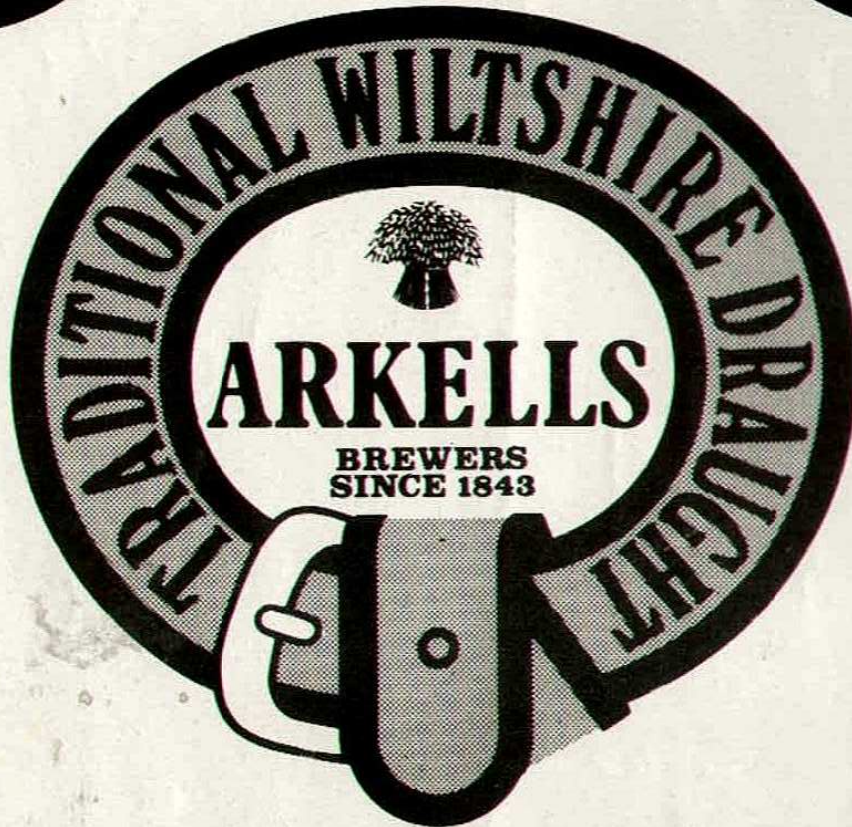


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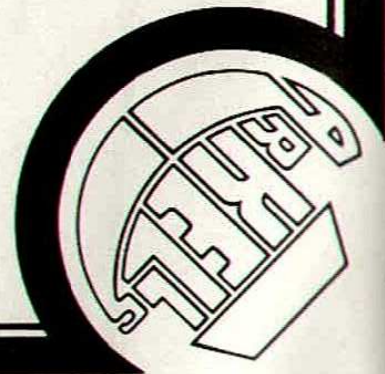
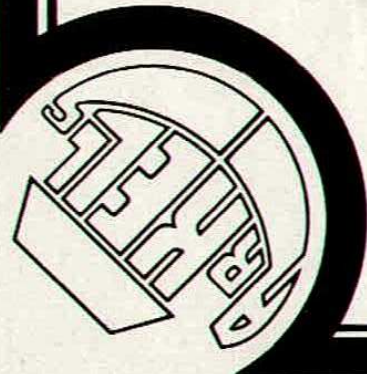
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Bob Smith says.....

The game at Millwall was an absolute disaster from our point of view and I don't wish to spend too much space in this article talking about that match. Bad mistakes were made that cost us dearly and no team has a chance of gaining results making the kind of errors that our defence made on Tuesday evening.

The best thing that has happened for us in the past few weeks, when a great deal has gone for us, was the signing of David Peach from Southampton. I feel that David will be a tremendous acquisition for the Club and his presence in the side will further strengthen our chances of success. Not only is he a good player in his own right, but he will also have a presence on the field to help the younger players in the team.

The next two home games are vital if we are going to stay in the race for promotion. No one's head has dropped here at the Club, the determination is still very strong and the players will be going flat out in these next two games. I want Blackpool to feel the backlash of the result at Millwall, and with your encouragement, once again, I am confident that this will be the case.

The other signing in the last two weeks has been that of Roy Greenwood from Derby County, a player with a lot of ability and pace whose career has come to a full stop for the last two or three seasons. I have given Roy the chance to become the exciting player he was at Hull where he caused numerous defences so many problems. So to end the column today, I would like to wish both David Peach and Roy Greenwood a long and successful career here at Swindon.



