

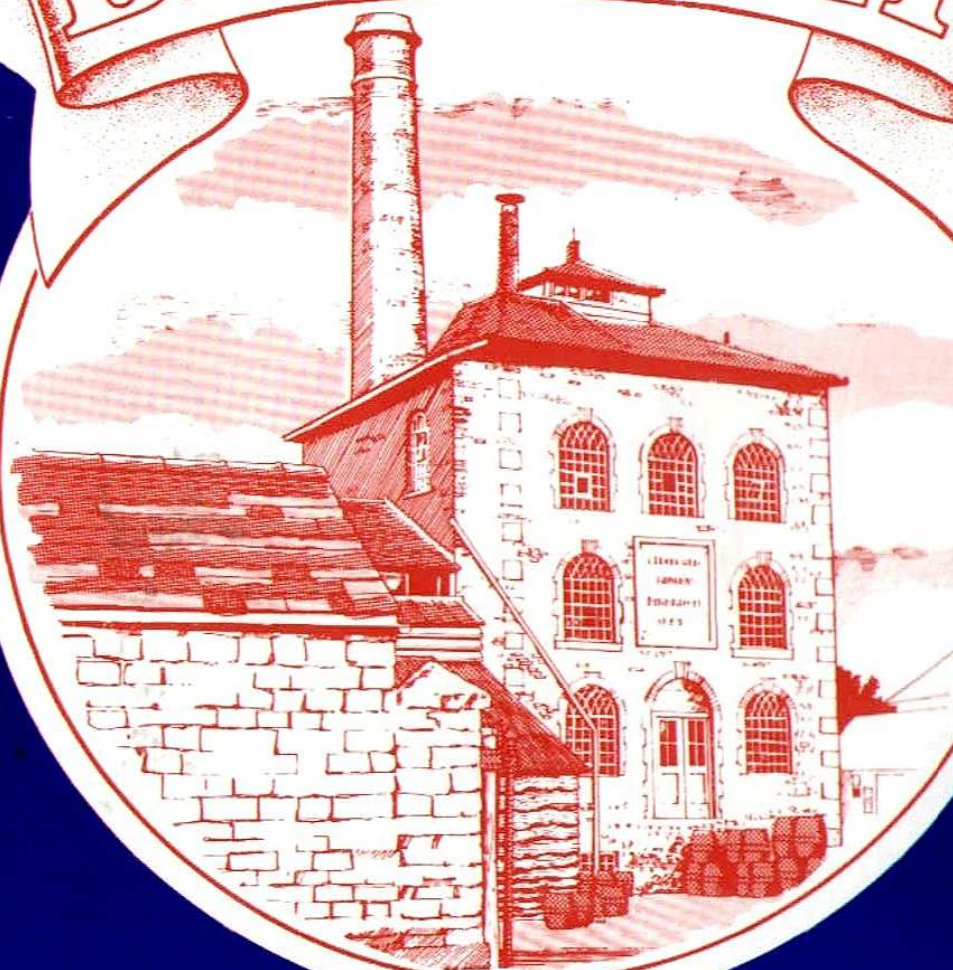
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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we extend a very warm welcome to the Players and Officials of Taunton Town Football Club. This is, I think the first time we have played an official fixture against our opponents of today.

Taunton Town have a very friendly Club which I had the pleasure of visiting on the occasion of their replayed cup tie with Addlestone and Weybridge and from that game I could see that we shall have formidable opponents on the field today.

Football Clubs at all levels are finding it difficult under today's financial problems to keep to a standard which we all strive for. Taunton Town would have preferred to play today's tie on their own ground, but the finances had to be considered and I hope that today's attendance will have justified this decision. It will be strange for our supporters to see us playing in our yellow change strip on the County Ground, although, of course, some of our supporters are used to these changes on our away trips.

I understand that Taunton have brought quite a good following with them today, and we welcome them to the County Ground.

There has been a lot of publicity recently in the Press and on local television of the difficulties that one of our near rival clubs is having financially, after having tasted success in the first division for several seasons, and I am sure the man on the terraces must wonder at the economies of football when clubs are still prepared to pay out hundred of thousands of pounds for players when the income from gates is falling rapidly, in the hope that money will bring success and success will bring the crowds back again.

On Wednesday evening when we played Hungary, the result of this game not known at the time of writing these notes, will have a tremendous influence on our National game at all levels and I hope will bring back some of the lost interest.

Our Swindon Town Schoolboys team are having a very successful season and on Tuesday last, beat Plymouth Schoolboys by four goals to three with the winning goal coming in the last minute. This kind of entertainment is good for the game and the lucky people who attended this match were kept on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

I received a letter from one of our supporters this week expressing his pleasure with our Reserve Team's performance against West Ham on Saturday last when we won 3-0, and Ken Beamish seems to be getting some good results, as is Don Rogers whose Youth Team in the Midland Youth League have reached the final of their Cup Competition, and meet West Bromwich Albion Youths. This final may be played on a two leg basis which will be decided at a meeting this week.

Three of our young players, Paul Batty, Ray Baverstock and Paul Rideout, have been included in the squad of players who have been selected to represent the Football Association in a representative game against a South West Counties eleven. This game is being played on the ground of Bath City Football Club on Tuesday, 1 December 1981. Being an evening kick off, I am sure that many of our supporters would like to see this game, and we all congratulate our players on their recognition by the Football Association.

