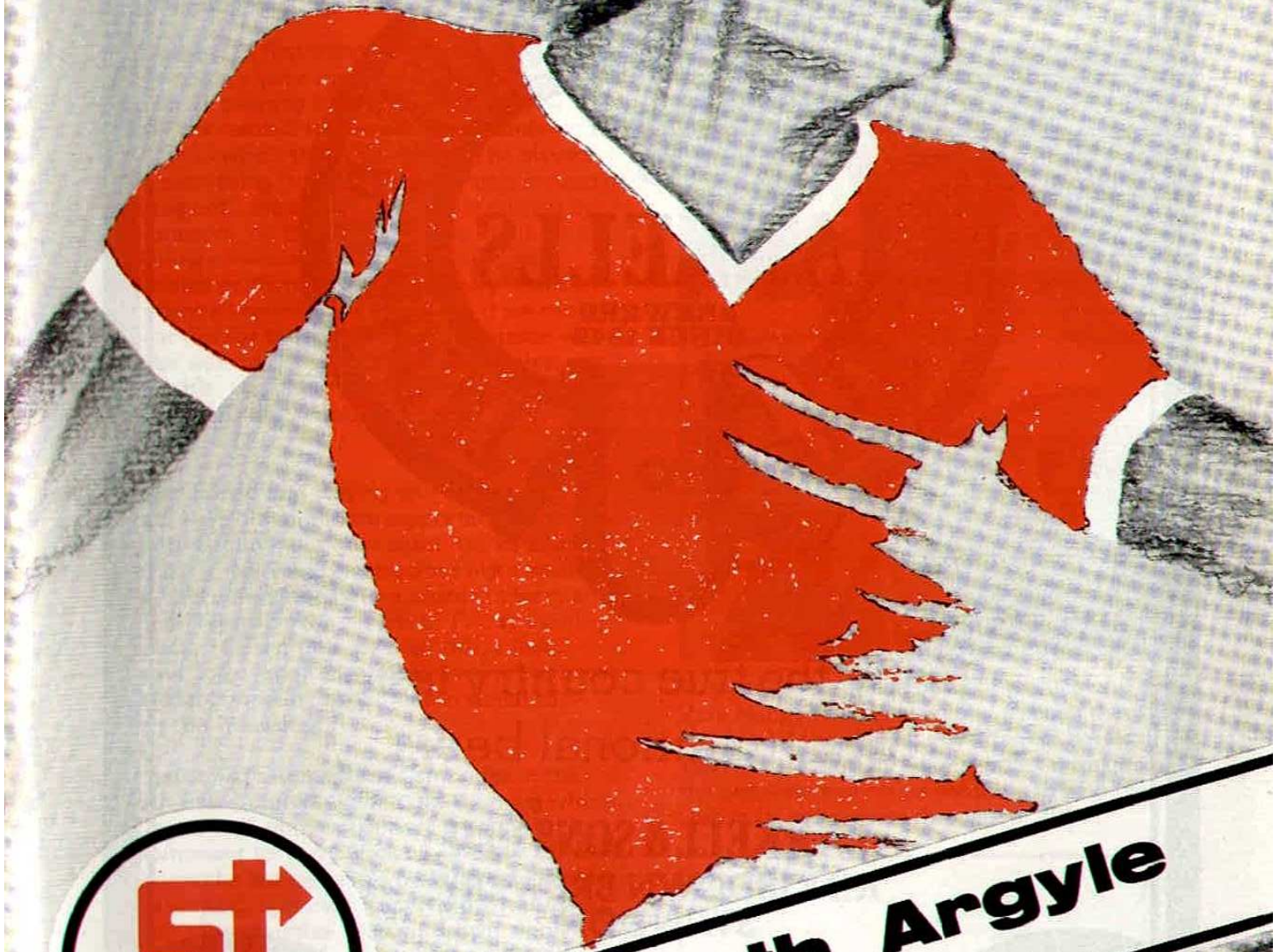
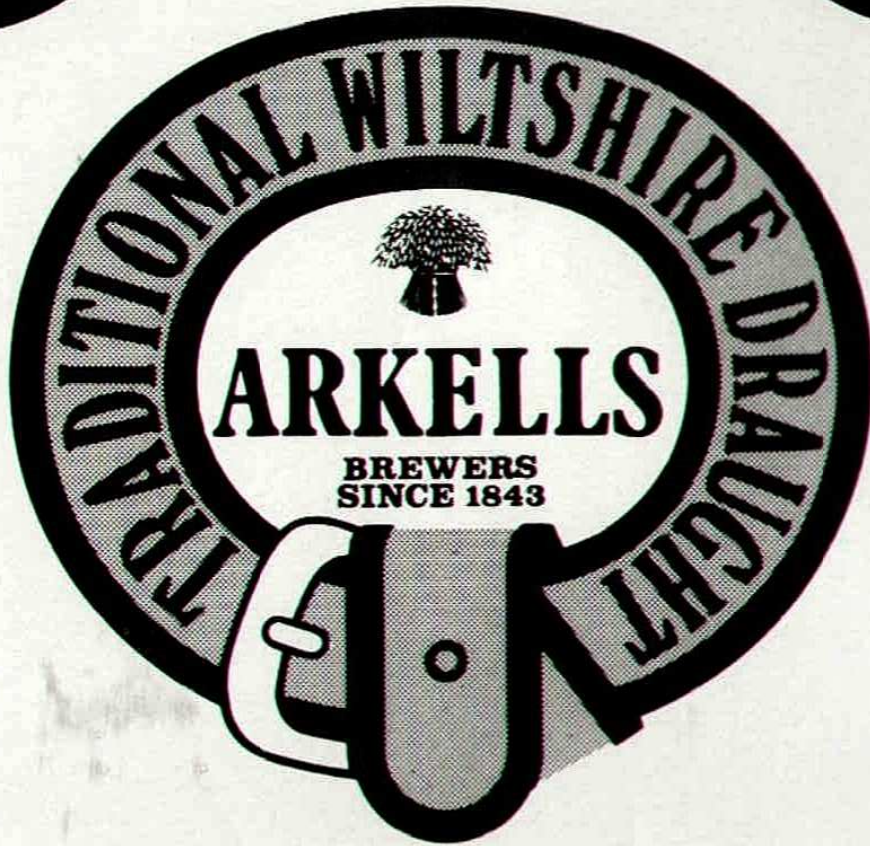