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Town through time-

The Team Manager—Part Two by Paul Plowman

As summer turned to autumn in 1907, SAM ALLEN was to find a new footballing talent almost on his own doorstep. A twenty-year old from Downton, near Salisbury, suffering ill-health in his office job had turned his attentions to an outdoor pastime - performing in the Borough League. His displays warranted prompt action and so, before he could be snatched from under Sam's nose, he was given a run in the Town's reserve side. He scored twice and a week later, Harold Fleming commenced full-time employment at the County Ground. The gifted inside-forward, as his breed was then known, was to stay loyal to Sam and Swindon right through to 1924. By this time, of course, one of Mr. Allen's fondest wishes had come to fruition - that of a Football League Division Three - with the Town as a founder member. He had long been an advocate of the League extending its boundaries and had gone to great lengths to air his views on the subject in the national press. But the breakthrough had not come until 1920, by which time most of his nationally acclaimed cup conquering side* had gone their separate ways. Those who did remain had all but finished their careers - Fleming, Harry Kay, Billy Batty, Tommy Bolland, Billy Tout, Len Skiller and Bob Jefferson. An assault on the Second Division would thus have to be achieved with an almost entirely new squad. But, to return briefly to the Edwardian days when all the aforementioned actually signed on the dotted line, Sam Allen once went off on a scouting trip to North Kent. His interest centred on a lad who had been on trial with the Arsenal (then based at Woolwich) but had come to grief with that club over a trifling expenses claim and was consequently throwing in his lot with Northfleet. Somehow, news of Sam's intentions leaked out and the natives became quite barbaric and began to hurl assorted missiles at him! It seems that the hooligan element was apparent even then. Anyway, Sam was sufficiently discouraged to leave Kent without the signature of the player, who turned out to be Charlie Buchan - later an England international and after retiring from the field, well known as a radio broadcaster and founder of the Football Monthly magazine.

Being reasonably happy with proceedings on the League front, Sam voiced his disapproval of the F.A. Cup re-structure in 1925. The First Round pairing of Swindon with a brewery eleven from deepest Surrey was met with a howl from our Mr. Allen who urged his men to 'go out and show them what a farce this is'. They duly obliged, of



SAM
ALLEN

course, and everyone knows the outcome - the Town scored ten. The idea of the big boys coming into the competition at a later stage was referred to by Sam as an 'iniquitous system' and he termed the all-Third Division clashes 'this Cain and Abel business' and 'slaughter of the innocents'. But nothing has changed to this day.

In the economic slump of the early 'thirties Swindon's finances moved from bad to ruinous and, as the bank overdraft spiralled, so Sam periodically asked to be relieved of the manager's duties. When TED VIZARD, the ex-Bolton winger, was appointed to the post on May 1 1933 (at the princely sum of six pounds a week!) Sam, now 65, reverted to secretary and remained in that capacity until the war halted operations at the County Ground. Although he survived the war, Sam Allen did not witness much football after the resumption. He died at his home in Kent Road on New Year's Day 1946 - the day before his 78th birthday.

*See 'The Cup: First Taste of Adventure' (24.11.79) and 'More Cup Exploits of Long Ago' (26.1.80)

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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we may be turning back the clock when we meet Blackpool and possibly Peter Noble who we all remember so well. Peter has spent the intervening years since leaving us, with Burnley Football Club, and has enhanced his illustrious career with them.

Since our last home game we have travelled to Southend and Millwall with results that have made our promotion chances more difficult, but we must not get despondent, and I know that these results will make our Manager and his team more determined than ever to fight for this end.

The past few weeks have been a very busy time for Bob, resulting in the signings of Roy Greenwood from Derby County, and David Peach from Southampton. We know that we have a very strong squad of good players, and it is our intention to do everything in our power to produce a winning side that will take us into the higher divisions. It isn't easy for some people to think positive when setbacks occur, but this is the time to get behind the team and the management.

The history of football is one that repeats its successes and failures over and over again, and all the great Clubs have had their ups and downs.

We all wish David Peach and Roy Greenwood a happy stay with us and look forward to enjoying success with them.

Everybody in the Football World was saddened by the news that Alan Hardaker passed away on Tuesday last, and we at this Club would like to pay our respects to a man that has given his life to the dedication of Football.

Alan was a man of strong character who was not afraid to make decisions, even if they were going to be unpopular and his idea of running a Cup Competition called the Football League Cup alongside the Football Association Cup, was full of difficulties in the beginning, with some of the top clubs opting out of the early stages, but as everyone knows, the competition gained in strength and popularity until today every club enters, and, is an accepted way of entry for the winners into Europe.

The Management Committee of the Football League and every Club in the country lost a friend. Our sympathies are extended to Mrs Hardaker and her family.

