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The meeting of supporters called with the purpose of raising funds to strengthen the team was a great success, the enthusiasm of those present was really terrific and if this is indicative of the support in general I am sure that the scheme - to be called the Supporters' Co-Operative - will be extremely successful. Many of the ideas put forward were excellent, but the one considered of prime importance by the committee, appointed on the night from the floor, was that of the Supporters' Co-Operative from which all other ideas and schemes will stem. Of course many good fund raising ideas have not perhaps yet germinated in the minds of people and should anyone who may have suggestions to make would put forward two options, 1) forward the idea to the organising committee or myself, and 2) carry out the schemes yourself and forward the proceeds as a donation to the fund. I would thank all of those good folk who are so obviously committed to the future of the Swindon Town Football Club.

Since my last notes we have played four league games resulting in three draws and one defeat. If we go through the games one by one, firstly at Preston we were pleased to come away with a point having to undergo a great deal of pressure from a revitalised side throughout the game. Against Southend the game proved to be rather disappointing resulting in a scoreless draw and although we had a great deal of possession throughout the ninety minutes we were unable to finish our moves resulting in that all important goal. Although Southend did not subscribe to the entertainment value of the game, it was up to us after all to do what was necessary - bring the game to a successful conclusion.

In the next home match Burnley started off particularly well and looked a side that had been beaten for sixteen games which showed in the first twenty minute period when we looked particularly apprehensive. To the team's credit they fought back well and after dominating the second half again it came down to the poor finishing - we do nothing in or around the box. This situation continued at Reading when we created many chances without converting them to goals, finishing up with a one each draw rather than three welcome points.

The main thing that comes out of this is that we are playing as well as any other team in the division over a period of ninety minutes without capitalising upon the chances we are creating.

Due to injuries the Reserves have been defeated in their last two games against Norwich City and Southampton, both very experienced sides. Once we recover from our injury position and the team is back to full strength I am sure they will again achieve the excellent results they have been getting throughout this season.

We welcome the team, officials and supporters of Portsmouth to the County Ground tonight and especially my old friend Frank Burrows. This is the first game between our two sides since I was appointed Manager but knowing that Frank advocates open football, I am sure that tonight's game will be extremely entertaining.

**JOHN
TROLLOPE**

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What is the Supporters' Co-operative?

It is a proposed organisation born from the desire of many devout supporters to raise funds to donate to The Swindon Town Football Club specifically for the improvement of playing standards.

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ALAN GARNER (Centre half) Another Londoner, he played for Millwall, Luton and Watford before joining Portsmouth for £60,000 two seasons ago - but has been unlucky with injuries at Fratton Park which restricted him to 26 League appearances in a season and a half.



PETER ELLIS (Full back/central defender) The first player to progress through to the first team when Pompey resumed their youth scheme ten years ago, Ellis is the club's longest serving player. Equally at home at right back or number six, he has played 169 League matches for his home town club.

STEVEN AIZLEWOOD (Centre-half) Welshman Aizlewood, like McLaughlin, joined from Swindon two years ago at an arbitrated fee of £45,000 - and he has proved a bargain. The elder brother of Luton's Mark, he made his debut for Newport County as a 16 year old, making almost 200 League appearances before moving to Swindon. At the start of this season he had made 377 League Appearances.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield) A busy enthusiastic product of Pompey's youth squad, he eventually earned a permanent place in the side at the end of last season. He had made 50 first team appearances before the start of the season.

STEVEN BRYANT (Midfield) A Londoner who is equally at home on the left side of midfield or at left back, Pompey are his third club - he began with Birmingham City and then moved to Northampton. He has made 100 League appearances for Pompey before this season.

KEVIN BARTLETT (Striker) Eighteen year old local boy he made his first senior appearances as substitute last season.

JEFF HEMMERMAN (Striker) A free transfer signing from Port Vale three seasons ago, Hull born Hemmerman has proved a bargain. Though missing half last season through injury, Hemmerman scored 28 goals in 86 League appearances.

ALAN KNIGHT (Goalkeeper) A former England youth international - sharing the position with Leeds' John Lukic-Knight is still waiting for a regular place although making his debut as a 16 year old.

