to-wards Guildford just past the KLG Spark Plug Factory.

The address is Roehampton Vale, London, SW15.

### WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

### By George Rogers CROYDON 1 MILLWALL 1

Building worker Andy Ward broke into tears after handing Millwall the goal that gave them a lucky replay. Ward marred an impressive display in midfield with a terrible blunder just before half time. He failed to clear a Seasman centre, and Chatterton stepped in to score the equaliser.

Croydon manager Ted Shepherd said: "The kid is so sick that none of us can talk to him.

"This result may have shocked a lot of people but it's no surprise to me. Most of my lads are good enough to play in the Third Division, as they proved emphatically today.

"We now have the incentive of a home tie against Shrewsbury to spur us in Tuesday's replay."

Croydon, angered by Millwall's prematch claim that they were an overphysical side, went out to prove they have skill

And Rod Ward, an electrical technician, gave the Lions an early shock by putting the Isthmian Leaguers ahead.

### LUCKLESS

He met a high pass from the luckless Andy Ward, no relation, with a left-foot volley that gave Jackson no chance. Croydon had the ball in the net again from Sunnucks but it was dis-allowed for a foul on the goalkeeper.



# MILLWALL SHOCKER Croydon 1 Millwall 1

Millwall were knocked out of their stride by struggling Isthmian League side Croydon and were more than happy to settle for a draw that takes them into a replay at The Den on Tuesday.

Lions' manager George Petchey had nothing but praise for their less illustrious opponents, and had some terse words for his own players.

"Our players thought before the game they were better than them, now they know they're not," said Petchey after the game.

Croydon were forced to switch this FA Cup tie to Selhurst Park, and they managed to emulate some of the attacking skills Crystal Palace produce there week in week out.

In the first half, high work-rate gave Croydon the greater share of the play. When Millwall finally stepped up their game in the second half they still struggled to produce the finishing power. Croydon had a busy, talented No. 2 in Barry Constable. They also had a dangerous pair in the two Wards, Andy at No. 4 and Rod at No. 10. These two produced the goal that gave Croydon the lead.

Andy switched the ball from right to left where Rod hit a nicely-lofted short that sailed high into the goal, beating Jackson.

The equaliser came five minutes before the interval, when determined pressure by Tony Towner ended with the ball being pumped into a crowded goal mouth, where Nick Chatterton got the chance to stab the ball home.

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Kinsella and O'Callaghan both played. Massey substitute but not used. Both Kinsella and O'Callaghan played well and Kinsella was brought down in the area, which resulted in a penalty. Unfortunately the lad that took the penalty missed.

### F A YOUTH CUP IPSWICH v MILLWALL

To be played at Ipswich on Monday 7th January 1980. Should a replay be necessary this will take place on Monday 12th January, therefore the Midweek League game v Cambridge United has been altered from the 8th January to 9th January.

# No.14 of a series

After awarding the Reds a free kick midway in the Blue's half, the Blues form a defensive wall Not wanting to be left out, the Red's striker latches on to the end of the wall and prepares for the action. As soon as the free kick is taken,



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# **SWINDON TOWN**

Tonight's visitors Swindon Town are riding on the crest of a wave having recently won through to the semi finals of the League Cup with their astonishing 4-3 win over Mighty Arsenal in a replay after holding the North London Club to a draw at Highbury. Swindon are, of course, no strangers to success in this competition having won the trophy in 1968/69. Current manager is Bobby Smith, one of the game's young bright managers who, in his second season at the County Ground, has welded the West Country Club into a formidable side who look capable of gaining promotion this season. Andy Rowlands and Alan Mayes have a twin spearhead which has produced 26 goals already this term to be amongst the leading scorers in the Division. Skipper Ray Mc Hale has proved to be an inspiring leader since joining the club from Halifax Town and, along with Chris Kamara and Brian Williams, they make up the midfield trio.

BOBBY SMITH (Manager) Bobby Smith enjoyed a long playing career in the Football League. After leaving Manchester United, he made his League debut for Scunthorpe in 1964 and later played for

Grimsby, Brighton, Chester and Hartlepool. Bury gave him a job as coach, he later took over as manager and he had a short spell as Port Vale's manager before taking over at Swindon in 1978.

JIMMY ALLAN (Goalkeeper) A very capable goalkeeper who has been a Swindon professional since 1971.

JOHN TEMPLEMAN (Defender) John began his career with Portsmouth but made his first League appearances after joining Brighton in 1966. Exeter signed him in 1974 and he signed for Swindon during the recent close-season.

BILLY TUCKER (Defender) Billy rose with Hereford from their Southern League days and moved on to Bury in 1976. Swindon signed him this summer.

KEN STROUD (Defender) Ken has now played well over 200 senior games for Swindon, the club he has been with since his apprentice days. He made his League bow in 1971/72.

RUSSELL LEWIS (Defender) Russel turned professional in 1976 and made his League debut in 1976/

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Back Row (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).