John Trollope has continued on his winning ways being successful at Wimbledon on Saturday last, which gives his team a top of the table place, with a clear lead of three points over Wimbledon, and only two fixtures in this league to fulfill and so, of course, John is very hopeful of winning this section of the South Eastern Counties League at the first time of entering the League. His Midland Youth team were also successful against Bristol City Youth in Bristol.

Our Reserve Team put up a really good fight against a full first team at Plymouth, losing 1-0, and again against a strong Tottenham side on the County Ground, losing 1-0 when a large crowd for a reserve game, watched what I am told was a really exciting encounter, and we fielded several new faces including Roy Greenwood for his first game, and Roy Walsh a trialist from Glentoren of Ireland.

The next fixture dates for our Youth Team are Thursday 20 March when we play Coventry on the Shrivenham Road Ground, with a kick off time of 2.00 pm and Saturday 22 March against Reading kick off 11.00 am at Shrivenham Road

On Wednesday 16 April, we have Luton Town as visitors to Shrivenham Road, with a kick off at 2.00 pm in a Midland Youth fixture, and again, at Shrivenham Road, on Thursday, 24 April against West Bromwich Albion, kick off 2.00pm.

Today, we welcome Mr Jim Harvey, and his party, from ELANCO PRODUCTS LTD. of Basingstoke. They are here under our Group Booking Scheme and we hope that they will enjoy their day and will visit us again.

Hoping that we can return to our winning ways today, and that you will enjoy a good game. We ask you for your continued support to enable us to progress, and thank you for coming today.



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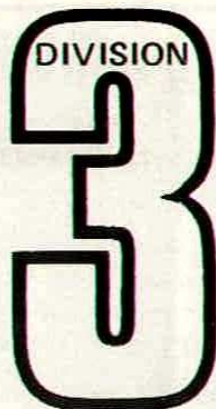
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Sheffield Wednesday's march towards the top continues. The Owls have dropped just one of the last fourteen points on offer. Both goals at the Manor Ground, Oxford last weekend came from free-kicks - one in each half from Brian Hornsby and Terry Curran.

Chesterfield and Colchester maintain their challenge despite dropping points. Chesterfield had to be content with one at lowly Wimbledon and United yielded both to today's visitors Blackpool last Friday. Tony Kellow got the only goal for Seasiders. Defensive errors by Brentford enabled Blackburn to keep up the pressure on the leaders. A splendid Duncan McKenzie set-piece put Rovers 1-0 up before Andy Crawford increased the lead with a free header. Noel Brotherston made it three soon after the interval.

An early goal from former Town centre-half Jimmy Giles - his first for almost a year - gave

Exeter a win over a depleted Reading side. Grimsby's Kevin Drinkell was also on target early on - and that, too, was sufficient to give the league leaders both points against Gillingham. Mansfield's one goal victory over Millwall was courtesy of Mel Blyth who brought down Russ Allen with just two minutes remaining. Terry Austin tucked away the penalty for his nineteenth goal of the season. Millwall's loan striker Bobby Shinton who hit two goals against the Town on Tuesday, returns home next weekend unless the Londoners can meet the price asked by his club Manchester City.