The Rendezvous Club under the new Manager, Mr Noel Glass, is attracting new members and introducing many attractive ideas, and with Christmas drawing near I am sure that this will be a place to visit. Hoping that today's game has been enjoyed by both sets of supporters and that we will see you at our next home game

JOHN TROLLOPE

Our run of poor results have continued with the last two games, losing to Millwall and Huddersfield.

The home defeat to Millwall was due mainly to giving away silly goals. After the bright start to the game, in which we went ahead 1-0, we seemed to lose our confidence and some rhythm and allowed Millwall to get back into the game, and seven minutes from the end we gave them another goal and the three points. Quite obviously it is our home form that has cost us the high league position we enjoyed a few weeks ago.

Earlier in the season, we seemed fairly certain of picking up some points on our away games, but this recent decline appears to have affected us even on these occasions as our last three away games have ended in defeat.

The Huddersfield game finished in a disappointing 3-0 loss. We started off very slowly and the first twenty-five minutes saw us completely outplayed by Huddersfield, in which time they went 1-0 ahead. Ten minutes before half-time we came back into the game by lifting ourselves a little and could have scored on a couple of occasions. Just after half-time we gave them another goal which made our task even harder, but to the team's credit, we probably had more of the ball and created better chances than Huddersfield and although they scored again, there was encouraging signs that we could go forward and create chances, but unfortunately we failed to finish.

At the start of the season when the players were full of confidence and played as a team we got the right result, now one would wonder whether they had, in fact, ever played as a team before.

The Reserves continue with their improved form by gaining a draw 1-1 away at Reading, and winning 3-0 at home to West Ham. The results obviously reflects the hard work that Ken Beamish is putting in with our younger players.

The Midland Youth Team beat their opponents, Birmingham City, 4-0 in their last game of the Midland Youth Cup Competition, and although we had to wait until last Monday to know whether or not we were through to the Final, Don and his team received their reward for all their hard work and efforts over the past months in this Competition, as we can now look forward to seeing them in the Final.

The South East Counties team suffered their second defeat of the season by losing 3-0 away to Cambridge United last week, but from the reports I received, this scoreline did not justify the way our lads had played.

Today we welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters from Taunton Town - after seeing them play I know that our game this afternoon will be a tough one - and I count on you once again to support and encourage our team as I know you can.

post-war encounters with non-league clubs

30.11.46	Swindon Town	4	Cambridge Town	1	12.12.67	Swindon Town	4	Salisbury	0
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22.11.52	Swindon Town	5	Newport I.O.W.	0	7.12.68	Grantham	0	Swindon Town	2
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19.11.55	Swindon Town	4	Hereford Utd.	0	3. 1.76	Swindon Town	2	Tooting & Mitcham Utd.	2
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10.11.60	Bath City	4	Swindon Town	6	26.11.77	Boreham Wood	0	Swindon Town	0
4.11.61	Swindon Town	2	Kettering Town	2	29.11.77	Swindon Town	2	Boreham Wood	0
8.11.61	Kettering Town	3	Swindon Town	0	25.11.78	Swindon Town	2	March Town Utd.	0
24.11.62	Yeovil Town	0	Swindon Town	2	16.12.78	Swindon Town	3	Enfield	0
13.11.65	Swindon Town	5	Merthyr Tydfil	1	22.11.80	Swindon Town	3	Weymouth	2
4.12.65	Grantham	1	Swindon Town	6					
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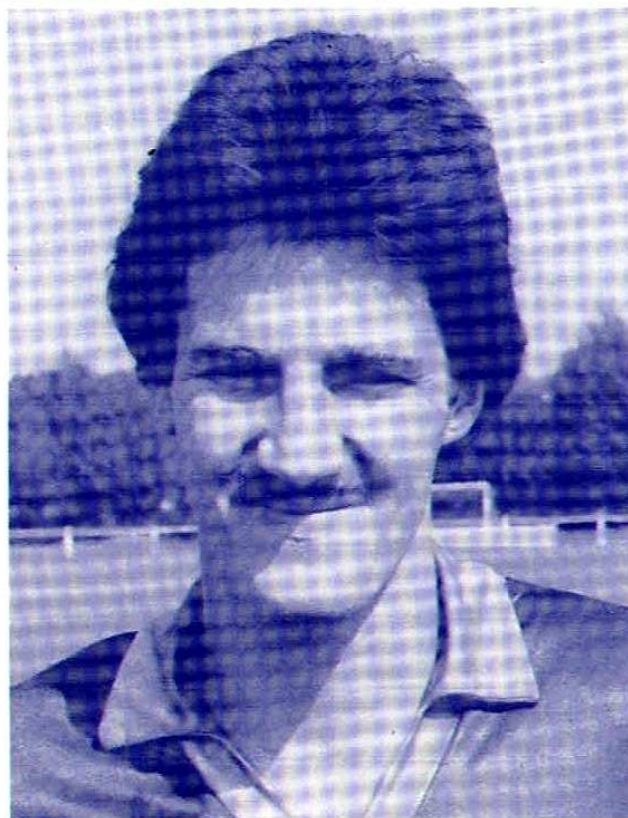
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BRIAN ASHTON

NORMAN HUNTER - Goalkeeper. Last year's understudy at Minehead after several years with Western League club Bideford, with whom he played at Portsmouth in the First Round of the F.A. Cup in 1977.

ROBERT LOWE - Full-back. Came into the side in March whilst only 15. Has just returned to the side, having recovered from a foot injury.

GRAHAM SMITH - Full-back. In his 8th season with the club after spells with Bath City and Glastonbury. Club Captain.