Front Row (left to right): Bryan Hamilton, Paul Gilchrist, Chic Bates, Ray McHale (Captain), Ian Miller, Alan Mayes, Andy Rowland.

77. He can play anywhere in the back four but is usually at left-back these days.

RAY McHALE (Midfield) Ray has a reputation for scoring goals from his midfield position. He led Chesterfield's scoring list in 1972/73 and later came out on top for Halifax. Swindon signed him in 1976 and now he takes their penalties.

CHRIS KAMARA (Midfield) Chris began his League career with Portsmouth in 1975 and he moved on to Swindon for £20,000 during the summer of 1977.

ROY CARTER (Midfield) Hereford spotted Roy playing for Falmouth and signed him in 1975. Swindon secured his transfer two season ago.

BRIAN WILLIAMS (Midfield) Brian began with Bury and moved on to Q.P.R. for £70,000 in 1977. He played First Division football for Rangers and then moved down to Swindon for £55,000 in 1978.

IAN MILLER (Forward) Ian also started his career with Bury and was transferred to Nottm. Forest in

1974. Doncaster signed him just over a year later and he linked with Swindon last season.

ALAN MAYES (Forward) Alan is one of the country's top scorers. He formerly played for Q.P.R. and Watford and joined Swindon for £80,000 last season.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward) Another high-scoring forward. Once with Derby, he joined Bury in 1974 and was their top scorer for three successive seasons. Swindon paid £80,000 for him last season.

# **Todays Officials**

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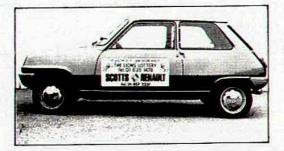
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# pick of the pics

Above: John Seasman is just beaten to the ball by the Croydon keeper. Action from our 2nd Round game at Selhurst Park.

Top right: It's there!! the look on the Croydon Goalkeepers face says it all as the ball goes over the line for the equaliser.

Bottom right: David Mehmet makes a determined run into the Croydon penalty area.

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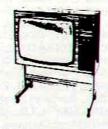


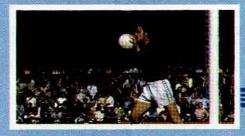


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### FORGET THE COSMETICS...

It does not surprise me that Liverpool, etc., are trying to buy Millwall's players. The Den is renowned for supplying all the top clubs with top class players. The reason is simple. The players all want First Division football, a fact that the club has successfully managed to avoid

for most of their 94 years.

In former days, the club would have relied on a regular 20,000 attendance and 30,000 on local Derbys but the recent gate of 6,094 proves that the fans will no longer accept the transfer of top players or third division football. Besides, where would the potential 35,000 sit in the 25,000 capacity stadium proposed? I hardly think that this proposal like all the others spells First Division football. I know I speak for all Millwall supporters when I say, forget the cosmetics, retain the players, give us First Division football. Then we will return en masse. E. PHIPPIN, Dalberg Way, Abbey Wood. EDITOR'S COMMENTS

What a thing to have to worry about, a surplus gate of 10,000, surely a director's dream. But I'm afraid it's the same chicken egg situation which is all too familiar with the smaller clubs bills must be paid now!!

If we are to survive to surmount a serious challenge for Division One status, we are endeavouring to keep faith with

our loyal 6,000 supporters, but to couple economics and ambition in this day and age is tantamount to performing a miracle. Sorry Mr. Phippen, your argument just doesn't hold water, it's now we need the support so we don't have to sell our talented players, and then we can build a team for Division One. (This letter was first published in the Evening News).

# LEADING GOALSCORERS

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Robins (H/Field). An interesting feature of the list is the performance of Phil Boyer of Southampton who has scored all but three of his eighteen goals at The Dell.

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# Spotlight on the F.A. Cup 2nd Round Games

We were not the only team from the Third Division to struggle against nonleague opposition. Managerless Rotherham were floored by two second-half goals from giant-killers Altrincham, whose ex-Millwall and Manchester United 'keeper Alex Stepney also saved a penalty from Finney. At Roots Hall, Harlow Town of the Isthmian League came from a goal down after quarter of in hour to earn a draw against Southend Cup competition. However, Reading disposed of Barking, who had as much chance as a snowball in an oven, according to their manager. The score was 3-1, but Reading's Gary Heale, who also scored, was sent off late in the game. In the all-Third Division clash at Brunton Park, Carlisle ran out comfortable winners by 3-0 against Sheffield Wednesday. Their neighbours, United, also fell - to two first-half goals from Grimsby it Blundell Park before the biggest crowd of the round, "The Mariners" now have another chance to show 5. heir affinity for Merseyside clubs, or having beaten Everton in the Leajue Cup, they now travel to Anfield to ace Liverpool, 5-1 up favourites.