DAVID LEWORTHY (Striker) Another eighteen year old local boy who is still waiting for his first team debut.

PETER MELLOR (Goalkeeper) Pompey's club captain and possibly the most instantly recognised player in League football with his height and blond hair. Now in his fourth season with Pompey after service with Burnley, Fulham and Hereford, and he is well on his way to 500 League appearances.

MOUTH

JOHN McLAUGHLIN (Full Back) A Londoner, joined Portsmouth from Swindon Town under freedom of contract two years ago after beginning his career with Colchester. He was appointed team captain last season when he missed only four League matches through injury. Total League appearances for his three clubs is 335.

DAVID GREGORY (Forward) Pompey's top scorer last season with 15 goals, Gregory, began his career with Peterborough moving to Stoke and Bury before signing for Pompey midway through their Division IV promotion season. Scored 20 goals in 40 appearances for Pompey.

ALAN ROGERS (Winger) Plymouth-born, Rogers was a schoolboy team mate of Trevor Francis, joining Argyle while Francis moved to Birmingham and £1 million stardom. Rogers joined Pompey for £25,000 and in two seasons made 87 League appearances, scoring 14 goals.

ANDY ROLLINGS (Centre half) West country born, he began his career with Norwich but made his name with Brighton where he made more than 150 appearances. He moved to Swindon before the start of last season, and joined Pompey on a free transfer this summer.

KEN TODD (Midfield) Now is his third season with Pompey, Todd who signed from Port Vale after beginning his career with Wolves, was still waiting for a regular chance having made only one full appearance.

KEITH VINEY (Left back) Another Portsmouth born player, Viney made the position his own last season after almost moving to Torquay. He missed only five matches last season to bring his total League appearances for his only club to 136.

BOBBY DOYLE (Midfield) An elegant moving Scot, Doyle moved to Fratton Park from Blackpool mid way through last season for around £75,000 after making more than 100 League appearances for both Barnsley and Peterborough. He proved himself deadly from the penalty spot with a four in four success rate.

BILLY RAFFERTY (Forward) Scotsman Rafferty is one of soccer's most travelled players - Pompey are his seventh club. He joined them from Newcastle midway through last season for £80,000. At the start of this season he had scored 90 League goals on his travels from Coventry to Blackpool to Plymouth to Carlisle to Wolverhampton and Newcastle.



MICK TAIT (Midfield) Cost £100,000 from Hull City before last season, he developed into a powerful and effective midfield player after beginning his career as a striker with Oxford United. He made more than 100 League appearances for Carlisle before being sold to Hull for £150,000.

