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WHEN I sat down to reflect on our 4-1 League Cup defeat at Portsmouth my immediate reaction was to blame our loss on bad luck.

My notes on the match suggested that we weren't getting the run of the ball but after deeper consideration I felt it was rubbish to suggest that bad luck was why we lost.

The simple reason for the 4-1 beating was poor defending. We seem to have lost the total commitment to defend.

Eleven goals against in three successive games is hardly a record to be proud of.

The only way you can explain such poor figures is to pinpoint poor defensive play.

As a team we are not defending with the sort of commitment and concentration that is necessary at this level.

It's something which we have to put right and we will be talking and working hard on it in training.

Immediately when you talk of poor defensive play people pin the blame on the back four. I don't. Defending is a duty for all 11 players.

We have to defend as a team and react positively and sensibly whenever danger threatens. At the moment we are not doing that.

We are a little bit like boxer Alan Minter. Everybody knew he could box and punch well but he didn't defend well enough against Tony Sibson and was knocked out.

We have been cruelly punished for our shortcomings by Newport, Carlisle and Portsmouth.

Now we aim to tighten our defence so that we can capitalise on our exciting attacking ideas.

The commitment of our players and their willingness to attack, has been good. In the first half at Portsmouth and at Carlisle we contributed highly to the level of entertainment.

But winning is what is important in football. Success has to be earned and we will be putting in the hard graft to improve our results.

One player I would like to spare a few words for is young goalkeeper John Keeley. He had the misfortune to play at Carlisle and Portsmouth when seven goals flew into his net.

In no way could he be blamed for that fact. He did all that was asked of him. But goalkeepers have to be guardians and saviours. Although he proved a good guardian he wasn't able to produce the sort of super save that kept us in a game.

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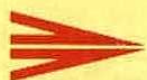
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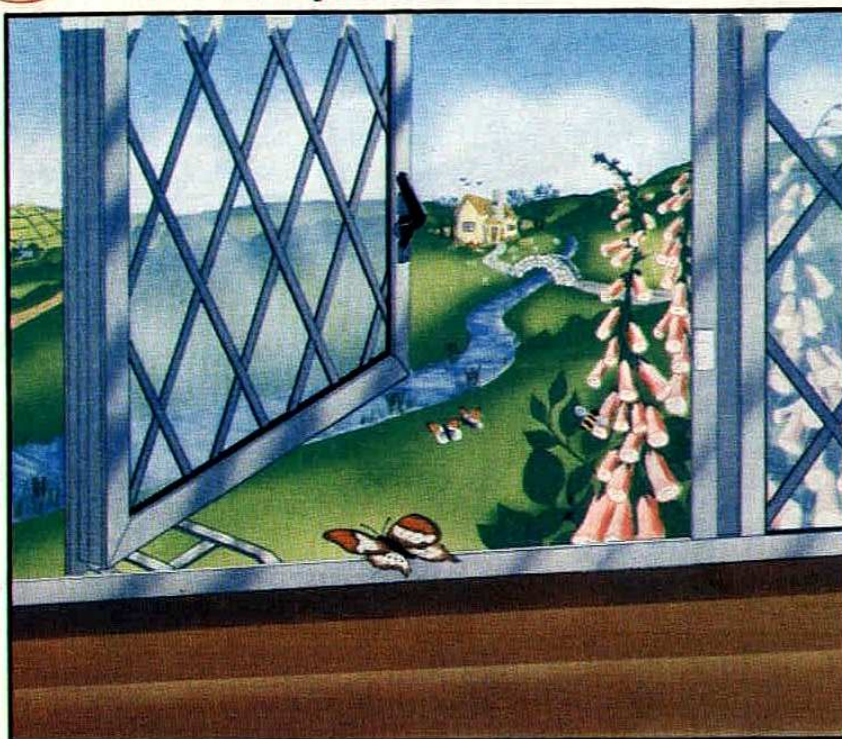
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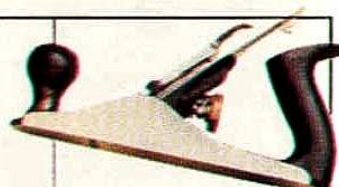
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DARRYL V. Reeves, from Uxbridge, commenced refereeing in 1961 and progressed via local leagues through the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list.