EDDIE AHERNE - Midfield. Signed in 1977 when the club joined the Southern League after several seasons with Western Leaguers Bridgewater Town. Formerly a striker but has successfully switched to midfield this season.

DAVE AWCOCK - Defender. Signed at the beginning of the season after being released by Bideford. Formerly with Western League clubs Barnstaple Town and Wellington. Has enjoyed the responsibility of team captain.

PAUL ADAMS - Defender. Joined the Club in September after being unable to command a place at Minehead. Has struck up an excellent understanding with Dave Awcock.

KEVIN HAINS - Forward. Only 16, made his debut towards the end of last season and is learning all the time.

BRIAN ASHTON - Forward. Recently signed from Yeovil Town after a two-month loan spell. Top scorer with five goals, including three in the F.A. Cup.

TERRY EDWARDS - Midfield. Has spent several seasons with the club. Was switched from attack to defence when the club entered the Southern League but now plays in an attacking midfield role and has scored several goals.

TONY PAYNE - Midfield. Now in his 17th season with his only club and has now played over 700 games, scoring well over 200 goals in the process was appointed Assistant Manager at the start of the season.

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RICHARD LEGG - Forward. New signing from Hellenic League club Forest Green Rovers after spells with Trowbridge Town and Salisbury City. Has added valuable height and experience to the forward line.

JAMIE SALT - Forward. Attacking winger who joined the club early last season from Western League club Mangotsfield United and has made an invaluable contribution to the F.A. Cup run. May not be able to play today because of a niggling ankle injury.

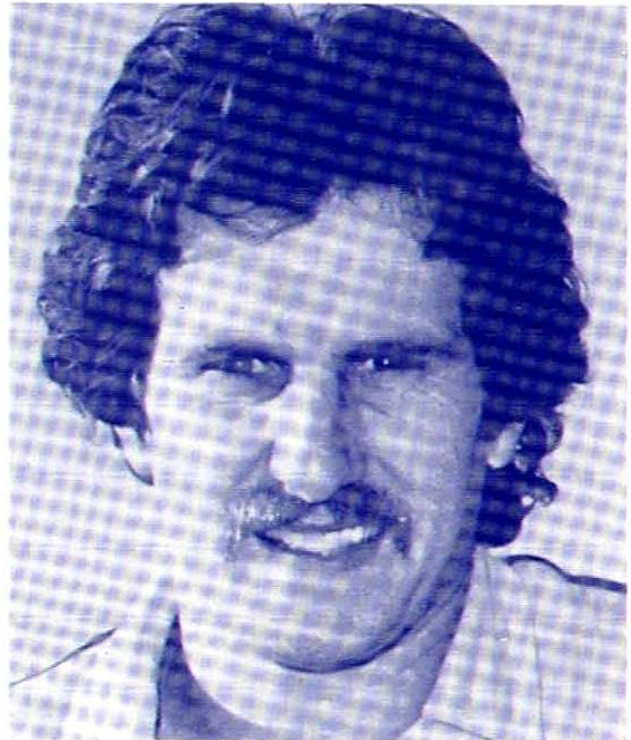
MARTIN COOK - Utility. Joined the club early last season after playing local football in Bristol. Originally a defender but now plays in midfield and has turned in some outstanding displays, particularly in the F.A. Cup. His brother Gary played for the club at the start of the season but has not been selected recently.

ALAN EDWARDS - Utility. Signed from Bideford at the end of August. Can play at full-back or in midfield. Played for Bideford at Portsmouth in 1977 along with Norman Stevens.

CLIVE WESTLAKE - Midfield. Unlucky to be injured on his debut for the club in September having signed from Yeovil Town but should be back in action very shortly.

FRANK McMAHON - Manager. A promising non-League career was cut short by a knee injury in his first match for Bath City after signing from Yeovil Town. Formerly with Coventry City with whom he won the Daily Express 5-a-side championships. Started a comeback at the end of last season but aggravated the injury in a Southern League cup-tie at Dorchester early this season. Now in his second season with the club after a season in charge of Bath City's successful reserve side.

JIMMY GREENE - Trainer. Experienced trainer now in his 4th season with the club. Formerly with Glastonbury in the Western League. Has instructed on many Manager/Trainer courses organized by the Somerset Football Association.