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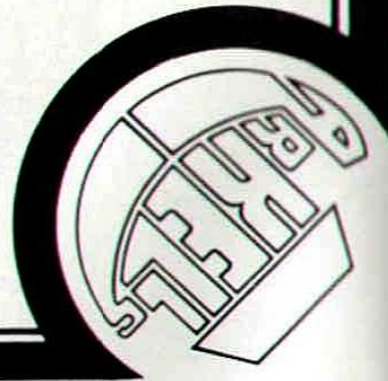
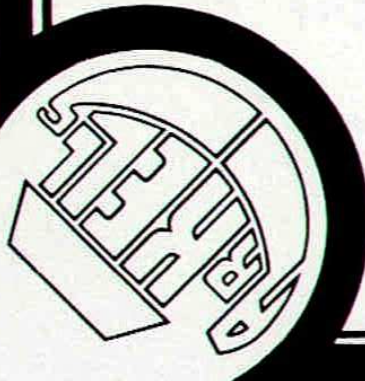
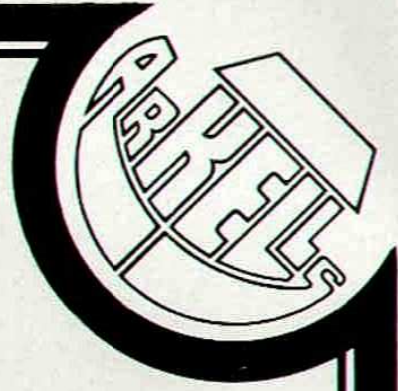
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John Trollope says

Obviously the first thing to mention is last Friday evening's game against Walsall which was extremely pleasing from two points of view, firstly the result 3 to 1 in our favour and also the manner in which the team played. The players gave everything from the initial whistle instead of waiting until the second half before putting on the pressure, on this occasion they did it for the full ninety minutes. There was some good individual performances but basically it was an excellent all round team effort and if we can repeat this for the remainder of the season we will be well on our way to getting ourselves out of trouble. Hopefully by the time you read these notes we shall have obtained a good result at Newport.

We had hoped that playing on Friday night would have brought more supporters to the County Ground, but once again the weather beat us. It really was an atrocious night weather-wise, and we were therefore unable to form an opinion regarding the success of Friday evening football. The last time we tried this, a few seasons ago, it snowed, and we have yet to have reasonable weather conditions in which to judge this innovation.

We had a bad result against Cambridge in the South East Counties on Saturday morning where we lost 3 to 1 which must have been a disappointment to Terry Wollen and Eddie Buckley. This was the last game in a trial of a young lad, John Donald, sent over from Northern Ireland by our representative, Mervyn Brown. John is one of a number of lads sent over by Mervyn from which we have signed an Apprentice Professional, namely Colin Bailie, who has since played for the Northern Ireland Youth Team, and hopefully Mervyn will find us a few more players in the future.

On the Reserve front we have signed a lad on Non-Contract forms, John Bond from Yate, and hopefully we shall be giving him an extended run but he was unable to play on Saturday due to the game at Queens Park Rangers being postponed.



May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy New Year and let us hope that the fortunes of the club will turn for the better in 1981. Thank you for your support throughout the past year and please continue to help the club in its endeavours throughout 1981.

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 10th January, 1980

CHESTERFIELD

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Hoping that you have all enjoyed your Christmas, and wishing you all a Happy New Year, we welcome today, our friends from Plymouth.

Plymouth are enjoying a successful season and like ourselves, can attract good crowds when the results are right.

Our last home game played against Walsall on a Friday evening was well supported on a night when the weather was atrocious. We felt that we were unlucky this way, as our decision to play on a Friday instead of the Saturday was taken because of the nearness of the Christmas Festivities which normally affects attendances. I am sure that the crowd enjoyed the spirited display and to score three goals was a bonus that we all enjoyed.

The suggestion that football be played on a Sunday has not as yet brought forth the expected protests from the various associations that might be affected and we would genuinely like to hear from you, our supporters, what you feel about it and how it affects you personally.

Yes, we have heard from a religious Society and we respect their views but I am sure that our supporters will find time to attend Morning Services, just as the Continentals do. We shall have transport problems to face and our way of life will obviously change when the day does come, but come it will, just as Rugby League and cricket in the summer have proved that there is a public ready to support Sunday afternoon sport. The important people to have their say of course are the Players and I am sure the Professional Players Association along with the Managers and Secretaries Union will have strong views on this subject.

We shall be pleased to receive your views because without your support we cannot progress.

The average supporter is used to the promise that we Clubs make at the beginning of each season and we really are sincere in these promises but as we all know, only a few Clubs can reach their aims. Different Managers have different views and opinions and hence the selling and buying of

players from one Club to another.

Opportunity is one of the most important ingredients of the promising youngsters of today and I am sure that John recognises this important factor more than most and our supporters have been brought upon past favourites from our own youth policy.