He had the honour of refereeing at Wembley Stadium when he took charge of the 1972 Oxford v Cambridge University match. He has also officiated in the Home Championships.

A married man, with two children, he is a sales office manager in the textile trade whose home interests are interior decorating, gardening and listening to popular music. He also enjoys coarse fishing.

Tonight he will be assisted by Mr. G. Claridge of Dagenham and Mr. R. Logan of Usbridge who are his linesmen.

## SAVED

OUR teenage apprentice Paul Dunstan came within seconds of death in the recent South East Counties Division One game with Ipswich.

Sixteen year old Paul was knocked unconscious and started to gasp for breath when his tongue blocked his air supply.

He was fortunately saved from further trouble by the prompt action of our youth team physio Buster Footman.

have been a tragedy. Paul was really gasping for air.

"I am just glad that we had someone like Buster available. He knew exactly how to deal with the crisis."

After a quick visit to hospital Paul was released and was back in training on Monday. His view of the incident was: "It was all very frightening. I cannot thank Buster enough for his help."



Buster, who does such a fine job for the lads, managed to revive Paul and free his tongue.

It was a tense moment for Buster who thought at one stage that he might lose Paul.

But in the end his action allowed Paul to escape with nothing more than dizziness and a migraine.

The accident happened when Paul caught an elbow in the throat while making a tackle.

He was immediately knocked unconscious and was lying on the ground for a minute before Buster could treat him.

Youth coach Frankie Banks says: "We are all glad that Buster was able to get to Paul just in time."

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**BACK ROW** (Left to Right): Brian Hughes, Jimmy Allan, David Round, Mark Stevens, Kevin Baddeley.  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Chris Kamara (transferred to Portsmouth), Roy Greenwood, Charlie Henry, Gary Emmanuel, Mike Graham, Roy Carter. **FRONT ROW:** Dave Peach (Captain), Andy Rowland, Steve Abbley, Craig Moores, Paul Rideout, Kenny Stroud, Howard Pritchard, Russell Lewis, Martin Blackler.

# Swindon Town

Considerable changes have taken place at Swindon since John Trollope became manager 10 months ago.

Trollope, who made a record 770 League appearances for Swindon in a playing career spanning 20 years, has been busy re-shaping the side he inherited from his predecessor Bob Smith.

Among the departures from the County Ground have been striker Alan Mayes (to Chelsea for £175,000), winger Ian Miller (to Blackburn for £70,000) and midfielders Chris Kamara (to Portsmouth for £50,000), Glenn Cockerill (to Lincoln for £40,000) and Brian Williams (to Bristol Rovers in a swap deal).

There have been a number of new arrivals, only one of whom cost a transfer fee. Gary Williams, a left back, was signed from Blackpool last month for £40,000.

Six other players came on free transfers while midfielder Gary Emmanuel moved to the County Ground in exchange for Brian Williams.

Trollope's new-look side certainly made an encouraging start to the season when they chalked up an emphatic 4-1 home win over Wimbledon.

Swindon's probable goalkeeper tonight is a man who has played here many times before, Scotsman Jimmy Allan.

Born in Inverness, but brought up in the tiny fishing village of Balintore, Allan was signed from the Highland League club Brora Rangers just under 11 years ago. He missed only one League match last season.

His deputy is young Mark Stevens, a 19-year-old snapped up on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers.

Charles Henry, Russell Lewis, Mike Graham and Williams formed the defence on the opening day of the season against Wimbledon.

Henry was drafted into the side shortly after the start of last season and went on to make 32 League appearances.

Lewis, a Welshman from Neath, is a central defender who can also operate at full back. He joined Swindon from a little amateur team called Everwarm.

Graham, one of Swindon's summer signings, managed to score a goal on his debut against the Dons. He made 27 appearances for Bolton's Second Division side last season.