TERRY EDWARDS



JAMIE SALT

From the Secretary

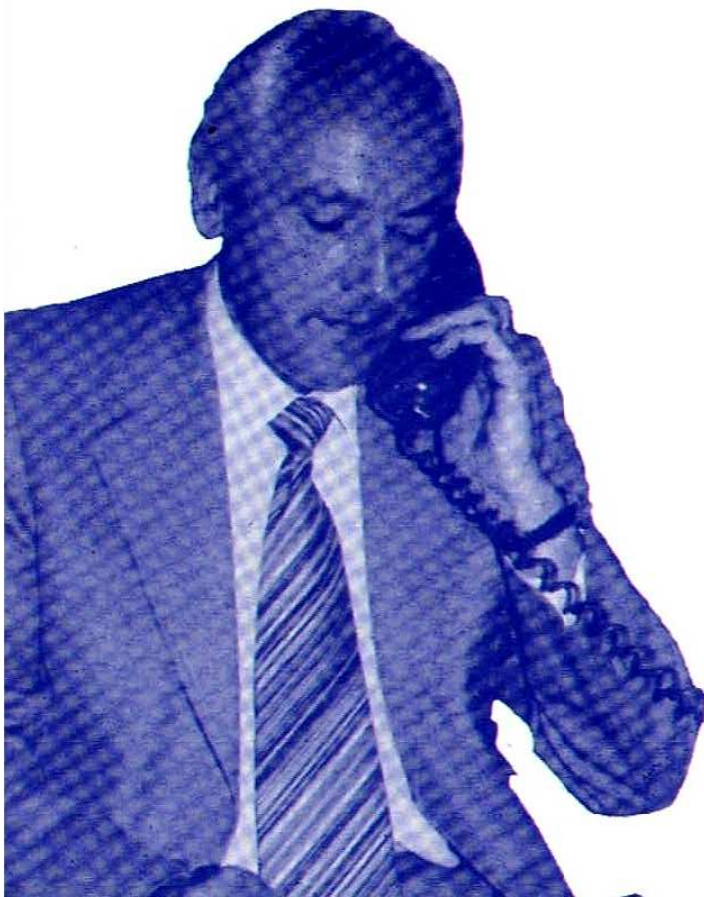
Once again I read in the newspapers that the Professional Footballers' Association, under the guidance of Mr. Gordon Taylor, are flexing their muscles for another confrontation with the Clubs over the matter of high transfer fees saying that, if clubs do not accept a multiplying system when determining transfer fees then they will refer that matter to the courts with the threat that, should they win their case transfer fees will be abolished and players will be free to move from club to club without compensation. The P.F.A. considers that the incidence of high transfer fees is their chief cause of the financial difficulties in which the game finds itself today. What utter nonsense!

The chief cause for the debit balances of clubs is the high wages and bonuses demanded by the members of the Professional Footballers' Association - they are the ones who are taking vast amounts of money out of the game - and if Mr. Taylor would divert his attentions to negotiating a wages ceiling with his members then two advantageous things would happen. Firstly more of his members would remain in employment (or is it true that he only represents the 'Star Player') and secondly more cash could be utilised for improving spectator facilities.

Many months ago I wrote that if 'Freedom of Contract' were to become a fact of life then many members of the P.F.A. would join the dole queues and this has in fact happened. I am completely unable to understand the mentality of the 'mediocre' player, and I do not use that term unkindly, supporting their Union in the negotiations of agreements that can only put their jobs at risk for the benefit of prima donna players of the First Division. Even at this time of the season not a day passes that two or three letters are placed on my desk listing players surplus to Clubs' requirements, some of these lists being very long indeed. Are we to reach a B.L. situation in the game before the Union comes to it's senses.

Of course the transfer situation being quoted by Mr. Taylor is just a red herring. What of course he wants is for transfer fees to be reduced so that the balance can go into the pockets of his members. After all, how many £1 million transfer fees have been paid? I have pointed out in my previous notes that the Clubs in most trouble are those in the lower divisions and how many of those have paid big transfer fees? I know that such Clubs as Torquay United, A.F.C. Bournemouth, Crewe Alexandra, Halifax Town, Hartlepool United - the list is endless - would find it difficult to pay one million pence for a player but it is their existence that is in jeopardy because they have to compete in the employment of players.

I would suggest to Mr. Taylor that in the best interests of his membership as a whole and for the good of the game in general he would be better employed in bringing a sensible level of wages to the game and ensuring that players give one hundred percent effort in playing a game that many thousands of people play for pleasure. It is high time that players felt some degree of gratitude for the skills they were born with instead of griping about how hard done by they are for millions of lads would love to be in their shoes. People would return to the game if they knew they were getting value for their money and if the entertainment they were being offered was attractive but who can blame them for not leaving their fireside to see lack of effort and a mediocre display by their local team. The cure for all the games ills is in the hands of the players, managers and coaches until they realise that we are here for the benefit of the supporter and have a duty to them to provide them with entertainment to the exclusion of all other matters such as the sack or being dropped then, whatever measures are taken will be a waste of effort.