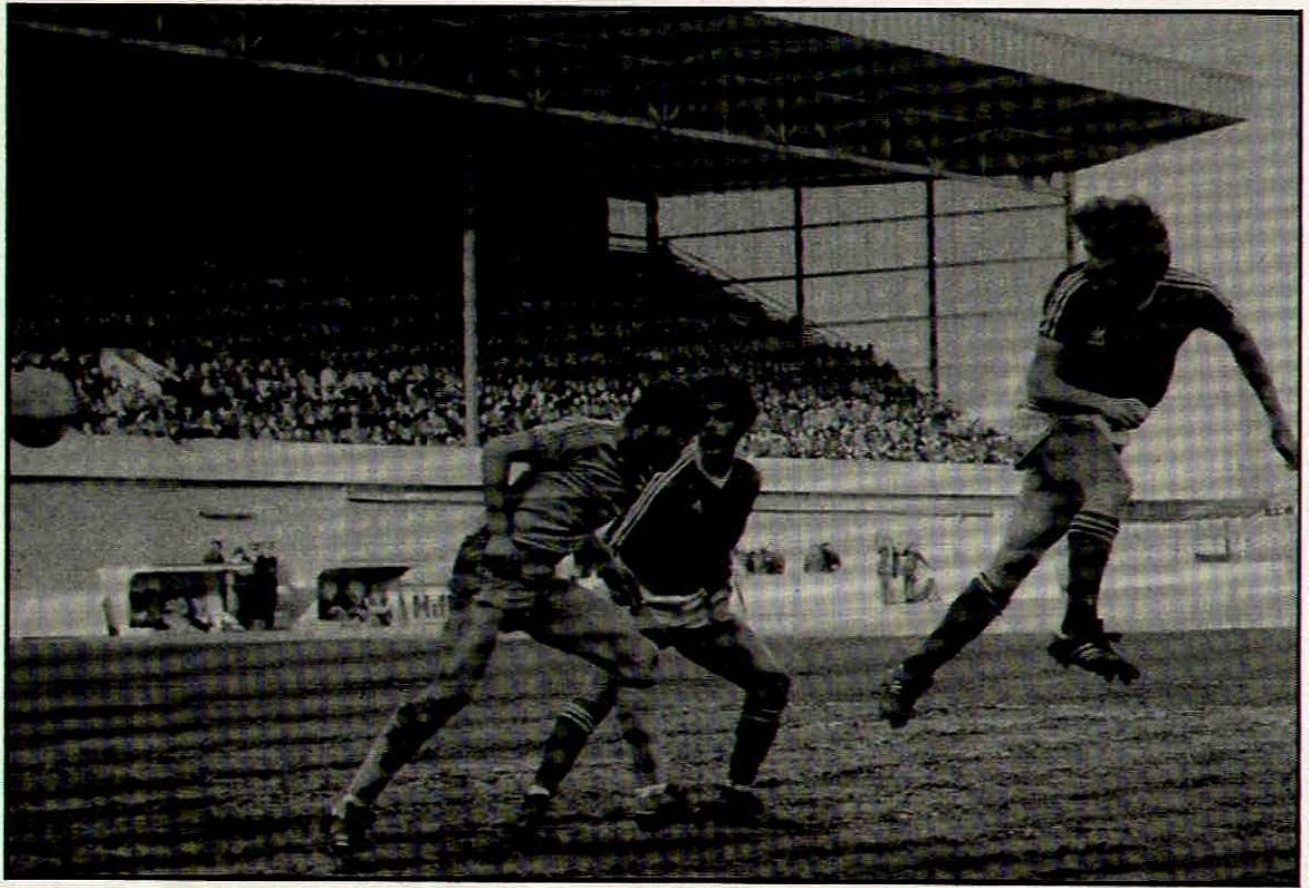
Sheffield United continue to struggle, having won only one of their last eight matches and having slipped from first to sixth place in the table. Bottom-placed Bury left Bramall Lane with a point last Saturday. Rotherham's bargain signing from Stockport County Phil Henson hit two goals in six minutes to send Plymouth home pointless.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE.....up to and including Tuesday March 4 1980

	Home					Away					Pts	Lge Gate	TOP GOALSCORERS (incl. Cups)
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A				
Grimsby T	34	13	1	3	34-15	6	4	7	17-20	43	9,071	Bob Cumming 16, Kevin Kilmore 12	
Sheffield Wed	33	8	4	5	32-17	8	6	2	31-20	42	16,490	Terry Curran 17, Mark Smith 11	
Colchester U	34	7	8	2	28-17	9	1	7	19-24	41	3,961	Trevor Lee 14, Bobby Gough 11	
Chesterfield	33	11	4	1	36-14	4	5	8	17-24	39	7,281	Ernie Moss 17, Alan Birch 14	
Blackburn R	33	8	5	3	21-10	7	4	6	18-16	39	8,035	Andy Crawford 13*, Duncan McKenzie 11	
Sheffield U	34	11	4	3	31-15	5	3	8	22-30	39	15,843	Jeff Bourne 11, Barry Butlin 7	
Exeter C	34	10	4	4	28-18	4	4	8	19-35	36	4,192	Keith Bowker 13, Steve Neville 10	
Millwall	32	12	3	2	41-18	2	4	9	11-25	35	6,124	John Lyons 17, John Mitchell 9, Tony Towner 9	
Chester	31	9	4	1	20-10	3	6	8	19-29	34	3,876	Ian Rush 13, Peter Henderson 8	
SWINDON TOWN	30	10	2	2	33-11	4	3	9	18-31	33	8,655	ALAN MAYES 24, ANDY ROWLAND 22	
Reading	32	10	4	2	32-15	1	6	9	14-35	32	6,514	Pat Earles 15, Mike Kerney 15	
Carlisle U	32	9	4	3	32-17	3	3	10	15-26	31	4,687	Paul Benson 13, Phil Bonnyman 13	
Oxford U	33	7	4	6	26-18	3	7	6	17-26	31	4,926	Paul Berry 10, Peter Foley 10	
Gillingham	33	6	7	3	18-12	4	4	9	18-26	31	6,396	Ken Price 16, Danny Westwood 8	
Brentford	33	8	4	5	30-22	4	3	9	21-34	31	8,375	Steve Phillips 10, Jim McNichol 8	
Rotherham U	32	10	0	5	30-19	3	5	9	16-34	31	6,741	Richard Finney 13, Phil Henson 11*	
Plymouth A	34	9	5	3	30-16	2	3	12	18-34	30	5,753	Dave Kemp 13*	
Barnsley	32	7	5	5	21-18	3	4	8	13-28	29	11,554	Ronnie Glavin 18, Derrick Parker 11*	
Southend U	33	8	3	6	26-19	3	3	10	12-26	28	4,325	Terry Gray 7, Derek Spence 7*	
Blackpool	33	8	3	6	32-29	2	4	10	15-29	27	5,720	Tony Kellow 12, Stan McEwan 11	
Hull C	33	6	6	3	19-15	1	7	10	16-38	27	5,881	Keith Edwards 12	
Mansfield T	32	7	6	3	24-16	1	4	11	11-23	26	4,622	Terry Austin 19, Steve Taylor 8	
Wimbledon	31	4	5	6	20-20	4	4	8	13-25	25	3,776	John Leslie 15, Steve Parsons 11	
Bury	33	7	3	7	26-19	3	1	12	10-31	24	3,570	Craig Madden 9, Steve Johnson 8	