Other contenders for places in the Swindon defence include Kevin Baddeley, Ken Stroud and Dave Peach.

Baddeley, born in Swindon, signed for his home town club during the close season after being released by Bristol City.

Stroud, a Londoner, made his League debut for Swindon 10 years ago when they were still a Second Division side.

Peach, a left back, cost a club record fee of £150,000 from Southampton in March, 1980.

While at the Dell Peach, who has captained the England U-21 side as an over age player, helped Saints win the F.A. Cup in 1976.

He was previously with Gillingham, who had spotted him playing in the Southern League with Bedford Town.

Brian Hughes, Roy Carter and Gary Emmanuel are among the candidates for midfield places.

Hughes, a product of the club's youth scheme, forced his way into the side during the course of last season.

Carter joined Swindon from Hereford in December, 1977 and was voted the club's Player of the Year the following season. Hereford discovered him playing for the Cornish club Falmouth Town in the Western League.

Emmanuel came from Bristol Rovers during the summer in an exchange deal involving Brian Williams. Before joining Rovers Emmanuel played for Birmingham City.

Andy Rowland, top scorer last season, is likely to lead the attack tonight. Rowland was unable to break into Derby's first team, but flourished after a move in August, 1974 to Bury, where he played with our own Derek Spence. Swindon signed him three years ago.

Others competing for places in the forward line include Roy Greenwood, once of Hull, Sunderland and Derby, and two summer signings, Craig Moores (from Bolton) and Welshman Howard Pritchard (from Bristol City).

Teenager Paul Rideout, the former England schoolboy international striker, is also knocking on the first team door. Rideout scored on his debut against Hull last November, one of four League goals he netted in 16 outings last season.

Ken Beamish, appointed player-coach after being freed by Tranmere at the end of last season, is not expected to play much first team football.

Swindon have been beaten on each of their last five visits to Roots Hall. The last time they managed to avoid defeat on this ground was back in April, 1963 when they forced a 1-1 draw to earn a point they badly needed to maintain their drive towards promotion to the Second Division.

Swindon's last appearance at Roots Hall in February, 1980 resulted in a 1-0 defeat with Derek Spence scoring the only goal of the game during the first half.

Earlier in the season Blues had lost by the same score at Swindon, who netted the winner in the last minute through Alan Mayes.

## Swindon's Six-Year Record

	Div	Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1980-81	3	17	46	13	15	18	51	56	41
1979-80	3	10	46	19	8	19	71	63	46
1978-79	3	5	46	25	7	14	74	52	57
1977-78	3	10	46	16	16	14	67	60	48
1976-77	3	11	46	15	15	16	68	75	45
1975-76	3	19	46	16	8	22	62	75	40

## Southend's Record Against Swindon

	Football League						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	41	23	9	9	81	45	55
Away	41	6	9	26	35	89	21
Total	82	29	18	35	116	134	76



# LEAGUE CUP REVIEW

OUR hopes of a lucrative run in the Football League Cup were shattered when we crashed to a 4-1 defeat against Portsmouth at Fratton Park.

Despite taking the lead after five minutes of the second leg tie with a goal by Derek Spence, we were sunk by goals from Billy Rafferty, Bobby Doyle, Steve Berry and Chris Kamara.

Perhaps our hopes effectively died in the first game at Roots Hall when the brilliance of Portsmouth's young keeper Alan Knight ensured Pompey a goalless draw.

Among the distinguished early departures from the competition were tonight's visitors Swindon Town.

The 1969 League Cup winners were beaten 5-2 on aggregate by Second Division Wrexham.

They looked to be in with a good chance when they lost 3-2 in the first leg at the Racecourse Ground but they surrendered all hope when they tumbled to a 2-0 defeat at home.

Millwall, who have made such a fine start to the season, will be highly delighted with their win over Second Division Orient.

After drawing 1-1 at Brisbane Road they managed to sneak through to the

second round with a 3-2 win at the Den.

Oxford United produced one of the best performances of the round. They knocked out Brentford 3-0 on aggregate with the highlight of the tie being the 2-0 success they gained at Griffin Park in the second leg. Both goals came in a minute. The first was an own goal by Alan Whitehead, the second was netted by Peter Foley.