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponents	Result	Gate 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub (if used)
1981														
Sat.	29 Wimbleton	H 4 - 1	5632	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes 1	Lewis Graham 1	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Moores	-
Tues.	1 Wrexham LC 1 (1)	A 2 - 3	2068	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter 1P	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Moores	Baddeley †
Sat.	5 Chester	A 0 - 0	1949	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Carter	-
Sat.	12 Preston North End	H 4 - 0	5695	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 2	Rideout	Carter 2	-
Tues.	15 Wrexham LC 1 (2)	H 0 - 2	6776	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Moores*	Pritchard
Sat.	19 Exeter City	A 2 - 1	4372	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams 1	-
Mon.	21 Southampton Utd	A 0 - 0	4864	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	-
Sat.	26 Reading	H 0 - 2	9316	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes 1	Lewis Graham	Carter	Williams	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	Pritchard
Tues.	29 Chesterfield	H 1 - 2	5365	Allan	Henry	Baddeley*	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Williams	-
Sat.	3 Burnley	A 2 - 0	3377	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes 1	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 1	Greenwood*	Williams	Rideout 1
Sat.	10 Carlisle Utd	H 2 - 1	5265	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes 1	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland 2	Rideout 1	Williams	-
Sat.	17 Bristol Rovers	A 4 - 1	8779	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout 1	Williams	-
Tues.	20 Walsall	A 0 - 5	6010	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	-
Sat.	24 Doncaster Rovers	H 2 - 2	6750	Allan	Henry	Peach*	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams 1	Moores
Sat.	31 Gillingham	A 0 - 1	8410	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham*	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	Abbley
Tues.	3 Brentford	H 0 - 3	6369	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout*	Williams	Abbley
Sat.	7 Millwall	H 1 - 2	5710	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Stroud	-
Sat.	14 Huddersfield	A 0 - 3	7605	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Stroud*	Pritchard
Sat.	21 F.A. Cup 1 Taunton Town	H 2 - 1	4494	Allan	Henry	Graham	Hughes	Lewis Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	2
Sat.	28 Lincoln City	A 0 - 2	3132	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat.	5 Bristol City	H 0 - 0	6949	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Sat.	12 F.A. Cup 2 Surton United	H 2 - 1	2892	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Emmanuel	Carter 1	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard 1	-
Sat.	26 Plymouth Argyile	A 1 - 2	8185	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland 1	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Wed.	30 Fulham	H 1 - 4	5641	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout 1	Pritchard	Abbley
1982														
Sat.	2 FA Cup 3 Luton Town	A 1 - 2	9488	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Henry	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel 1	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	-
Sat.	23 Wimbleton (FA-4)	A 1 - 1		Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sun.	31 Exeter City	H 3 - 2	5654	Allan	Henry	Baddeley 1	Williams	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter 1	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Sat.	6 Preston North End	A 0 - 0	5606	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout	Greenwood	Pritchard	-
Tues.	9 Southend Utd	H 0 - 0	4472	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis Stroud	Graham	Hughes	Rideout	Greenwood*	Pritchard	Abbley
Sat.	13 Burnley (FA-5)	H 1 - 2	5038	Allan	Henry 1	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rideout	Hughes	Pritchard	Beamish
Sat.	20 Reading	A 1 - 1		Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis Stroud	Abbley	Carter	Rideout	Beamish*	Pritchard	Beamish
Tues.	23 Portsmouth	H												
Sat.	27 Carlisle Utd.	H												
Sat.	6 Bristol Rovers (FA-6)	H												
Tues.	9 Walsall	H												
Fri.	12 Doncaster Rovers	A												
Sat.	13 League Cup Final	A												
Mon.	15 Brentford	A												
Mon.	20 Gillingham	A												
Sat.	23 Newport Co.	A												
Thurs.	23 Newport Co.	A												
Sat.	27 Millwall	A												
Sat.	3 Huddersfield Town FA SF	A												
Wed.	7 Oxford Utd.	A												
Sat.	10 Plymouth Argyile	A												
Tues.	13 Fulham	A												
Sat.	17 Bristol City	A												
Sat.	24 Lincoln City	A												
Tues.	27 Chester	H												
Sat.	1 Chesterfield	H												
Tues.	4 Oxford United	H												
Sat.	8 Newport County	H												
Sat.	15 Portsmouth	H												
Sat.	22 FA Cup Final	A												