* Andy Crawford 1 goal for Derby
Phil Henson 9 goals for Stockport
Derek Spence 3 goals for Blackpool

Dave Kemp 1 goal for Carlisle
Derrick Parker 10 goals for Southend



Swindon winger Ian Miller leaps to head towards the Wimbledon goal during the Town's victory at the County Ground.



Wimbledon goalkeeper Ray Goddard fails to hold a shot from Kenny Stroud (out of picture) enabling the ball to cross the line for the Town's first goal.

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John Ward at the Club Hostel

At first glance number one Shrivenham Road seems just like an ordinary house. Look more closely however and you will see some unusual features: on the doorstep there is a whole crate full of empty milk bottles. The explanation for this is that inside lives a "family" of eleven, including five Swindon Town apprentices.

I was shown round the hostel by Mrs. Rideout who runs it with her husband, Dave. They are geared up to taking five apprentices permanently with a sixth place free for trialists, who may stay for a fortnight at a time, or even a newly signed senior player in an emergency until other accommodation can be found. The boys sleep in a large, smart and airy room in three double bunks; there is a spare room in case anyone is ill and needs to be on his own. Downstairs the boys have a room with easy chairs and a television, where they eat and spend the evenings when they are in. This is most nights, since training and working at the County Ground seem to use up most of their energy leaving little desire to sample the night life of Swindon. The Supporters Club is nearby if required with its pool and Thursday night disco.

The day starts with breakfast at about 8.15 of cereal, toast and marmalade. Nothing fried is allowed although apart from that instruction about breakfast Mrs. Rideout is given a free hand by the club over what menus she should provide. Her only rule is to try to avoid chips since the boys are weighed every week! They leave the house just before nine o'clock and, since they have lunch at the club, are not normally back until half past five. If they are not involved in a match on Saturday most go home at lunchtime on Friday but anyone who wants to can stay on for the weekend, when they are clearly made to feel very much at home. Discipline has so far produced no problems. The most serious offence has been when the boys have crept down in their pyjamas to watch the late night film and have had to be shooed upstairs again by Dave Rideout. They are allowed to bring girls into the house but this happens only rarely because most of them have girlfriends at home rather than in Swindon.

As Mrs. Rideout admitted, living with and looking after five up-and-coming footballers "could be a bit of a drag" were she not mad on football

herself. Not that the apprentices fail to pull their weight in the house: they make their own beds and clear away the table after meals. Three of them take their washing home at weekends while Mrs. Rideout washes for the other two. With her own family as well there are often thirty shirts to iron on a Monday!

Mrs. Rideout's eldest son Paul, an England schoolboy international, has signed schoolboy forms with Swindon. She and her husband were offered the job of running the hostel nearly eighteen months ago when they called to collect Paul after a game. They decided to take it on the spur of the moment and were installed within two weeks. "Had we stopped to think what we were taking on", said Mrs. Rideout "we might never have agreed!" As it is they have no regrets.

In particular relations with Swindon Town are very good. If anything needs to be done to the house they go through John Trollope and one of the Directors, Mr. Done. If it will improve facilities for the boys the club does everything it can to make the money available. Mrs. Rideout has ambitious plans to build out over the garage to provide a dressing room for the boys and a second bathroom and the club has enquired several times about buying the house next door. "It's such a friendly club," said Mrs. Rideout. "There aren't any barriers; the boys are made to feel part of things. When an Irish trialist was staying he went down with 'flu so the club immediately flew his parents over from Ireland".