If we do lose one or two of our present staff over the next few months it will mean a restructuring that has been brought about partly because of the present financial difficulties and partly from the need to build for the future, and who better to turn to than John.

Our Reserve Team fixture at Queens Park Rangers Saturday last was called off because of the state of the pitch. These cancellations are not usually welcomed because we need the fixtures to give our players match fitness, on the other hand, at times like Christmas it can ensure that we do not receive injuries, when with two games in two days we may need replacements.

I have received several letter from supporters who enjoy our Youth games which are played on our Shrivensham Road Ground with a request for future fixture dates. We will try to give publicity to these fixtures in our programmes and local papers, but it is difficult sometimes to give the dates too far ahead because for instance our Midland Youth mid-week fixtures are often altered at the last minute by consent of both Clubs. Our remaining home fixtures for the under seventeen South East Counties League played on Saturday mornings at our Shrivensham Road Ground are as follows:

January 10th 1981	Reading
February 7th 1981	Millwall
February 28th 1981	Wimbledon
March 14th 1981	Brentford

These fixtures usually kick off at 11.00 a.m.

Hoping that you will all enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.



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John Ward looks at American Soccer

Brian Grenville of The Sunday Times had some pretty disparaging things to say about American soccer in the programme earlier this season. "There is still no sign that the game has taken off in the only way that matters, the way it has taken off all over the world elsewhere; that is to say in producing its own native players." "The North American Soccer League" he said "remains a parasite upon the game at large." The Spanish, he went on, had christened the NASL "the elephants' graveyard". James Lawton writing in The Daily Telegraph in September described it as "The Monty Python face of soccer," saying that "many of the top players are disenchanted by the rules, the pitches and incompetent officials" concluding that "soccer in North America is being smothered by irrelevance and idiocy."

Earlier this season I put these points to Jack Carmichael and Chris Turner, who had both joined Swindon straight from the New England Teamen, the Boston team who play in the North American Soccer League. Unlike Brian Grenville and James Lawton they could speak from the experience of actually having played soccer in The States. They insisted that in fact the football was of a very good standard. The off side rule - players cannot be off-side until they get within 35 yards of the goal line - is very good in that it opens up the mid-field and leads to more attacking play: the back four can no longer move up to the halfway line to catch the opposition off side.

Playing on Astroturf also contributes towards a more open game: making a sliding tackle is apt to take the skin off your leg so defenders reserve such tackles for emergencies and the game flows more freely as a result; another favourable effect of the Astroturf is to make the ball run faster and more truly.

Chris Turner was sceptical of journalists who made judgements on the strength of watching only a couple of games. He himself had been commuting between England and the United States since 1976. This meant that during the last five years he had had no holiday and in two years had played football the same day that he had returned to England: so much for jet lag!

He felt that the standard had improved out of all recognition during this period and that it was now better than the average in the English First Division. For the Englishman it is a marvel-

lous opportunity to play against top class foreign players. The combination of Astroturf and dry, sunny conditions gives players a chance to develop their individual skills: Chris and Jack enthused about the black player from Mali in West Africa who had been playing with St. Etienne. His name was something like Sailekeite; he spoke six or seven languages and he could bend the ball so much from free kicks that the opposition thought twice about conceding a free kick anywhere in their own half. There were Greek and Portugese players in the Teamen's squad as well as the statutory three home grown Americans: San Diego by contrast was packed with Mexicans and Uruguayans. The British players would always do well. Chris Truner thought, because even if they came from a lower division they had the greater ability to read the game and work out what the other players were going to do. Five years ago nearly nintey per cent of the players were British; today the proportion had dropped to forty per cent.

Although North American clubs have scouts over here much of the contact is word of mouth. Jim Barron, ex-Swindon goalkeeper and now coaching at Peterborough has acted as recruiting agent for example. Occasions like the Professional Footballers Association dinner provide opportunities for exchanging views and passing on news of openings. Soccer players in The States are paid more than in Britain and do better than the average wage earner over there. With the huge distances between cities there is plenty of travelling between games and Chris Turner had played in sixteen different States in one season. Half of these visits consisted merely of passing through the airport straight to the hotel, playing the game and then heading back home but in others it was possible to spend a couple of days in a new place.

Boston itself Chris considered to be the best city in the United States. It is clean, green and there is a beach. In fact it is the easiest place in the world to live with all you can want in the way of food, shopping and entertainment. For his wife and children it was as if they had won The Pools, but for the players, if they do not deliver on the field they do not get invited back. "The sun shines on soccer players in the United States," is how Chris Turner summed it up. "But it's far from being a holiday camp."

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IN NORTH WILTSHIRE

A ball in the glove

By Colin Benson

Have you noticed the latest fashion craze to sweep the football world? Surely your attention has been drawn to those outsize, sometimes garish gloves that hang on the end of most continental goalkeepers arms like hydraulic shovels waiting to grab the ball.

Perhaps our own goalkeepers have not quite reached the proportions of many of their foreign counterparts but they are not far off. Every year the gloves seem bigger and brighter and in the European Championships, Pieter Schrijvers of Holland wore bright orange gloves that stood out like a neon sign on Hampstead Heath.

Unlike the old days when gloves were only worn in wet conditions this new form of apparel has become a standard part of a goalkeepers equipment. So why is it that the worlds top 'Keepers have adopted the fashion? To find the answers we asked one of the sports leading exponents of the art, England and Liverpool custodian, Ray Clemence.

Explains Ray: "Three or four years ago, I always used to say that when the ground was dry you should not need to wear gloves, in fact you could get a better feel of the ball without gloves on. But now they have developed these rubber backed gloves with Latex fronts that are excellent in dry conditions, In fact when it is very hot, there is a tendency for your palms to sweat and this can make the ball a little bit slippery when you handle it. With these modern gloves that problem is solved because they soak up the moisture from your palms.