Bury, whose defence at Swindon had nore holes than the average colander, nanaged to keep a clean sheet in the nome tie against York City. However, hey couldn't manage to score, so the ourth Division outfit — Cup seminalists in the 'fifties' — gained a re-

n other Third against Fourth Division clashes, Cup-famous Colchester had a narrow, and by all accounts fortunate, 1-0 home success over Bournemouth, while Mansfield gained a 2-1 success it Doncaster and are rewarded by a nome-tie against First Division struggers Brighton.

Infortunately, the inclement weather onditions meant that the ties involving llackburn, Chester, Barnsley, Swindon and Wimbledon had to be postponed.

# **TOP EARNERS IN SPORT**

It is interesting to note the earnings of other British Sports super stars in comparison with the highest paid soccer stars, e.g. Peter Shilton at £1,200 per week. Here is the breakdown starting with the Fairer Sex.

- Virginia Wade (Tennis Player) aged 34, earnings 1978 £220,000, inclusive of £124,000 prize money, the balance from sponsors such as Volvo, Rolex, and lucrative exhibition games in the Far East.
- Willie Carson (Jockey) aged 36, earnings £145,000, retainer by the Dick Hern stable amounts to £40,000 plus a 7% winning bonus estimated at £65,000, fees for riding abroad £20,000 and rising.
- Ivan Mauger (Speedway Rider) aged 40, earnings £100,000. Is paid a retainer by Hull sponsored by Jawa, and earns a large slice of his cash from open meetings in Germany and Scandinavia.
- Ray Reardon (Snooker Player) aged 47, earns close to £100,000. One night exhibition games net between £250 (private club) and £750 (sponsored show). Other contributions come from prize money, Pontins, Equipment Endorsements and Overseas Tours.
- Barry Sheene (Motor Cyclist) aged 29, earns £250,000 a year from endorsements, trade supports etc., Marlboro World Championship team, Faberge, Akai (hi fi), Fords, Michelin, and Texaco and three books published.
- John Conteh (Boxer) aged 28, earnings £150,000, including £100,000

for a world light heavyweight title fight, remainder from clothes-horsing for menswear, radio, TV and personal appearances.

- James Hunt (Racing Driver) aged 32, earnings £500,000 a year from Walter Wolf Racing, endorsements, Olympus Cameras, Texaco, Marlboro, Goodyear, Moet et Chandon and Vauxhall.
- Sandy Lyle (Golfer) aged 21, earnings approx. £103,000, including tournament winnings of £69,000. Endorsements and contracts include Dunlop Sports, British Caledonian, Fiat and his clubs salary from Hawkstone Park Golf Club.

All these people are amongst the top in their sport and between them they gross over £1,000,000 pounds. No wonder James hunt could afford to retire last June having reached such a comfortable financial status.

These figures certainly put Shilton's in perspective if as one must, class him as one of the top players in his profession.

The High Court ruling last week to lift the FA's 10-year ban on former England Manager Don Revie is unlikely to be the last such case. The decision marked a continued erosion by the courts of sports authorities powers of self government which they have long enjoyed the extent of these powers could well be put to the test for example, by athletes, who would contest any amateur athletics association ruling with regard to undercover expenses and thus risk their chances of appearing in the Olympic Games.

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25	Charlton Athletic 0-2
Oct. 10	ALDERSHOT3-2
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Aug. 18	Fulham1-0
25	Portsmouth3-1
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6	OXFORD UTD. (SJFC Prelim)3-0
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10	Crystal Palace0-2
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	Fulham LC2 Replay 2-2
22	Coventry City SJFC2 (A) 2-2
24	Gillingham 5-2
Dec. 1	Fulham LC2 Replay0-0
	Partial LCZ Replay
6	Reading (H) F.A.Y.C.240
8	Southend Utd1-0
10	Southend Utd
15	NORWICH CITY
29	IPSWICH TOWN
	Charles TOWN
Jan. 5	Charlton Athletic
12	Southend United
19	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
26	Queens Park Rangers
Feb. 2	Chales
	Chelsea
9	WATFORD
23	West Ham United
Mar. 1	SOUTHEND UNITED
8	Arsenal
15	Orient
	Orient
29	Norwich City
Apr. 19	PORTSMOUTH
25	PORTSMOUTHWEST HAM UNITED
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Shirts: Blue Shorts: White	CHANGES
John JACKSON	19-5
Dave DONALDSON	H V -
Tony KINSELLA	
Nicky CHATTERTON	
Tony TAGG	
Mel BLYTH	
Tony TOWNER	
John SEASMAN	
John MITCHELL	Net la
John LYONS	
Dave MEHMET	K De Tr

Shirts: Red Shorts: White	CHANGES
Jimmy ALLEN	
Russell LEWIS	
Andy FORD	
Ray McHALE	
Billy TUCKER	
Kenny STROUD	
Ian MILLER	
Chris KAMARA	
Andy ROWLAND	
Alan MAYES	
Brian WILLIAMS	
Roy CARTER	San Lines and