It is little but important troubles like that which make Mrs. Rideout - and no doubt other parents - hope that her own son will continue his association with Swindon Town in preference to other, big name clubs. In the drive to build up a successful youth policy her own contribution should not be underrated. In addition to the chores of the hostel she watches the boys' games, cheerfully puts up with a house filled with football magazines and joins in the conversation which is dominated by one subject. She consoles the apprentices who fail to make the grade and is delighted to welcome back for visits the ones now on full contracts who have moved out into digs or a flat "I do everything I can", she said "to make the hostel seem like a family, not an institution."

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Eric Moore
Lottery Manager.



Brian Williams lobs the ball high into the Wimbledon goalmouth in Swindon's win at the County Ground.

In Town Today: Blackpool



BACK ROW (L to R) Bobby Smith, Gary Jones, Dick Malone, Bobby Doyle, Paul Gardner
CENTRE ROW (L to R) Stan Ternet (Manager), Dave Hockaday, Brian Wilson, Iain Hesford, Tom McAllister,
Terry Pazshley, Peter Suddaby
FRONT ROW SEATED (L to R) Bobby Kerr, Tony Kellow, Jeff Chandler, Derek Spence, Stan McEwan,
Max Thompson, Jimmy Weston.

Blackpool in critical position

Relegated to the Third Division for the first time in 1978, Blackpool now face the even grimmer prospect of dropping further down into Division Four. A recent run of four consecutive defeats left them in a critical position. But the appointment of Alan Ball as player-manager and last week's 1-0 victory over Colchester - one of the leading club's has at least given them hope.

Former manager, Stan Ternent made several new signings but decided to stand down when the club persuaded former England star Alan Ball to join them. Ball, who was the inspiration behind Southampton's triumphant return to the First Division, began his career with Blackpool and had been anxious for some while to get a managerial appointment.

While the Ball deal was going through, Mr. Ternent was busy on other matters and his recent signings included Colin Morris and Paul Fletcher plus that highly experienced former Swindon midfielder man Peter Noble.

Morris was signed from Southend in a straight swap for N. Ireland international striker Derek Spence, both players being valued at £175,000. Morris began his career with Burnley and signed for Southend in 1976.

Fletcher served his apprenticeship with Bolton and was sold to Burnley for £60,000 in 1971. He was on two occasions top scorer at Turf Moor and Blackpool secured his transfer for £50,000.

Noble joined Swindon from Newcastle for £10,000 in 1968 and was a member of our League Cup winning team a year later. He moved onto Burnley for £40,000 in 1973 and was on two occasions their top scorer. Blackpool paid £20,000 for him.

Morris and Fletcher have been playing in a new-look attack with Tony Kellow. But Garry Jones is another contender.

Kellow rose to prominence as a prolific scorer for Exeter and Blackpool paid £125,000 for him last season. Now he is their top scorer with 12 goals.

Jones completed more than 200 League appearances for Bolton before his £30,000 move to Blackpool this season.

Noble was slotted into the midfield with Bob

Doyle and either Jimmy Weston or Wayne Harrison.

Doyle joined Blackpool from Peterborough for £135,000 last summer. He previously played for Barnsley and was transferred to Peterborough for £20,000 in 1976.

Weston is a local discovery who got his League chance in 1975/76. Harrison is still at University and was spotted playing for the British Univ. XI against Blackpool in a friendly earlier this season.

Brian Smith is another possibility in midfield. He emerged as a League player with Bolton in 1975 and Blackpool paid £50,000 for him last summer.

In defence we shall probably see Iain Hesford in goal and a back four of Paul Gardner, Dick Malone, Max Thompson and Terry Pashley. But Jack Ashurst could also appear here.

Kenya-born Hesford got his chance in Blackpool's league eleven two seasons ago and made his 50th League appearance a few weeks ago. Gardner is a Blackpool discovery who came into the side in 1976 and who has been their right-back for much of the time since.

Malone, a former Scottish under-23 international, joined Sunderland from Ayr United for £30,000 in 1970 and three years later played in their victorious F.A. Cup winning side. He moved on to Hartlepool in 1978 and signed for Blackpool last season.

Thompson completed his apprenticeship with Liverpool but made only one appearance in their First Division side. He joined Blackpool two seasons ago. Pashley made his League bow for Burnley in 1975/76 and was transferred to Blackpool for £30,000 last season. Ashurst was signed a few weeks ago from Sunderland. He got his senior chance at Roker in 1972/73 and completed some 150 games for the club.