Exeter City saw off Second Division Cardiff 4-3 on aggregate after winning the second leg 3-1 in extra time at St. James' Park.

Burnley, Wimbledon and Gillingham were three Third Division club's left licking their wounds.

All three were knocked out by Division Four clubs at the first hurdle.

Burnley's defeat was the most surprising. The once powerful Lancashire club went down 7-5 on aggregate to Tranmere Rovers.

Their fate was sealed in the first leg when they crashed 4-2 at Prenton Park. Even a 3-3 draw at Turk Moor couldn't save them.

Wimbledon looked favourites to dismiss Aldershot when they drew 0-0 away but at Plough Lane they crashed to a 3-1 defeat. Colin Garwood netted twice for Aldershot.

Colchester, relegated at the end of last season, beat Gillingham 3-1 on aggregate. They won 2-0 at Layer Road then drew 1-1 away. The only consolation for Gillingham was the goal scored by former Southend player Kenny Price.

Third Division leaders Newport put out Torquay United 3-2 despite being held to a goalless draw at Somerton Park, while Huddersfield Town won 4-2 at Rochdale in the second leg to clinch a 7-3 success.

The two Bristol clubs are through to the second round. City beat Walsall 2-1 on aggregate despite losing the second leg 1-0. Rovers defeated Crewe 2-0 on aggregate after winning the second leg at Eastville 1-0 with an extra time goal from Parkin.

An own goal in extra time by Pat Hilton gave Carlisle a 2-1 second leg win over Bury and 5-4 win on aggregate. Charlton's second leg 3-1 win over Reading at The Valley saw them through 5-3.

Doncaster Rovers, who beat Chesterfield on away goals after their tie ended 1-1 on aggregate, Fulham who saw off Bournemouth 3-0, Lincoln who beat Hull 4-1, Plymouth 2-1 victors over Chester, and Preston 2-1 winners against Halifax, complete the Third Division line up in round two.

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Garry Nelson takes on the Newport defence.

## 75th Anniversary

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**Saturday, January 30, 1926**

Blues pulled off one of the biggest sensations of the 1925-26 season when they trounced the Second Division leaders at the old Kursaal ground to reach the last 16 of the F.A. Cup for the first time.

The match attracted a then record crowd of 15,800 who paid receipts totalling £1,226.

The large contingent of Derby supporters who travelled south in three special trains could have few complaints about the result.

Blues, seizing control from the start on a heavy, sticky pitch, took the lead after 26 minutes when Jack Andrews headed home from 15 yards.

Nine minutes later Fred Graver, deputising for the unavailable George Bisset whose brother had just died, made it 2-0 after gaining possession of the ball when Derby left back Archie Ritchie slipped in the mud.

Blues went further ahead in the 65th minute when centre forward Billy Hick robbed Ritchie before slipping the ball past goalkeeper Ben Olney.

And in the 71st minute Hick netted an identical goal to make it 4-0.

Four minutes from time Derby scored a consolation goal when

winger Lionel Murphy beat Blues' keeper Billy Moore with a swerving cross shot.

Derby, who went on to gain promotion to the First Division at the end of the season, fielded three England internationals against Blues — George Thornewell, Harry Bedford and Harry Storer.

Goalkeeper Olney later played for England following his move to Aston Villa.

**Southend United:** Moore, French, Sayles, Jewhurst, O'Rawe, Andrews, Morris, Graver, Hick, Shaw, Smith.

**Derby County:** Olney, Wightman, Ritchie, McIntyre, Thoms, Plackett, Thornewell, Keetley (C.), Bedford, Storer, Murphy.



Keith Mercer shoots for goal against Newport.