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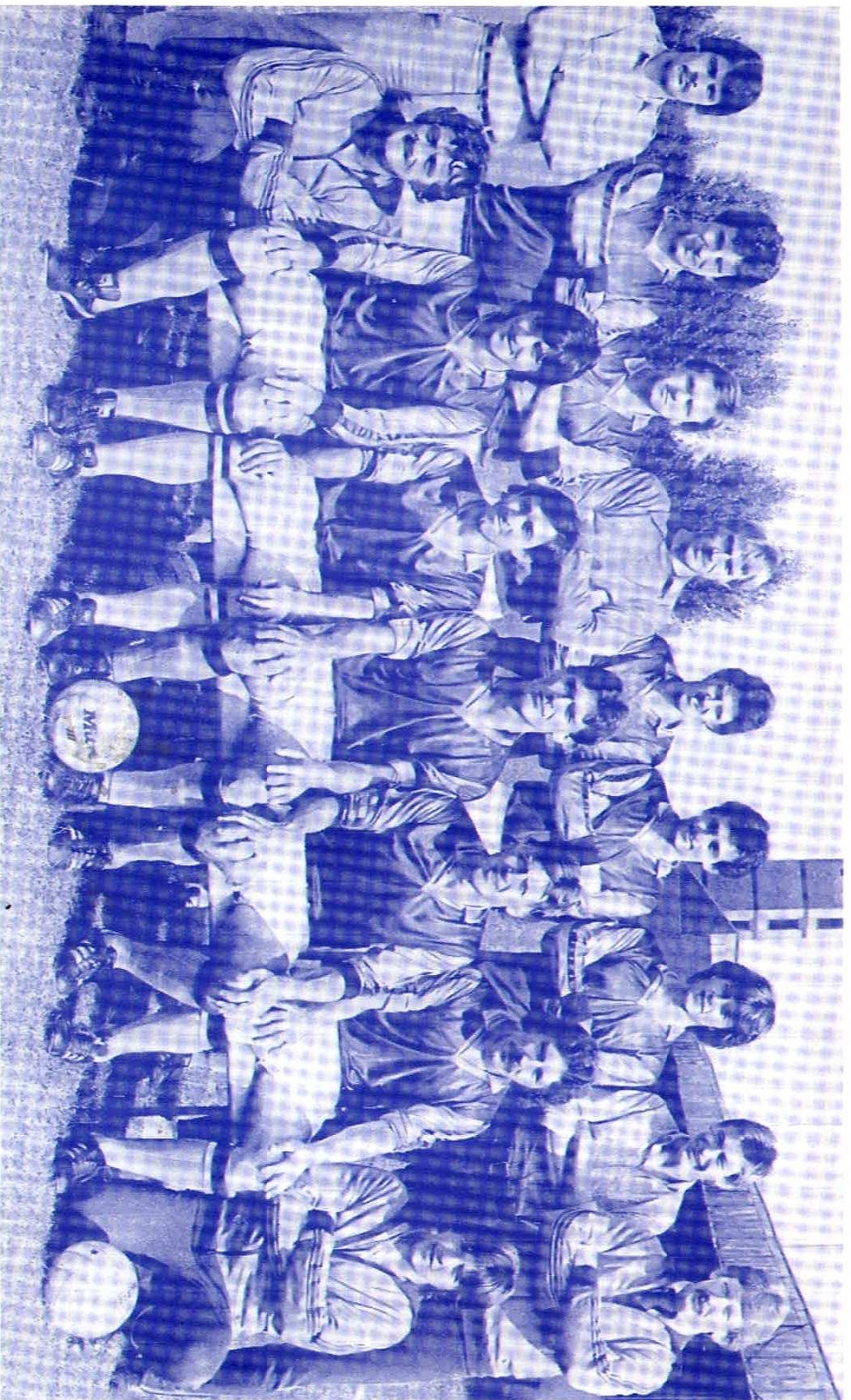
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 Front Row: Jimmy GREENE (Trainer), Eddie AHERNE, Graham SMITH, Dave AWCOCK (Captain), Terry PAYNE (Assistant Manager), Alan EDWARDS, Mark WHITEMAN

Colin Benson looks at Football's Changing Fortunes

The F.A. Cup original and greatest knock-out tournament in the football world, is here again to sprinkle its unique magic dust across the fixture sheets.

It seems quite irrelevant that of the 80 teams participating in today's First Round Proper, not one is likely to tread the hallowed turf come May 22nd, when just two teams are left to fight out the Final duel. And yet that will not detract in any way from the commitment, passion and excitement of this afternoon's affairs. The cup is something special, it stirs men to romantic dreams and lifts them above their station.

Just what makes the silverware so special is hard to define. Perhaps the main key to its hypnotic pull is simply the fact that although none of today's participants will savour the atmosphere beneath the twin towers of Wembley, many of them even tonight, will experience the warm glow of satisfaction that accompanies success. Some will achieve this beyond their wildest dreams, some will even become heroes overnight.

The road to Wembley is traditionally littered with historic tales of David slaying Goliath. The F.A. Cup is no respecter of reputations and for those Third and Fourth Division League clubs pitched in with the surviving non-Leagueurs it can prove an embarrassing adventure.

Suddenly the poor relations of the Football League find themselves cast as the Giants as they prepare to stake their reputations against the minnows. It is sort of like taking them completely out of context and sometimes the results mirror this anomaly.

Take this season's First Round draw for instance. We have Blackpool, Burnley and Sheffield United all former winners of the coveted trophy, paired with non-League opponents. How their fortunes have changed!

Blackpool will always be remembered for the "Matthews final" of 1953, a stirring victory over Bolton Wanderers that has become part of football folk-lore. Well they stake their tradition against Horden Colliery Welfare of the Northern League, while Burnley are home to Runcorn, contenders for the Alliance Premier League title in this their first season since graduating from the Northern Premier League.

And what of Sheffield United, five times winners of the Cup. They are home to Altringham of the Alliance Premier League, a side who annually make a point of using the F.A. Cup to stimulate their propaganda for membership of the Football League.

In recent years they have forced Tottenham Hotspur and Everton to replays after being drawn away and last season gave mighty Liverpool a few headaches before finally surrendering 4-1 at Anfield.

Such achievements can prove very rewarding for the bread and butter brigade. Remember little Enfield last season? They enjoyed a splendid run and held Barnsley at Oakwell before filling their coffers with the proceeds of a 35,000 crowd, who turned out for the replay at White Hart Lane. For Enfield the Cup had been a fairy god-mother.

Wimbledon who gained acceptance to the League on the back of their giant killing escapades against the likes of Leeds United now find the boot on the other foot as they travel the dangerous road to Bedford Town, the holders of the Southern League Cup.

Northampton who failed in the role of giant killers against Manchester City last week in the League Cup today have the unenviable task of playing at ambitious Weymouth, while York City cannot be relishing their doubtful privilege of pulling out Stafford Rangers.

And the Northern League Champions Blyth Spartans are at it again. They reached the fifth round in 1977-78 and held Hull to a draw in the second round last season. This time it is promotion chasing Walsall who run the gauntlet.

Cramped enclosures, tightly packed grounds are all part and parcel of the F.A. Cup. The atmosphere will be electric from Bishops Cleeve to humble Horden as the joust begins.