So far Blackpool have won two away League games -- at Southend (2-1) and Wimbledon (2-1). They collected further away points at Plymouth (2-2), Chesterfield (0-0), Gillingham (1-1) and Mansfield (1-1) but they have been defeated at Bury (0-3), Grimsby (3-4), Sheffield United (1-3), Exeter (0-1), Colchester (1-3), Millwall (0-2), Barnsley (1-2), Chester (0-1), Blackburn (0-2) and Brentford (1-2).

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Aug	11	Portsmouth (L.Cup 1-Leg 1)	A	1-1
	14	Portsmouth (L.Cup 1-Leg 2)	H	2-0
	18	Sheffield Utd.	A	1-2
	21	Reading	H	0-0
	25	Brentford	G	4-0
	28	Chester (L.Cup 2 - Leg 1)	H	1-0
	31	Colchester	A	3-2
Sep	5	Chester (L.Cup 2 - Leg 2)	A	1-1
	8	Rotherham Utd.	A	0-3
	15	Chesterfield	H	2-1
	18	Chester	H	3-1
	21	Sheffield W.	A	2-4
	26	Stoke City (L.Cup - 3)	A	2-2
	29	Grimsby Town	H	3-0
Oct	2	Stoke City (L.Cup 3) replay	H	2-1
	6	Hull City	H	0-0
	10	Reading	A	1-2
	13	Wimbeldon	A	0-2
	20	Southend Utd.	H	1-0
	23	Plymouth A	H	2-1
	27	Blackpool	A	1-0
	30	Wimbledon (L.Cup - 4)	A	2-1
Nov	3	Sheffield Utd.	H	3-2
	6	Plymouth A	A	0-2
	10	Mansfield T.	A	1-1
	17	Blackburn Rovers	H	2-0
	24	Brentford (F.A. Cup 1)	H	4-1
Dec	1	Gillingham	A	0-0
	4	Arsenal (L.C. 5)	A	1-1
	8	Bury	H	8-0
	11	Arsenal (L.C. 5) replay	H	4-3
	18	Torquay (F.A. Cup 2)	A	3-3
	22	Torquay (F.A. Cup 2) replay	H	3-2
	26	Exeter City	H	2-3
	29	Brentford	A	3-1

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Jan	5	Luton Town (F.A. Cup) 3	A	2-0
	12	Barnsley	A	2-1
	22	Wolverhampton W (FLC-Semi F Leg 1)	H	2-1
	26	Tottenham H. (F.A.Cup 4)	H	0-0
	29	Tottenham H (FA Cup 4 - replay)	A	1-2
Feb	6	Oxford Utd.	A	2-2
	9	Sheffield Weds.	H	1-2
	12	Wolverhampton W (FLC-Semi F-Leg 2)	A	1-3
	16	Grimsby Tn.	A	2-2
	23	Wimbledon	H	2-1
	29	Southend Utd.	A	0-1
Mar	4	Millwall	A	2-6
	8	Blackpool	H	
	11	Carlisle Utd.	H	
	14	Hull City	A	
	19	Chester	A	
	22	Mansfield Town	H	
	25	Chesterfield	A	
	29	Blackburn Rovers	A	
April	1	Millwall	H	
	5	Exeter City	A	
	7	Oxford United	H	
	12	Carlisle United	A	
	15	Rotherham	H	
	19	Gillingham	H	
	22	Colchester Utd.	H	
	26	Bury	A	
May	3	Barnsley	H	



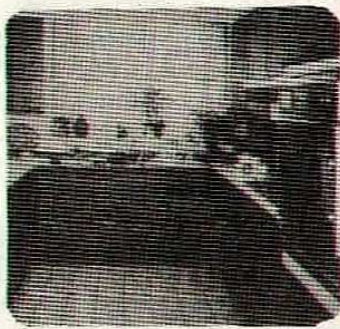
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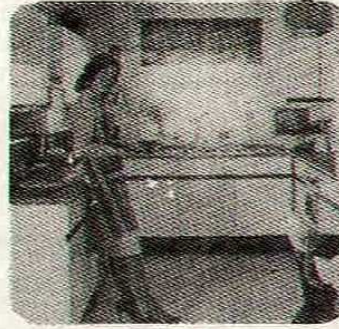


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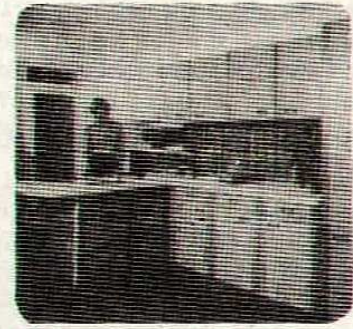


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EVERTON'S PROUD RECORD IN DANGER
Any manager investing more than £2-million in new players has a right to expect his team to be chasing one of the top honours. And Everton's Gordon Lee still has the chance of picking up the F.A. Cup at Wembley in May. But his big concern is that he could go to Wembley with a club relegated into the Second Division for the first time in 26 years!