As to the gloves getting bigger and bigger, I think it is just an impression created by colours really.

Sepp Maier of West Germany was the first one

to use them. His hands looked as though they were two foot extensions of his arms, because of the size of his gloves. Now I think the reason for that was that Sepp wore gloves bigger than his hands anyway, with the fingers of the gloves a couple of inches bigger than his hands.

He tried to create a sort of advantage over the forwards. When they saw those flaming big red hands coming towards them, they thought, 'how the devil do we beat those.

I notice that more and more goalkeepers in England are wearing gloves now, but obviously we wear them to the same size as our hands, so they are not so prominent.

We certainly don't wear them for show. They are practical and help us to get a better grip on the ball. As I said earlier, if you had asked me this question three or four years ago, I would have said, 'no way. It has got to be best with your palm. But the way gloves have developed they have become a welcome help, it is amazing what you can do in them."

Are there no drawbacks at all with gloves?

"No I don't think so. Obviously you can not feel the ball as well because you have got this thickness of material between the ball and your skin, and of course it is important to be able to feel the ball. Having said that, the material on the gloves is so very very good that the feel of the ball becomes not quite so important. The balls stick in there anyway, providing you are holding your hands the right way behind it."

It seems then that gloves are here to stay, and to paraphrase a certain well known saying. A ball in the glove is worth two in the net.

Goal Times

v Weymouth Kamara 84, Lewis65, Mayes 24
v Hull Lewis78, Stroud 2, Rideout 88
v Brentford Peach 79
v Walsall Carter 44, Greenwood 79, Mayes 68

Third Dimensions

Barnsley extended their unbeaten League run to fifteen games with a 2-0 win against Blackpool - although the victory was narrower than the score might suggest, with the seashiders hitting the woodwork and having one attempt cleared off the line. The goals that clinched it came from Trevor Aylott and Derrick Parker.

An element of luck was attached to Charlton's 2 - 1 victory over Carlisle. The leaders conceded a first-half goal (Their first in six League games) when Owen Brown put United ahead in the fourteenth minute. He and co-striker Peter Beardsley have now scored eleven goals in the last four games! Charlton took the points when a Hales shot was deflected in by defender Ian MacDonald ten minutes from time.

A second-half penalty from Donal Murphy gave Plymouth hope at Turf Moor but Steve Taylor's two goals earlier proved enough to see Burnley

through. A spot-kick awarded for hands against Newport's Nigel Vaughan had a more decisive outcome. It lost county both points at Layer Road, where Colchester remain undefeated this season.

Former Millwall winger Tony Towner scored two and made the others for Ronnie Moore and Rod Fern in Rotherham's 4-1 win over Brentford. His old club were trailing to a Joe Cooke effort for Oxford but the Lion fought back to win 2-1 with goals from Nick Chatterton and new-boy John Bartley from Athenian League club Welling.

Reading failed to avenge their F.A. Cup defeat by Fulham last month, largely due to missed chances. But visiting keeper Gerry Peyton had his say with a miraculous save from Mike Kearney on the hour. Fulham have lost just once since Malcolm MacDonald took over.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE TABLE up to & incl. Saturday December 20

	P	W	D	L	F-A	W	D	L	F-A	Pts.
Charlton Ath.	24	11	0	1	25-7	6	3	3	16-11	37
Barnsley	25	8	3	2	23-8	5	5	2	16-13	34
Burnley	25	8	3	2	22-10	4	5	3	12-10	32
Chesterfield	24	9	1	1	22-8	4	4	5	19-15	31
Rotherham Utd.	25	9	4	0	25-5	2	5	5	10-16	31
Huddersfield T.	25	8	4	1	19-4	3	4	5	15-13	30
Portsmouth	23	9	0	3	18-11	5	1	5	11-10	29
Sheffield Utd.	25	9	3	1	25-8	2	2	8	19-22	27
PLYMOUTH ARG.	25	7	2	3	22-13	2	7	4	12-13	27
Exeter C.	24	5	4	3	20-16	5	2	5	18-16	26
Reading	23	8	2	2	23-10	2	2	7	10-21	24
Chester	25	7	2	4	14-10	2	4	6	5-12	24
Colchester Utd.	25	7	6	0	21-9	1	2	9	5-24	24
Brentford	25	2	4	6	13-16	6	2	5	17-19	22
Walsall	25	4	5	3	26-25	3	3	7	9-17	22
Newport Co.	24	5	3	4	16-13	3	2	7	15-10	21
Gillingham	25	4	5	3	13-13	2	4	7	13-25	21
Fulham	25	2	6	4	9-15	3	4	6	18-20	20
Blackpool	24	2	5	4	12-17	4	3	6	14-22	20
Millwall	24	7	4	2	19-12	0	1	10	5-29	19
SWINDON TOWN	24	5	2	6	16-20	1	4	6	8-19	18
Oxford Utd.	25	1	4	7	6-17	4	3	6	11-15	17
Carlisle Utd.	24	3	4	4	17-21	2	3	8	14-26	17
Hull C.	25	4	3	5	12-12	0	4	9	8-31	15

- Top Goalscorers (incl. Cup)**
- 19 - Tony Kellow (Exeter)
 - David Kemp (Plymouth)
 - 17 - Derek Hales (Charlton)
 - 16 - Alan Birch (Chesterfield)
 - 15 - Ronnie Moore (Rotherham)
 - 14 - Steve Kindon (Huddersfield)
 - 13 - Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley)
 - Bob Hatton (Sheffield Utd.)
 - Colin Morris (Blackpool)
 - 12 - Gordon Davies (Fulham)
 - Keith Edwards (Hull)
 - Alan Mayes (Swindon)
 - Paul Walsh (Charlton)
 - 11 - David Gregory (Portsmouth)
 - Martin Robinson (Charlton)
 - Steve Taylor (Burnley)
 - 10 - Ian Banks (Barnsley)
 - Ian Robinson (Huddersfield)