For little Taunton our visitors today this is their greatest moment for 50 years. Win or lose they have enjoyed success by reaching this stage in the competition. For them and their supporters glory has already been enjoyed. For the likes of us and Crewe - away to Willenhall, it is a game that must be won.

Town through time

Wingers

PART THREE

by paul plowman



On October 12 1907 the Town reserves defeated Salisbury City 4-0 - not a spectacular scoreline by any means, but a young man who scored two of the goals in that victory was soon to become a household name. Seeking an outdoor life because his office-work didn't suit his health, Harold Fleming was given a trial by Sam Allen - and impressed sufficiently for the Swindon boss to recommend him for first-team duty. The frail twenty year-old thus displaced JIMMY JOHNSTON on the right-wing for three matches, until his delightful ball skills were thought to be better employed at inside-forward, closer to the action. And so Johnson returned to partner Fleming on the right for a Southern League trip to Bradford (not Bradford-on-Avon) as you might think - but the old Park Avenue Club in Yorkshire, absurd as it sounds). Jimmy was allowed to return to his homeland of Scotland in May 1908 when Swindon secured the transfer of three players from Leeds City. Two of them, full-back Harry Kay and right-winger BOB JEFFERSON, were to give the Town a combined total of nearly six hundred games. Robert William Jefferson was born in Sunderland and came to Swindon with a reputation of being fast and direct. He possessed a fearsome shot and could pin-point a cross onto a centre-forward's eye-brow! Many thought that he should have played for England - and he so very nearly did. In January 1911, "Jeff", as he was more popularly known, was selected for an international trial, the "Whites" versus the "Stripes", at White Hart Lane - with club-mate Harold Fleming as his partner on the right flank. Harold hit a hat-trick as the "Whites" triumphed by four goals to one and he had three more full England caps to his name by the end of the year. But poor Bob was left out in the cold, the selectors preferring Simpson, the Blackburn Rovers outside-right. However, consistent performances for Swindon kept "Jeff", a regular goalscorer and goal-maker, on the brink of full honours. He was named in the Southern League representative side on no fewer than ten occasions, playing in Belfast, Dublin and Glasgow, on the old Third Lanark ground at Cathkin Park.

For the Town, Bob made 77 consecutive League and Cup appearances following his arrival from

Leeds and missed only twenty-six games in seven seasons prior to the Great War. His 61 League goals during this period, quite a tally for a winger in his day, were supplemented by some invaluable goals in the F.A. Cup - including that which removed Woolwich Arsenal from the competition in February 1911.

The left-wing spot also showed few changes in the years prior to 1915. TOMMY BOLLAND, a 24 years-old Darlington-born outside-left, came from The Wednesday, making his debut here on the opening day of the 1909-10 season - a Wednesday afternoon fixture with Coventry City. He shared duties with JACK LAVERY, the third member of the ex-Leeds City trio and FREDDY FENTON, soon to join Southern League rivals Croydon Common.

To be continued.



BOB JEFFERSON

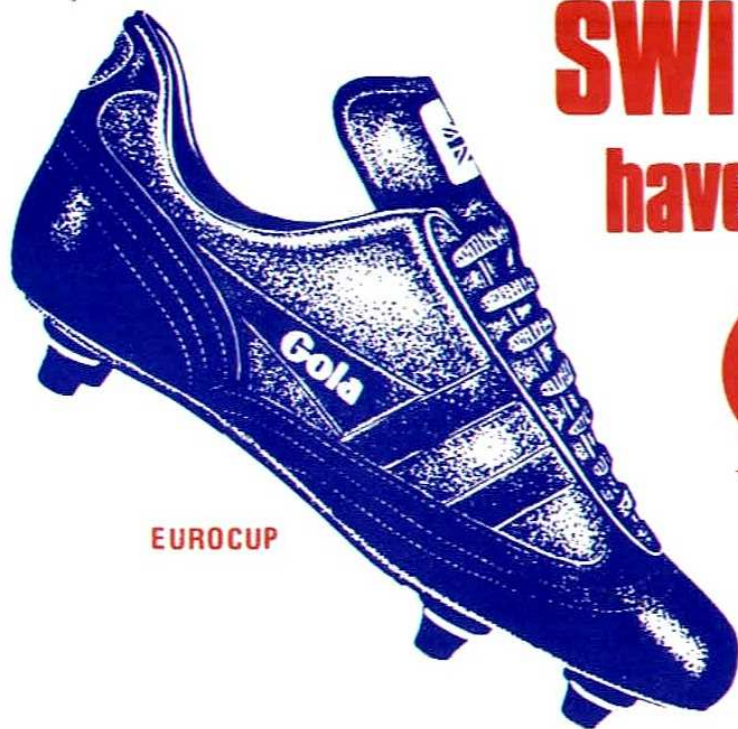
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1st Qual Round	v. Saltash United	(Home)	Won	1 - 0	Scorer:	J. Salt
2nd Qual Round	v. Bridgwater Town	(Away)	Draw	1 - 1	Scorer:	P. Adams
Replay		(Home)	Won	1 - 0	Scorer:	T. Payne
3rd Qual Round	v. Liskeard Athletic	(Home)	Won	2 - 0	Scorers:	D. Awcock, B. Ashton
4th Qual Round	v. Addlestone & Weybridge	(Away)	Draw	2 - 2	Scorers:	E. Aherne, B. Ashton
Replay		(Home)	Draw	0 - 0	RET.	
2nd Replay		(Home)	Won	4 - 2	Scorers:	B. Ashton, M. Cook, K. Hains & Own Goal