Everton suffered the sort of luck many struggling sides experience at Crystal Palace. With only 16 minutes to go they led with a splendidly headed Peter Eastoe goal. But the same player tried an ambitious back pass to his goalkeeper. It was intercepted by Palace striker Ian Walsh who promptly plonked the ball into the net for an equaliser which robbed Everton of what could ultimately prove to be a critical point.

No team has ever won the F.A. Cup at Wembley and suffered relegation the same season, though both Manchester City and Leicester have coupled relegation with defeat in a final. Will Everton follow that pair? That is the question being discussed on Merseyside right now.

Everton, in fact, have played more First Division games than any other club. They were original members of the Football League 1888 and, since then, have spent only four seasons outside the top section.

Since the end of last season, Everton have signed goalkeeper Martin Hodge (from Plymouth £190,000), defenders John Gidman (Aston Villa £650,000) and John Bailey (Blackburn £300,000) plus midfield man Asa Hartford (Nottingham Forest £500,000) and Gary Stanley (Chelsea £300,000). Forward Gary Megson was recently signed from Plymouth for £250,000. That's a grand total of £2,190,000.

Against this Mr Lee has picked up exactly £1 million in sales -- Colin Todd (Birmingham £250,000), Martin Dobson (Burnley £100,000), Dave Thomas (Wolves £400,000) and Mike Pejic (Aston Villa £250,000).

But, with Derby showing signs of revival following their 2-1 win over Spurs, Everton's costly team faces the prospect of returning to the Second Division for the first time since 1954.

When Everton take up their F.A. Cup challenge today they are at home to Ipswich Town, the side that crushed them 4-0 in a League game a couple of weeks ago. But Gordon Lee says: "I think we can beat them this time. On that day everything went for them and I don't think they can repeat that performance."

Nevertheless, Ipswich remain on top form. By

drawing 1-1 at Liverpool they set up a new club record of 15 undefeated games. They had luck on their side at Anfield as Terry McDermott missed a late penalty for Liverpool. Or, more, correctly his shot was saved by goalkeeper Paul Cooper. "That's the sixth penalty I've saved of the last eight taken against me," beamed Cooper afterwards. Last Saturday Ipswich crushed Manchester United 6-0 and also missed two penalties.

Manchester City's Steve Daley seems to be suffering from his £1½-million price tag, perhaps unfairly bestowed upon him when he left Wolves. Steve was dropped from City's 0-4 defeat at Nottingham Forest and commented afterwards: "at least they can't blame me for this defeat!"

Meanwhile, one of England's other £1-million players was having a field day for Forest. Trevor Francis hit his first-hat-trick since joining the club from Birmingham last season.

Yet another £1-million-plus man, Andy Gray, was in the news as Wolves crushed Norwich 4-0 at Carrow Road. He argued -- quite pointlessly it would seem -- about a penalty appeal turned down by the referee and was duly booked for dissent. That took him beyond the 20 penalty-point margin and automatic suspension. He could now be ruled out of the League Cup final against Nottingham Forest at Wembley next week.

Colchester United went to the top of the Third Division after beating Southend United 2-1 -- their third victory in a row -- and the game attracted their second-highest attendance of the season: 6,135. Should the club manage to get into the Second Division for the first time in its history they could anticipate gates of around nine or ten thousand.

Yet, if Colchester's dream is realised they may be called upon to reduce their maximum attendance to 5,000!

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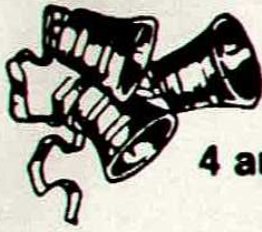
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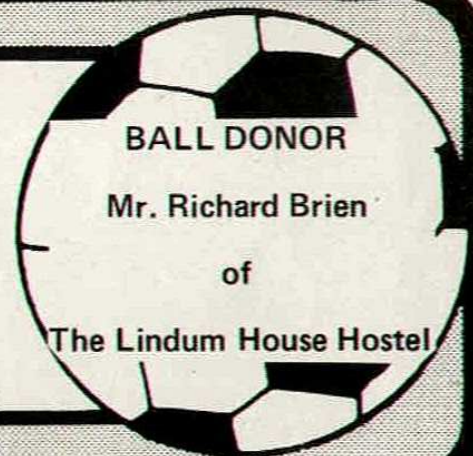
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