TOWN				OPPONENTS			
Town End		Stratton Bank		Town End		Stratton Bank	
1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half
1	9	3	3	5	5	1	9
10		6		10		10	
16				20			

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FOOTBALL
COMBINATION

80-81

SOUTH-EAST
COUNTIES DIV 2

				Score					Score
Aug.	16	Bristol C.	Away	1 - 3	Cambridge U	Home	4 - 3		
	20	Tottenham H	Away	0 - 6					
	23	Bristol R	Away	Postp.	Luton T	Home	4 - 1		
	30	Ipswich Town	Home	1 - 2	Peterborough	Home	1 - 0		
Sep.	6	Oxford U	Home	1 - 2	Reading	Away	3 - 1		
	9	Arsenal	Home	0 - 1					
	13				Tottenham H	Home	4 - 1		
	20	Cardiff C	Home	3 - 1	Millwall (Cup)	Away	1 - 0		
	24	Reading	Away	3 - 1					
	27	Bristol Rovers	Away	0 - 2	West Ham U	Away	0 - 1		
Oct.	4	Norwich C	Away	0 - 2	Crystal Palace	Home	2 - 0		
	7	Q.P.R.	Home	1 - 3					
	11	West Ham U	Home	0 - 7	Millwall	Away	3 - 0		
	14	Orient	Home	2 - 0					
	18	Plymouth A	Away	0 - 0	Orient	Home	2 - 1		
	22	Leicester	Away	2 - 2					
	25	Southampton	Home	1 - 2	West Ham (Cup)	Away	3 - 0		
Nov.	1	Chelsea	Away	0 - 1	Oxford U	Away	1 - 2		
	8	Birmingham C	Home	1 - 4	Wimbledon	Away	2 - 4		
	15	Bristol C	Home	0 - 1	Bristol R	Home	2 - 2		
	22	Orient	Away	2 - 3	Brentford	Away	2 - 4		
	29				Charlton A	Home	2 - 1		
Dec.	2	Tottenham H	Home	2 - 1					
	6				Chelsea	Away	1 - 1		
	9	Fulham	Away	1 - 0					
	13	Leicester	Home	0 - 3	Chelsea	Home	2 - 0		
	20	Q.P.R.	Away	Postp.	Cambridge U	Away	1 - 3		
	27				Luton T	Away			
	29	Luton T	Away						
Jan.	3	Crystal Pal.	Home		Peterborough U	Away			
	10				Reading	Home			
	17	Ipswich T	Away		Tottenham H	Away			
	20	Hereford U	Home						
	24				West Ham U	Home			
	31	Bristol R	Home						
Feb.	7	Arsenal	Away		Millwall	Home			
	14	Oxford	Away		Orient	Away			
	21	Reading	Home		Oxford U	Home			
	28	Cardiff C	Away		Wimbledon	Home			
Mar.	7	Norwich C	Home		Bristol R	Away			
	11	Hereford U	Away						
	14	West Ham U	Away		Brentford	Home			
	21	Plymouth A	Home		Charlton A	Away			
	28	Southampton	Away						
Apr.	4	Chelsea	Home		Crystal Pal	Away			
	11	Birmingham C	Away		Cup				
	18	Luton T	Home		20th Sept. Millwall	Away	1 - 0		
	22	Crystal Pal	Away						
	25	Fulham	Home						

MIDLAND YOUTH FIXTURES

Season 1980/81

Cup Competition

				Score
Aug	21	Luton Town	Away	1-2
Sept	6	Bristol City	Home	3 - 2
	10	West Bromwich Albion	Away	1 - 1
	17	Leicester City	Home	6 - 0
	25	Luton Town	Home	3 - 3
Oct	11	Bristol City	Away	0 - 1
	16	West Bromwich Albion	Postponed	
	23	Leicester City	Away	0 - 1

F. A. YOUTH CUP

Nov	6	Portsmouth	Home	0 - 1
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League

Nov	6	Luton Town	Home	Postponed
	26	West Bromwich Albion	Home	2 - 1
WE.Dec	6	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away	Postponed
WE	13	Birmingham City	Home	Postponed
	15	Northampton Town	Away	2 - 0
WE.Jan	10	Bristol City	Away	
	14	Coventry City	Home	
	21	Leicester City	Away	
	29	Leicester City	Home	
WE.Feb	7	Luton Town	Away	
WE.	14	Northampton Town	Home	
WE.	28	West Bromwich Albion	Away	
WE.Mar	7	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home	
WE.	14	Birmingham City	Away	
WE.	21	Bristol City	Home	
	25	Coventry City	Away	