* Player substituted

Town goal

P - Penalty

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

		Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 29	Wattford	A	3-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Baddley	Blackler	Blackler	Beamish	Pritchard	Bristow 1
Sept 2	Q.P.R.	H	0-3	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Bristow	Round	Blackler	Pritchard	Pritchard	Beamish	Peach	Abbley
5	Hereford	H	1-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Bristow	Round	Westlake	Pritchard	Batty 1	Beamish	Moors	Short
12	Tottenham	A	1-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Baddley	Bristow 1	Pritchard	Beamish	Blackler	Short
19	Birmingham	H	1-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Blackler	Bristow	Beamish	Moors	Moors	Short
26	Southampton	A	2-4	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Blackler	Pritchard	Moors 1	Rideout	Moors	Bristow
29	Bristol City	A	3-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Rideout	Beamish 2	Moors
Oct 3	Norwich City	H	2-4	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Rideout	Beamish 1	Moors
10	Leicester City	A	2-0	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Bristow*	Round	Blackler	Abbley	Stroud	Beamish	Moors 1	Pritchard 1
19	Luton Town	H	3-0	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Batty	Round	Blackler*	Abbley 1	Stroud 1	Beamish 1	Moors	Bristow
31	Bristol Rovers	H	2-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Baillie	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Beamish 1	Coleman*	Blackler
Nov 11	Reading	A	1-1	Stevens	Baverstock	Williams	Emmanuel	Round	Baddley	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Quinn	Greenwood	Moors
14	West Ham Utd.	H	3-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Westlake	Blackler	Emmanuel	Quinn 1	Beamish 2	Moors
21	Crystal Palace	A	2-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Lewis	Round	Blackler	Rideout	Quinn 1	Williams	Moors
24	Bristol City	H	2-1	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Lewis	Round	Blackler	Rideout 1	Quinn 1	Emmanuel	Moors
28	Orient	H	1-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty 1	Round	Westlake	Abbley	Blackler	Rideout	Quinn	Moors
Dec 5	Ipswich T.n.	A	1-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Batty	Round	Stroud	Abbley	Blackler	Quinn	Beamish 1	Moors
Jan 19	Plymouth Arg.	H	0-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley	Hughes	Quinn	Graham	Moors*
23	Oxford Utd.	H	1-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley 1	Hughes	Quinn	Beamish	Moors
26	Watford	H	1-2	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Graham	Abbley 1	Hughes	Quinn	Beamish	Blackler
30	Birmingham	A	0-0	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Graham	Abbley	Blackler	Quinn	Beamish	Moors
Feb 6	Tottenham	H	2-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley 1	Baillie	Quinn	Beamish 1	Moors
10	Chelsea	A	3-1	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Blackler	Abbley	Bristow	Quinn 2	Beamish	Moors
13	Norwich	A	0-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley	Bristow	Quinn	Greenwood	Moors
20	Southampton	H	0-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Bristow	Round	Westlake	Blackler	Moors	Quinn	Williams	Short

MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

Sept 3	Leicester	H	1-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Blackler	Round	Westlake	Bristow 1	Batty	Furley	Coleman	Short
9	Birmingham	A	1-1	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake*	Baillie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley	Coleman	Short
4	Northampton	A	3-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake	Baillie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley 3	Coleman*	Short
Oct 7	Leicester C	A	3-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Westlake	Bristow	Blackler 1	Rideout 1	Coleman	Short
22	Northampton	H	11-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty*	Round 1	Westlake	Bristow 2	Blackler 2	Barnes 1	Coleman 2	Short 1
27	Coventry C	A	0-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Westlake	Bristow*	Blackler	Barnes	Coleman	Short
29	Coventry C	A	0-1	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Westlake	Evans	Blackler	Barnes	Coleman	Short
Nov 9	Birmingham C	H	4-0	Whitbread	Sheppard	Gould	Batty 1	Round	Westlake	Blackler	Coleman	Rideout*	2Short	Evans 1

* 1 Goalscorers * Player replaced by substitute

John Ward talks to DAVID ROUND

David Round comes from Dudley in the Midlands. He goes home at weekends — only one hundred minutes drive away — and if he hasn't a game on the Saturday he will go and watch West Bromwich Albion, the team he has supported since he was eight years old. He had a short spell on trial with Wolves during his school holidays and was aware of being watched by scouts from several other clubs when his uncle, who lived in Stroud, arranged a Sunday trial game for him at Swindon. He had intended to stay on at school specialising in woodwork but Swindon liked what they saw and when they offered him an apprenticeship the desire to play full-time football proved too great.

Steady progress

That was two and a half years ago. Since then David has made steady progress and in November signed a two-year contract as a full professional. He is a centre half but spent a good part of last season playing at centre forward. "There were four centre halves at the Club", David explained, "so obviously somebody had to play out of position if we were all to get a game. It was difficult at first, particularly having to hold the ball so much more, but I came to enjoy it. I am really much more at home in the defence." A shortage of games at centre half — or anywhere else, for that matter — was a problem for a while this season, not because there were too many defenders but as a result of the prolonged spells of cold weather either side of Christmas. It is frustrating for all footballers having to train as best they can in the ice and snow without any actual matches to show for it; but when you are in the First Team squad but without being an automatic first choice and spend most of Christmas away from your family on the off-chance that the weather will relent and another player will be injured, this really does bring home the disadvantages of being a professional footballer. Not that David was complaining: "Having a job like this easily makes up for being away from home", he said.

At Home with Russell Lewis

"Home" during the season has in fact become Russell Lewis's house where David lodges with Brian Hughes. David seems very satisfied with this arrangement: "The manager trusts us", he said. "We all do the cooking and I haven't poisoned myself yet! My speciality is Sunday dinners: I don't go in for what you might call delicate foods".