MATCH SPONSORS	Date	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maybank Press	Aug. 29	Walsall	3,419	1	0	Cawston	Stead	Yates	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	Sept. 4	Newport County	4,620	0	4	Cawston	Stead	Dudley	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	12	Carlisle United	3,596	2	3	Keeley	Stead	Yates	Nelson	Moody	Cusack
	19	Portsmouth	4,087	0	0	Cawston	Stead	Dudley	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
Delta Paper	21	Swindon Town									
	26	Huddersfield Town									
	29	Fulham									
	Oct. 3	Plymouth Argyle									
Henleys Ltd.	9	Bristol Rovers									
	17	Chesterfield									
	19	Brentford									
	24	Oxford United									
Nov.	31	Preston North End									
	2	Gillingham									
	7	Lincoln City									
	14	Bristol City									
Dec.	27	Reading									
	5	Chester									
	19	Burnley									
	26	Millwall									
Jan.	28	Wimbledon									
	1	Exeter City									
	9	Newport County									
	16	Doncaster Rovers									
Feb.	23	Walsall									
	30	Portsmouth									
	6	Carlisle United									
	9	Swindon Town									
Tetelton	13	Plymouth Argyle									
	19	Fulham									
	27	Bristol Rovers									
	Mar. 5	Chesterfield									
Maybank Press	8	Brentford									
	13	Oxford United (LCF)									
	16	Gillingham									
	19	Preston North End									
Apr.	27	Lincoln City									
	3	Bristol City									
	9	Wimbledon									
	12	Millwall									
Maybank Press	17	Chester									
	24	Reading									
	May 1	Huddersfield Town									
	4	Doncaster Rovers									
	8	Exeter City									
	14	Burnley									



Derek Spence opened the scoring after five minutes at Portsmouth in our 4-1 reverse. Terry Gray scored our second goal in the 3-2 defeat at Carlisle.

#### GROUP CUP, LEAGUE CUP AND FA CUP

Maybank Press	Aug 15	Orient (GC)	1,806	0	2	Cawston	Stead	Dudley	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	19	Gillingham (GC)	1,974	0	0	Cawston	Stead	Dudley	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	24	Wimbledon (GC)	1,780	1	2	Cawston	Stead	Yates	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	Sept. 2	Portsmouth LC 1 (1st leg)	10,019	1	4	Keeley	Stead	Yates	Nelson	Moody	Cusack
	16	Portsmouth LC 1 (2nd leg)									
	Nov. 21	FA Cup 1									
	Dec. 12	FA Cup 2									
	Mar. 13	LC Final									
	May 22	FA Cup Final									
	Aug 10	Norwich City (Friendly)	3,545	1	1	Cawston	Stead	Yates	Hadley	Moody	Cusack
	21	West Ham Utd (Friendly)	7,260	1	2	Cawston	Stead	Dudley	Hadley	Moody	Cusack

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 1 TABLE 1981-82 (Up to and including September 12)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	3	3	0	0	14	6	6
Charlton Athletic	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Fulham	3	2	0	1	11	6	4
Norwich City	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
West Ham United	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Orient	3	1	1	1	10	4	3
Ipswich Town	3	1	1	1	7	5	3
Q.P.R.	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Chelsea	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Watford	3	1	1	1	5	7	3
Millwall	3	1	1	1	4	8	3
Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Crystal Palace	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Gillingham	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
Southend United	3	0	1	2	2	12	1
Arsenal	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2 TABLE 1981-82 (Up to and including September 12)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	3	3	0	0	10	4	6
Cambridge United	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Oxford United	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	9	7	4
Charlton Athletic	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	9	8	4
Millwall	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
Swindon Town	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Tottenham H.	3	1	0	2	12	9	2
Bristol Rovers	3	1	0	2	8	8	2
Reading	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Chelsea	3	1	0	2	4	10	2
West Ham United	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Brentford	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
Southend United	3	0	0	3	4	14	0

#### MIDWEEK LEAGUE FINAL TABLE 1980-81

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton & H.A.	24	14	6	4	53	23	34
Watford	24	12	7	5	46	25	31
Portsmouth	24	12	5	7	30	26	29
Peterborough Utd.	24	9	8	7	41	38	26
Charlton Athletic	24	10	5	9	46	45	25
Gillingham	24	7	10	7	43	42	24
Southend United	24	10	4	10	40	41	24
Millwall	24	9	5	10	33	31	23
Brentford	24	9	4	11	42	41	22
Northampton T.	24	8	5	11	38	46	21
Cambridge United	24	8	3	13	28	45	19
Wimbledon	24	7	4	13	36	51	19
Aldershot	24	5	6	13	24	46	16