Town Statistics 80-81

	Result	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub (if used)		
S Aug	9 AFC Bournemouth	(FCL1)	A	1-1	5121	Allan Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland 67	Mayes	Carter	Williams
S Aug	12 AFC BOURNEMOUTH	(FLC1)	H	2-0x	5814	Allan Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes 118	Carter	Williams
S Aug	16 BLACKPOOL		H	1-2	7008	Allan Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland 69	Mayes	Carter	Williams
S Aug	19 Portsmouth		H	0-1	15810	Allan Barrett	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes 74	Carter	Williams
S Aug	23 FULHAM		H	3-4	6473	Allan Barrett	Peach 16P	Kamara	Rollings 13	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland*	Mayes 74	Carter	Williams
W Aug	27 Lincoln City	(FLC2)	A	1-1	4940	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings 48	Walsh	Miller	Hughes	Mayes	Carter	Greenwood	Templeman
S Sep	30 Reading		A	1-4	6665	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Walsh	Miller	Hughes*	Greenwood	Mayes 89	Carter	Henry
S Sep	2 LINCOLN CITY	(FLC2)	H	2-0	4907	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Carter	Miller	Hughes	Henry 51	Mayes 88	Carter	Henry
S Sep	6 Sheffield United		A	0-3	12089	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Carter	Miller	Hamilton	Rowland*	Mayes	Greenwood	Henry
S Sep	13 ROTHERHAM UNITED		A	2-1	5498	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland 68	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood 64
S Sep	16 OXFORD UNITED		H	1-0	7709	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood
S Sep	20 Barnsley		A	0-2	9747	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood
S Sep	23 Liverpool	(FLC3)	A	0-5	16566	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood
S Sep	27 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		H	1-0	5856	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland 69	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood
W Oct	1 Oxford United		A	0-0	6333	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes	Greenwood	Greenwood
S Oct	4 CHESTER		H	1-2	5574	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Hughes	Cockerill*	Rowland	Mayes 89	Carter	Turner
S Oct	7 Gillingham		A	0-0	4066	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Hughes	Williams	Rowland	Mayes	Greenwood	Turner
S Oct	11 Millwall		A	1-3	3571	Allan Henry	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Hughes	Hughes	Rowland	Mayes 85	Williams	Miller
S Oct	18 CARLISLE UNITED		H	1-1	5789	Allan Templeman	Trollope	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Greenwood	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes 73	Williams	Miller
S Oct	21 CHARLTON ATHLETIC		H	0-3	5672	Allan Trollope	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Hughes	Rowland	Mayes 73	Williams	Turner
S Oct	25 Exeter City		A	4-3	4688	Allan Trollope	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Hughes	Rowland	Mayes 26	Cockerill	Turner
S Oct	28 Chesterfield		A	(Postponed)												
S Nov	1 BURNLEY		H	0-3	6191	Allan Trollope	Peach	Kamara*	Lewis	Carter	Miller	Cockerill	Rowland	Mayes	Williams	Rollings
S Nov	4 GILLINGHAM		H	0-0	4719	Allan Trollope	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rowland	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Nov	8 Colchester United		A	0-1	2153	Allan Trollope	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rowland	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Nov	11 PORTSMOUTH		H	0-2	8164	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Rollings	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rowland	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Nov	15 Blackpool		A	1-1	3758	Allan Lewis	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rowland	Mayes 66	Williams	Williams
S Nov	22 Weymouth	(FAC1)	H	3-2	5477	Allan Henry	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rowland	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Nov	29 HULL CITY		H	3-1	5275	Allan Walsh	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rideout	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Dec	6 Brentford	(FAC2)	A	1-1	5727	Allan Walsh	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Rideout	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Dec	13 Wimbledon		A	0-2	3470	Allan Walsh	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Greenwood	Mayes	Williams	Williams
S Dec	19 WALSALL		H	3-1	4523	Allan Henry	Peach	Kamara	Lewis	Stroud	Miller	Carter	Greenwood	Mayes	Williams	Hughes
F Dec	26 Newport County		H	3-1			Peach					Carter	Greenwood			
S Jan	27 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		H													
S Jan	3 Carlisle United		H													
S Jan	10 CHESTERFIELD		A													
S Jan	17 Hull City		A													
S Jan	24 READING		H													
S Jan	31 Fulham		A													
S Feb	7 Rotherham United		A													
S Feb	14 SHEFFIELD UNITED		H													
S Feb	21 Huddersfield Town		A													
S Feb	28 BARNESLEY		H													
S Mar	7 Chester		A													
S Mar	14 MILLWALL		H													
S Mar	21 Charlton Athletic		H													
S Mar	28 EXETER CITY		H													
S Apr	4 Burnley		A													
S Apr	11 COLCHESTER UNITED		H													
S Apr	18 Plymouth Argyle		A													
S May	25 NEWPORT COUNTY		H													
S May	25 Walsall		A													
S May	2 BRENTFORD		H													
S May	9 (F.A. CUP FINAL)		H													

Goalscorers Shown in BOLD - figures denote minutes of goals x After extra time *Player replaced by substitute
P = penalty † = Own goal



Mrs Carol Eynon of Toothill receives £100 from Mr John Treasure, chairman of the Swindon Permanent Building Society, as the first supporter to choose Russell Lewis as winner in the Society's second competition. She received her prize before the last home game against Walsall.

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Plymouth Argyle



Back Row: Jeremy Collins, Mark Graves, Neil Hards, Forbes Phillipson-Masters, Geoff Crudgington, Chris Harrison, Brian Johnson
Middle Row: Kevin Hodges, Colin Upton, Colin Randell, David Kemp, Donal Murphy, Leigh Cooper, Brian McNeill
Front Row: John Uzzell, Brian Bason, John Peachey, George Foster, (Capt.), John Sims, Steve Morris, Tyrone James.

Plymouth Argyle Pen-Pictures

GEOFF CRUDGINTON (Goalkeeper). Geoff joined Plymouth from Swansea for £40,000 last season. He began his career with Aston Villa, making a few League appearances for them. He moved on to Crewe in 1972 and remained in their first-team for six years until signing for Swansea for £20,000 in 1978.

CHRIS HARRISON (Defender). Versatile Chris has appeared in both full-back positions this season and last season he was used on occasions as a forward. A former Argyle apprentice, Chris earned his first-team place in 1976.