PREVIOUS BEST – FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND

1980 – 81	Losing to Weymouth (Alliance League) 0 - 3 Home in Replay. Beating Tiverton (A) 5 - 0, Penzance (A) 3 - 2 and Falmouth (H) 1 - 0 in previous rounds.
1978 – 79	Losing to Weymouth (Southern Premier League) 0 - 2 Home. Beating St. Blazey (A) 3 - 0; Liskeard (H) 6 - 0; Bideford (H) 3 - 0 in previous Rounds
1972 – 73	Losing to Yeovil Town (Southern Premier League) 1 - 4 Away Beating Weston-S-Mare (H) 3 - 1; Bridgwater (A) 4 - 0; Barry (A) 0 - 0 and (H) 2 - 0 in previous Rounds
1958 – 59	Losing to Merthyr Tydfil (Southern League) 1 - 2 Away Beating Cladown (A) 3 - 1; Glastonbury (A) 1 - 1 and (H) 4 - 1; and Bridgwater (A) 2 - 1 in previous Rounds

Two Players – Tony Payne and Graham Smith have played in ALL the above campaigns apart from 1958-59.
Following the Cup Battles with Addlestone concluded on November 9th, Tony had completed 722 League and Cup Appearances for the Club and Graham 446.

Tony Payne has been with Taunton Town since 1963-64 who signed him from the local YMCA Youth Team.
Graham Smith was signed in 1972-73 from Glastonbury.

Taunton's Tie with Addlestone took 5 matches and 313 mins. to decide but their longest F.A. Cup Tie is 4 matches (420 mins.) in 1956-57 against Penzance winning Third Replay of Second Qual. Round 3-2.

Best F.A. Cup Win 9-0 v. Warminster Away 1st Qual Round 1967-68

Heaviest Defeat 2-8 v. Bideford Away Prelim. Rnd Replay 1951-52

NEXT MATCH

SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER 1981

DIVISION III

BRISTOL CITY

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

KEY OF THE BOARD

A Bournemouth v Reading
 B Brentford v Exeter
 C Bristol Rovers v Fulham
 D Burnley v Runcorn
 E Chesterfield v Preston N.E.
 F Colchester v Newport
 G Darlington v Carlisle
 H Dover v Oxford Utd.
 I Halifax v Peterborough
 J Hereford v Southend
 K Plymouth v Gillingham
 L Portsmouth v Millwall
 M Brighton v Notts County
 N Manchester City v Swansea
 O Middlesbrough v Aston Villa
 P Nottm, Forest v Arsenal
 Q Southampton v Leeds
 R Stoke v Ipswich
 S Tottenham H. v Manchester Utd.
 T West Brom. Alb. v Liverpool

Taunton Town FC -- A Brief History

The present club was formed in 1947 after a previous Taunton club played in the Southern League from 1924 to 1935. After a few seasons in the Somerset Senior League, Taunton joined the Western League in the mid-1950's and won the League in 1969 under the newly appointed manager Doug Hillard who had previously played for Bristol Rovers. Hillard resigned in 1972 and was replaced by Ron Gingell who had just spent 14 seasons as manager of Minehead. Gingell guided Taunton to four consecutive runners-up positions, but the club never regained the championship.

Taunton joined the Southern League Division One (South) in 1977 and after two moderate seasons joined the Midland Division in 1979 following the formation of the Alliance Premier League and the resultant re-structuring of the Southern League. At this time Welshman Mike Hughes became manager, having previously been in charge of Yeovil Town and Salisbury City. Hughes' reign lasted one season before being replaced by Irishman Frank McMahon, who is now in his second year at the helm.

This is the first time that Taunton Town have reached this stage of the F.A. Cup, although they reached the Fourth Qualifying Round on four previous occasions. In 1958-59 the "Peacocks" travelled to Methyr Tydfil and were beaten 2-1 and in 1971-72 the Yeovil slope proved too much and the then Western League side were beaten 4-1. In 1978-79 the Town were drawn at home in the last Qualifying Round for the first time but unfortunately Weymouth knew too much and won 2-0. Last season the lads were once again paired with Weymouth, this time away from home, and Taunton gained a very creditable goalless draw but Weymouth won the replay 3-0 to earn a match here at the County Ground.

TAUNTON TOWN'S ROAD TO SWINDON

Taunton entered this season's F.A. Cup at the First Qualifying Round stage and started their campaign with a home game against Saltash United. The match was played in driving rain and Saltash, from the Western League, put up a very good fight before losing to a goal by Jamie Salt midway through the second half.

For the next round the "Peacocks" were drawn away to the reigning Western League champions Bridgwater Town who are managed by former Swindon Town player Chris Porter. The home side scored first after seven minutes through Steve Butt but Paul Adams spared Taunton's

blushes just seven minutes from the end with his first goal for the club. Jamie Salt's corner was returned to him and Adams had a free header from Salt's cross. The replay at Wordsworth Drive was another dour encounter and the only goal of the game came after 65 minutes, Tony Payne turning in yet another Jamie Salt cross.

The next round brought Liskeard Athletic to Wordsworth Drive and the Western Leaguers held out until just before half-time when Dave Awcock headed his first goal for the club from Jamie Salt's free-kick. Brian Ashton made the game safe for Taunton in the dying minutes.