7		9	10	11	12
Gray	Pountney	Spence	Mercer	Otulakowski	Dudley
Nelson	Pountney	Spence	Mercer	Otulakowski	Pennyfather
Gray	Pountney	Spence	Mercer	Otulakowski	Dudley
Gray	Pountney	Spence	Mercer	Otulakowski	Nelson



### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 1 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

		F	A
Aug. 29	Fulham	0	4
Sept. 5	Gillingham	2	2
12	Ipswich Town	0	6
19	Millwall		
26	1st Round Senior and Junior League Cups		
Oct. 3	Norwich City		
10	Orient		
17	Portsmouth		
24	Ipswich Town		
31	West Ham United		
Nov. 7	Orient		
14	2nd Round Senior and Junior League Cups		
21	Watford		
28	Arsenal		
Dec. 5	Charlton Athletic		
12	Chelsea		
19	Crystal Palace		
Jan. 2	Fulham		
16	Gillingham		
23	Millwall		
30	Norwich City		
Feb. 6	Portsmouth		
13	West Ham United		
Mar. 6	Tottenham Hotspur		
13	Watford		
20	Arsenal		
27	Charlton Athletic		
Apr. 3	Chelsea		
10	Queens Park Rangers		
17	Crystal Palace		
24	Queens Park Rangers		
May 1			
8	Tottenham Hotspur		

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION 2 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

		F	A
Aug. 29	Luton Town	2	4
Sept. 5	Brighton	1	2
12	Oxford United	1	8
19	Reading		
26	1st Round Senior and Junior League Cups		
Oct. 3			
10	Swindon Town		
17	Tottenham Hotspur		
24	West Ham United		
31	Wimbledon		
Nov. 7	Brentford		
14	2nd Round Senior and Junior League Cups		
21	Brighton & H.A.		
28	Bristol Rovers		
Dec. 5	Cambridge United		
12	Charlton Athletic		
19	Chelsea		
Jan. 2	Luton Town		
9	Millwall		
16	Oxford United		
23	Reading		
30	Millwall		
Feb. 6	Swindon Town		
13	Tottenham Hotspur		
30	West Ham United		
27	Wimbledon		
Mar. 6			
20	Bristol Rovers		
27	Cambridge United		
Apr. 3	Charlton Athletic		
10			
17	Brentford		
24			
May 1	Chelsea		

## FACT FILE

### APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS 1980-81

(Goalscorers in brackets)

	League	FA Cup	League Cup		League	FA Cup	League Cup
Micky Stead	3		2	Steve Yates	2		1
Alan Moody	3 (1)		2	Tony Hadley	2		1
Dave Cusack	3 (1)		2	Mervyn Cawston	2		1
Ron Pountney	3		2	Terry Gray	2 (1)		2
Derek Spence	3		2 (1)	Garry Nelson	2		2
Keith Mercer	3		2	Phil Dudley	1		2
Anton Otulakowski	3		2	John Keeley	1		1

### LEAGUE DIVISION THREE TABLE 1981-82

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport	3	2	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	4	0	9	
Swindon	3	2	0	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	
Millwall	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	6	
Reading	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	6	
Oxford	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	6	
Lincoln	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	5	
Brentford	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	3	5	
Chester	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	5	
Doncaster	3	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	2	2	4	
Chesterfield	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	
Carlisle	3	1	1	0	5	4	0	0	1	1	2	4	
Fulham	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	4	
Bristol R	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	2	4	
Exeter	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	4	
Gillingham	3	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	3	3	
Burnley	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	3	
Southend	3	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	1	3	3	3	
Preston N.E.	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	3	
Bristol City	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	4	2	
Portsmouth	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Huddersfield	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	
Walsall	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	
Wimbledon	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	5	1	
Plymouth	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	

### MIDWEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES AND RESULTS

			F	A
Sept. 8	Peterborough United		3	1
15	Northampton Town			
22	Portsmouth			
30	Aldershot			
Oct. 6	Brentford			
13	Portsmouth (LC)			
27	Charlton Athletic			
Nov. 10	Brentford			
17	Millwall			
24	Wimbledon			
Dec. 1	Gillingham			
9	Gillingham			
15	Wimbledon			
22	Cambridge United			
Jan. 5	Millwall			
12	Aldershot			
19	Brighton & Hove Albion			
26	Northampton Town			
Feb. 3	Portsmouth			
10	Charlton Athletic			
15	Peterborough United			
23	Exeter City			
Mar. 9	AFC Bournemouth			
23	Brighton & Hove Albion			
Apr. 6	Cambridge United			
14	AFC Bournemouth			
20	Exeter City			



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TONY HADLEY			Nick and Kevin			
DAVE CUSACK	Complete kit by CR Salmon Tyres, Jet Garage, Bread & Cheese Hill, Thundersley					
MIKE STEAD	Phil Esdaile		N. J. Payne			
ANTON OTULAKOWSKI	Complete kit by La Bastille Restaurant, 1777 London Rd, Leigh-on-Sea					
TERRY GRAY						
KEITH MERCER	Kevin Fitch					
DEREK SPENCE	Richard Tanner		Bill Messer			
JOHN WALKER			Dean & Lee Garrat			
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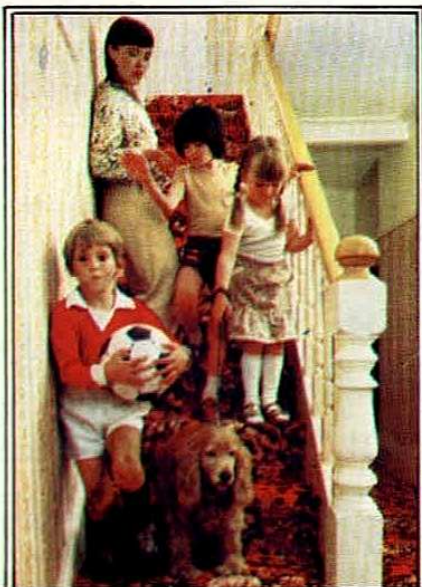


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# Player of the Year

IT is now five seasons since a defender won the Player of the Year Award, and one of the big questions being asked is will that sequence be broken this time.

One man making a determined effort to end the domination of midfielders and strikers since Andy Ford won the award in 1977 is big Dave Cusack.

He currently lies second in this season's competition with five points — two behind leader Keith Mercer.

Last season Cusack was a leading contender throughout the campaign but finally finished fourth behind the eventual winner Derek Spence.

But this time he is hoping that he can do even better and take the coveted title.

He has certainly impressed our voters to date. He earned top marks at Walsall and was second behind Mercer at Carlisle.

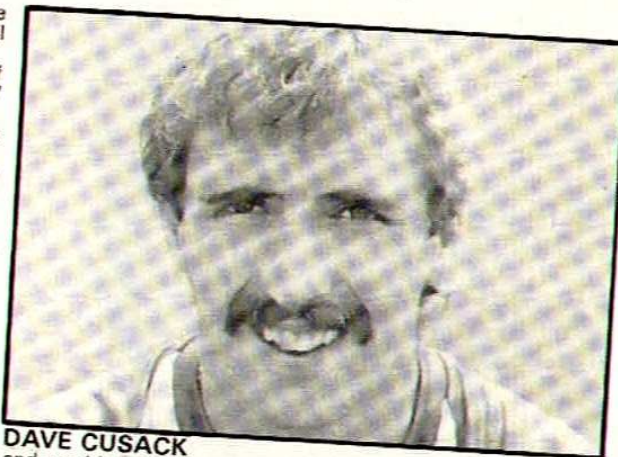
Two other defenders showing up well in the early weeks are past winner Alan Moody and Phil Dudley.