GEORGE FOSTER (Defender). George also served his apprenticeship at Home Park and he got his initial chances in the senior eleven during 1973/74. Three seasons later he was loaned to Torquay but he has been a regular member of the Argyle senior squad for the past three seasons.

FORBES PHILLIPSON-MASTERS (Defender). Forbes finally achieved his ambition to play regular League soccer last season. He developed with Southampton but played only nine League games for the Saints. Whilst at The Dell, he was loaned out to Exeter, Bournemouth and Luton but it wasn't until he joined Plymouth in 1979 that he became a fixture in League soccer.

TYRONE JAMES (Defender). Tyrone made his League bow as a Fulham player in 1975/76 and he was transferred to Argyle for £15,000 two seasons later.

BRIAN McNEILL (Defender). Brian's first club was Bristol City but his first-team experience with them was limited to three appearances as substitute. Plymouth paid £20,000 for him in 1978 and he has recently been recalled at full-back.

COLIN RANDELL (Midfield). Colin is in his second spell with Argyle. He originally joined them from Coventry in 1973 and held a regular place until moving to Exeter in 1977. He returned to Home Park during the 1979 close-season.

LEIGH COOPER (Midfield). Leigh developed in the junior teams and was given his first run in League soccer last season.

BRIAN BASON (Midfield). Brian spent several years as a Chelsea professional and made a couple of dozen First Division appearances for them. Plymouth signed him for £30,000 three seasons ago.

KEVIN HODGES (Midfield). Kevin is yet another product of the club's youth policy. He made his League bow in 1978/79 and earned himself a regular place last season.

DAVE KEMP (Forward). Dave is one of the Third Division's top scorers with about 20 goals to his credit. He has been a persistent goalscorer throughout his career, beginning with Leatherhead, Wembley and Slough. He hit 13 goals in his first season in the Crystal Palace side and, after moving to Portsmouth in 1976 he was their leading marksman for two seasons. Carlisle paid £75,000 for him in 1978 and he proceeded to top their list, too. He did the same thing after signing for Plymouth for £75,000 last season, when he scored 15 goals.

JOHN SIMS (Forward). John didn't get a game in Derby's League eleven but, while with them, he was loaned to Luton, Oxford and Colchester, playing in all their first-teams. Notts. County signed him for £10,000 in 1976 but they sold him to Exeter for £12,000 two years later. He signed for Plymouth for £22,000 last season.

DONAL MURPHY (Forward). Donal spent a brief spell on loan to Millwall in 1977/78 when he played in three League games. He was then in his second spell with Coventry after originally returning to Ireland to join Shamrock Rovers. At the end of 1977/78 he was on the move to Torquay and Argyle paid £65,000 for him this summer.

Football Combination

Table of results to Monday 15th December 1980
(not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	21	13	5	3	50	24	31
Chelsea	21	13	5	3	45	19	31
Arsenal	21	12	6	3	40	24	30
Tottenham Hots	20	10	9	1	49	20	29
Birmingham City	23	10	7	6	37	30	27
Norwich City	23	10	7	6	37	30	27
Leicester City	24	10	5	9	40	32	25
Q.P.R.	22	8	7	7	41	34	23
Luton Town	19	7	8	4	28	20	22
Plymouth Argyle	21	7	8	6	34	28	22
Bristol Rovers	21	7	8	6	30	32	22
Ipswich Town	19	5	11	3	22	17	21
West Ham Utd	21	7	6	8	44	33	20
Bristol City	24	8	4	12	25	38	20
Crystal Palace	21	7	4	10	36	40	18
Orient	23	5	6	12	26	43	16
Oxford Utd	20	5	5	10	21	37	15
Fulham	22	4	7	11	16	41	15
Cardiff City	20	4	6	10	20	29	14
Reading	20	5	3	12	16	50	13
Swindon Town	22	5	2	15	21	47	12
Hereford Utd	17	3	4	10	18	43	10

Midland Youth League

1980/81
Tables up to 13th December 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	3	1	2	0	8	4	4
W.B.A.	5	0	4	1	5	6	4
Birmingham	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Wolverhampton	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Luton	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Northampton	3	1	1	1	5	8	3
Swindon	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Bristol City	2	1	0	1	3	6	2
Coventry City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

South-east Counties Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	17	10	2	5	37	17	22
Oxford	14	9	4	1	39	21	22
Swindon Town	16	10	2	4	35	22	22
West Ham Utd	15	8	5	2	34	22	21
Tottenham Hots	14	9	2	3	42	23	20
Cambridge Utd	15	9	2	4	43	27	20
Brentford	13	7	2	4	34	20	16
Charlton Athletic	14	6	3	5	26	22	15
Reading	17	5	5	7	27	36	15
Wimbledon	13	6	2	5	30	30	14
Chelsea	14	2	6	6	17	32	10
Crystal Palace	14	3	2	9	23	43	8
Orient	12	2	2	8	16	29	6
Millwall	14	3	1	10	13	30	6
Peterborough Utd	13	3		10	9	32	4 *
Bristol Rovers	11		2	9	14	32	2

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Town through time

Centre forwards

by paul plowman



HARRY MORRIS was given the tag of the 'goal-a-game' forward. By Christmas 1928, he had scored his one hundredth - in his 98th League game.