The Fourth and Final Qualifying Round produced an away tie against fellow Southern League side Addlestone and Weybridge Town and three goals in five minutes midway through the first half brought the game to life. Former Chelsea star Steve Finnieston opening the scoring for Addlestone following a defensive mix-up and a similar error two minutes later allowed Eddie Aherne the chance to equalise. Former Wimbledon defender Dave Donaldson restored Addlestone's lead, however, with a superb 25-yard volley but the turning point came just before half-time when Taunton 'keeper Norman Stevens pulled off an outstanding save from Finnieston's delicate chip. Taunton came out in the second-half looking determined and it was no surprise when Brian Ashton equalised on the hour.

The replay at Taunton was a hard-fought game with few chances being created and there was no score at the end of extra time. The second replay, also at Wordsworth Drive following the toss of a coin, was only 10 minutes old when Addlestone's Tommy Youlden, a former Aldershot defender, put through his own goal, having failed to notice that young 'keeper Colin Caulfield had come off his line. Taunton made it 2-0 after 32 minutes when Brian Ashton scored following a scramble in a crowded goalmouth. Addlestone pulled a goal back right on half-time, former Chelsea player Lee Frost scoring following a corner. Three minutes into the second-half some of the floodlights fused and the game was held up for some 25 minutes. Immediately upon the resumption of play Martin Cook scored his first goal for the club with a terrific 25-yard shot from Terry Edwards' cross. Shortly afterwards Kevin Hains made it 4-1 with another superb goal and although Steve Finnieston's late penalty gave Addlestone a faint glimmer of hope, Taunton were not to be denied and have finally made it into the competition proper for the first time ever.

Picture Parade...



Millwall's Phil Warman brings a halt to an attack by Town winger Steve Abbey in the last home game at the County Ground.

BY DAVE EVANS



Big Sam Allardyce outjumps Swindon's Steve Abbley to head clear for Millwall during the Town's last home defeat.

The History of the Cup

On the 20th July, 1871, in a small, oak panelled room at the Sportman Office in London sat seven men who, whilst discussing such topics of the day as the siege in Paris by the troops from Versailles, the proposal before Parliament to abolish the system of purchasing commissions in the Army, the serious illness of Edward, Prince of Wales and the decision of King William of Prussia to assume title of German Emperor, allowed their conversation to drift to the exploits of their football clubs, for each was a member of one or the other of the best known teams of that period. Charles Alcock of the Wanderers proposed the competition 'that it is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established for which all Clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete.' The idea was received at with general favour and finally approved at a subsequent meeting held on October 16th 1871.

Fifteen teams in all entered in the first season and of these only two came from north of Hertfordshire, Queens Park, Glasgow and Donnington Grammar School. Hitchin, Royal Engineers, Reigate Priory, Maidenhead and Great Marlow were all outside the metropolitan radius and the other eight entries - Wanderers, Harrow, Chequers, Barnes, Civil Service, Crystal Palace, Upton Park, Clapham Rovers and Hampstead Heathens - were all within easy reach of the city and came fairly under the heading of London clubs. Here they were, the fifteen original entries for a competition which nowadays attracts over 400 clubs.

It was perhaps fitting that the Wanderers, for whom the instigator of the competition was Captain, won the first final beating the Royal Engineers at the Oval by one goal to nil. The Wanderers won again in 1873 when, as holders, they were exempted to the final challenging Oxford University, the winners of the knock out rounds. They also had the right to choose the ground, picking Lillie Bridge where they defeated the University 2 - 0. This game took place on Boat Race Day, which was still much more of an occasion than the Cup Final and kick off times were arranged so as not to interfere with seeing it.

In 1883 Blackburn Olympic's victory ended the era of amateur domination of the Cup when the running passed to Blackburn Rovers who won it three successive years 1884-86. As the Cup began to capture the imagination of the country it became a prize to be coveted, and covetousness was soon backed by money. Came the thought - if only we had a better centre half or centre forward or whatever and in those days five shillings a week might be sufficient attraction to win a footballer of out-

standing talent. Professionalism aroused a compound of natural irritation at an unfair advantage and an expression of the sharp class distinction of Victorian days. Recognition of professionalism quickly stifled the chances of amateur teams in the Cup but never extinguished their contribution to this unique competition. And so it is today. The First Round proper always includes a number of non League Clubs who personify the spirit of the competition and we are sure that Taunton Town will be no exception. Many League Clubs, to their downfall, have faced such opposition with complacency and found that the Cup is a great leveller.

Congratulations to Taunton for having reached this stage of the Competition and we are sure that this season will live long in their memories.



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- 3 DAVE
PEACH
- 4 BRIAN
HUGHES
- 5 RUSSELL
LEWIS
- 6 MIKE
GRAHAM
- 7 STEVE
ABBLEY
- 8 KENNY
STROUD
- 9 ANDY
ROWLAND
- 10 ROY
GREENWOOD
- 11 ROY
CARTER
- 12

TAUNTON

- 1 NORMAN
STEVENS
- 2 ROBERT
LOWE
- 3 GRAHAM
SMITH
- 4 EDDIE
AHERNE
- 5 DAVE
AWCOCK
- 6 PAUL
ADAMS
- 7 KEVIN
HAINS
- 8 BRIAN
ASHTON
- 9 TERRY
EDWARDS
- 10 TONY
PAYNE
- 11 MARTIN
COOK
- 12 ALAN
EDWARDS



The exact numberings of both teams will be announced over the PA system to enable spectators to insert the relevant numbers prior to the kick-off.

REFEREE:

MR. KEN. G. SALMON (Barnet, Herts) Started refereeing in 1963 and progressed via the Mid-Herts., West Herts, and Herts. County Leagues to the Isthmian League and then the Football League List.

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