Young Dudley took top marks for the League Cup tie with Portsmouth at Roots Hall while Moody has two points to his name.

Twenty year old Garry Nelson, who lies in third place overall with four points, could become the youngest ever winner if he tops the poll at the end of the season.

Once again the award is being based on voting figures from supporters as every game.

A voting coupon appears on page five of every programme for you to give your one, two, three choice. You should complete it



**DAVE CUSACK**

and send it to the Programme Editor, as quickly as possible.

For away matches votes are collected by Supporters Club officials from fans travelling on their coaches.

Regular progress reports will appear in this space in every home programme.

## Youths

INJURIES and illness have sadly hampered the efforts of our two South East Counties League sides so far this season.

Among the casualties has been our promising young defender Neil Gregory.

The 17 year old left back has been suffering from a thigh strain.

His absence has been a big blow because he has made encouraging progress since joining the club last year.

The injury also ruled Gregory out of the recent match with Peterborough.

Fellow apprentice Matt Johnson has also been on the sick list with a stomach disorder.

Youth coach Frankie Banks says: "The injuries haven't helped us to develop a settled team but we cannot blame them for our poor showing."

"There's a lot of room for improvement but we mustn't lose sight of our objective which is to produce future players for Southend United."

"Obviously we would like to win at the same time but if we can develop good players then the exercise is worthwhile."

"One of the most pleasing factors for me this season is the way we have been able to coax talented youngsters like Warren May and Paul Franklin to Roots Hall."

"In the past we have often had to lose out to London clubs but that trend seems to be changing right now."



**NEIL GREGORY**

## Reserves

OUR Reserve team received an unexpected break from action last week when their Midweek League game at Northampton was cancelled.

The match was called off because the Cobblers couldn't raise a team. It will be re-arranged for later in the season.

The reserves will now play their second match of the season at Fratton Park against Portsmouth Reserves tomorrow.

And they will be hoping to do better than the first team who were beaten 4-1 there in a League Cup tie last Wednesday.

The Reserves go into the match boosted by their opening 3-1 win over Peterborough Reserves.

That was a highly encouraging result and they will be hoping that a couple of injury worries clear up.

Centre back John Walker has been having treatment for a nasty shoulder injury received in the clash with Posh.

But it is hoped he will be able to fill his usual position at the heart of the defence.

Another member of the defence who will be looking to further his first team claims is Glenn Pennyfather.

The 18 year old looked impressive against Peterborough and is anxious to add to the one league appearance he made against Doncaster Rovers last season, as quickly as possible.

The reserves' next home match is against Aldershot at Roots Hall on Wednesday, September 30. Kick off is at 7.30pm.



**JOHN WALKER**





# INTRODUCING

# Derek Spence

**Full Name:** Derek William Spence

**Age:** 29 years

**Birthday:** 18 January 1952

**Height:** 5' 10"

**Weight:** 11st 6lbs

**Previous clubs:** Crusaders, Oldham, Bury, Blackpool, Olympiakos, Blackpool

**Date joined Blues:** December 1979

**Most memorable match:** v Rochdale to clinch Division 4 title

**Most difficult match:** v Hull 1980 when we had to win to stay up

**Favourite other team:** Manchester United

**Favourite player:** George Best

**Greatest achievement:** Winning international honours and being Player of the Year at Blackpool and Southend

**Footballing likes:** Meeting interesting people

**Footballing dislikes:** Players who deliberately try to injure other professionals

**Honours:** 29 Northern Ireland caps, Division 4 Championship Medal

**Married:** Yes

**Wife's name:** Francis

**Children:** Leanna 3

**Car:** Ford Capri 2000

**Favourite food:** Prawn cocktail and fillet steak

**Favourite TV programme:** Match of the Day

**Favourite pop star or group:** Stevie Wonder and Rod Stewart

**Favourite male film star:** Burt Reynolds

**Favourite female film star:** Barbra Streisand

**Who would you most like to meet:** The Queen at a Wembley F.A. Cup final

**What do you think you would do if you weren't a footballer:** Be a struggling joiner in Ireland





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