He was never out of the side for more than two consecutive games at any time between August 1926 and March 1933. In the 1927/28 season he scored all six of the Town's F. A. Cup goals and might have led Swindon to a third semi-final appearance a year later but for an injury sustained in a Fourth Round replay against Barnsley. Drawn to meet Arsenal at the next stage, the Town came desperately close to winning through, although it was widely thought that Morris had not recovered complete fitness and was thus not operating with his usual efficiency. The injury cost him a place in an England international trial and Swindon went down 0-1 in the Highbury replay. In Morris's absence, JOCK WALKER from Hibernian got a rare chance to show his mettle in two league games. When Harry had recovered, the forward line once again took on a familiar look, with Bertie Denyer and Alec Thom on the flanks and Leslie Roberts and little Joe Eddleston accompanying Morris in the middle. In the 10-1 slaughter at Maine Road in January 1930, Harry still managed to pop up with his usual goal and he was at his irrepensible best on April 26 of that year when he grabbed all five in a 5-1 win for the Town against Norwich at The Nest.

At the close of the 1932/33 season, Morris's twelve goals had not been enough to keep Swindon off the bottom rung of the League ladder and an era was about to end. Only three names out of the entire playing squad were put on the retained list and Harry's was not one of them - and so, after 260 League games and 216 goals, he moved on to Clapton Orient. During that term GEORGE HAYES (5 appearances) and JACK STARSMORE (four) had also been given a run at centre-forward, but they too joined the mass exodus.

A fresh start was made and TOMMY ARMSTRONG, from the Airdrieonians, was the man chosen to lead the Town for 1933/34. Although only a shade over five feet seven, Tommy proved

to be quite effective alongside the tall Cecil Blakemore and was top scorer with 23 goals. Robert ROLLO JACK, brother of the celebrated David, was given three outings during 1934/35 but, with Armstrong switched to one of the inside berths, the long term replacement in the centre was Yorkshireman ALAN FOWLER. At only five feet six inches, Fowler was probably the smallest ever to lead a Town forward line - and he tipped the scales at only nine-and-a-half stones! He marked his debut in the new role with a hat-trick in a 5-0 victory over Southend and hit another six weeks later in a 4-0 F.A. Cup win against Newport County. A third came on December 15 1934 at Watford but unfortunately on that occasion the defence behind him conceded seven! During the 1935/36 season, Alan alternated in the centre with SID LOWRY, a summer signing from Swansea Town, but reverted to his original inside-right position when JIMMY COOKSON arrived from Plymouth in August 1936.

To be continued

HARRY MORRIS





Walsall goalkeeper Ron Green punches away a corner from the head of Russell Lewis during the Town's win at the County Ground.



Roy Carter - the scorer of the Town's first goal against Walsall - has another go with this header.

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Walsall's Tony Macken concedes a corner kick as Swindon's Ian Miller (left), Roy Greenwood (left) and Alan Mayes close in.



Alan Mayes (No. 10) heads just wide against Walsall at the County Ground.

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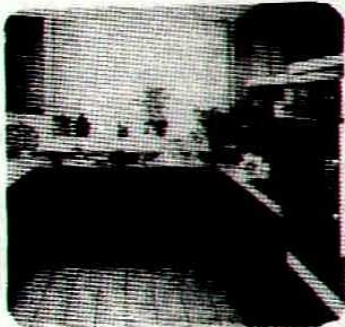
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Argyle renew their Pilgrimage

BY COLIN BENSON

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE are not exactly setting the Tamar on fire, but they seem well on course for making another of their frequent sorties back to the Second Division.

Actually the South Devon club have spent the greater majority of the past 50 years in the Second Division, although their progress has been somewhat retarded by six enforced excursions to the Third Division, the last relegation coming in 1977.

Now after several seasons of gloom and despondency the Pilgrims appear to be under way, again, setting sail for the new world of Division Two.

"You have got to think that way" agrees manager Bobby Saxton, who says; "we are certainly in a position where it is possible for us to get out. Whether we are capable of doing it is another matter."

When Argyle made an early surge to the top of the league table this season, it seemed a clear indication that Bobby Saxton and his coach Jack Edwards, were at last reaping the rewards of two years hard work on the Home Park staff.

"We have not done bad compared to last season and the year before when I joined the club mid-season," concedes Argyle 14th manager since the war.

That first few months of his managerial career at Home Park was taken up with fighting the big drop to the Fourth Division, a low Argyle have never experienced and never want to. Bob succeeded in pulling the side round to finish in 15th place and continued the re-building programme last season.

Having past that examination Mr. Saxton now moves on towards the promotion stakes, which started wonderfully well with a club record run of 12 games undefeated.

The balloon was pierced by Blackpool who travelled to Home Park in mid-October, and won 2-0. Plymouth then went seven games without a win until the ice was broken with a 2-0 victory over Newport County in the F.A. Cup.

Saxton believes that Argyle had become victims of their own success, because the other teams were sitting up and deciding that Plymouth were the side to stop.

"There was a time when only the First Division clubs went into a detailed study of the opposition," explains the Pilgrims boss. "Now it is very much with us in this division."

He continues: "When we were on the bottom last season no one paid much attention to us and we were able to haul ourselves clear, but as soon as we started to string the results together this season we were under the hammer."

"At this level teams have only one or two potential match winners in their sides and so it is relatively easy for an opposing side to mark them closely and put them out of the game."

One player to attract the unwelcome attentions of the destroyers, is striker David Kemp. This former Crystal Palace and Portsmouth player moved to Devon from Carlisle and finished last season as the leading scorer with 15 League goals. He has already surpassed the figure this season despite the fact that he has one and sometimes two shadows sticking to him like glue.

Another target figure has been winger Donal Murphy, a £60,000 buy from Torquay United last summer, and a player capable of winning matches on his own. But they have to learn to live with these tactics if progress is to be maintained.

Mind you a reminder of just how quickly fortunes fluctuate in this game is illustrated by the positions of Plymouth and Blackpool. Argyle entered the Christmas programme just three points short of a promotion position while Blackpool were just three points clear of the relegation zone, a situation that promoted their manager Alan Ball, to place his entire team on the transfer list.

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