When not doing the cooking on Sunday David goes back home to see his girl friend Tracey who works for a company dealing with computers. She has given up a part-time job on Saturdays so as to be able to watch him play. Before David started playing football full-time he was a Judo enthusiast but now he confines himself to the gentler pursuits of badminton and swimming; he is particularly impressed by the facilities at the Oasis and will try to swim about three or four times a week.

Time on his side

When I talked to David the snow had brought an end to one of the Reserve Team's most successful runs for years. "We are reaping the benefits of last year's disasters", David explained. "We were very inexperienced then but it did us a lot of good; just look at the size of some of the grounds like Arsenal and Chelsea and even some of the pitches. You learn a lot from playing against individuals like Frans Thijssen and Gerry Armstrong."

This season David has been attracting consistently good reports while the First Team defence has been conceding goals in a sometimes alarming manner. I asked David how he felt about not being picked for the First Team in the circumstances. "It's very frustrating," he replied, "this feeling of being almost there. With the results we have been achieving in the Reserves it makes you wonder sometimes what more you have to do." But there was no trace of bitterness in his remarks. I had the impression that David knew that time was on his side.

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The name of JOCK WALKER re-appeared on the Swindon teamsheet in August 1927 – not the Scottish international full-back who had long since retired – but a winger signed from Hibernian as cover for Alec Thom. He made his debut on the left-wing in a 6-0 trimming of Coventry here – and also featured in the return fixture a week later, when City turned the tables by winning 4-0. The absence of 'Abe' Morris (scorer of four goals in the first encounter) probably accounted for the sudden reversal in fortunes. Walker registered just a dozen Third Division appearances during 1927-28, to which he added a further eight in the following term. ALEC THOM was to remain the first-choice for the outside-left position until late in 1929, whilst BERTIE DENYER retained almost exclusive rights to the other wing until the spring of 1930. When either Thom or Denyer was declared unfit, one of the brothers WEALE - BOBBY or TOMMY – was available for selection. Both products of local football, Bobby was signed on by West Ham United (making three First Division appearances for the Hammers during 1925-26) while the younger Tommy was not engaged on professional forms until November 1929 – by Swindon Town. Bobby returned to sign for his local League club in the 1927 close season and was given a three-month run in the first team from early in September 1928. During that spell he hit six goals in seven games – a sequence that a modern-day striker would be proud of! His efforts were duly noted and in the January he was transferred to Second Division Southampton. He was to stay in League football until 1935, assisting Cardiff, Crewe, Newport and Wrexham. Tommy followed his brother to Gresty Road in 1932 – although they never actually played in the same side – and later served Burnley.

The 1928-29 season also saw the brief introduction of ALBERT POWELL to the right-wing. The former Bargoed United player moved on to Coventry City after just three League appearances. Alec Thom's position on the left flank was threatened by the arrival of Newcastle United's JIMMY McCARTNEY in the summer of 1929 and he consequently lost his place on a

permanent basis in the September. Denyer continued on the right, but it was to be his last campaign at League level. He spent 1930-31 in the reserves and then joined Evesham, the Birmingham Combination outfit. But Swindon had not seen the last of Bertie, for in 1934 – at the age of 41 – he was giving West End Sports the benefit of his vast experience. Denyer's place in the Swindon line-up was shared by ALEC CRUICKSHANK and EDDIE MUNNINGS during 1930-31. Coming to the County Ground saved Alec from being 'acquired by the Football League' as his former club Merthyr Town had been unceremoniously dumped out of the competition at the AGM in June 1930. Lincolnshire-born Munnings arrived from Grimsby Town. At the same time, from Bury, came NORMAN John Rufus KIRBY, Durham-born in the village of Cockfield. Norman was a member of the Cockfield side which reached the Amateur Cup Final in 1928 – thus emulating Crook Town, West Hartlepool, Stockton, South Bank, Bishop Auckland (conquerors of Swindon Victoria in 1921) and Middlesbrough, all from Durham. Sadly, little Cockfield's day went sour when they lost 2-3 to Leyton – but for Norman Kirby it brought First Division football.

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Norman Kirby

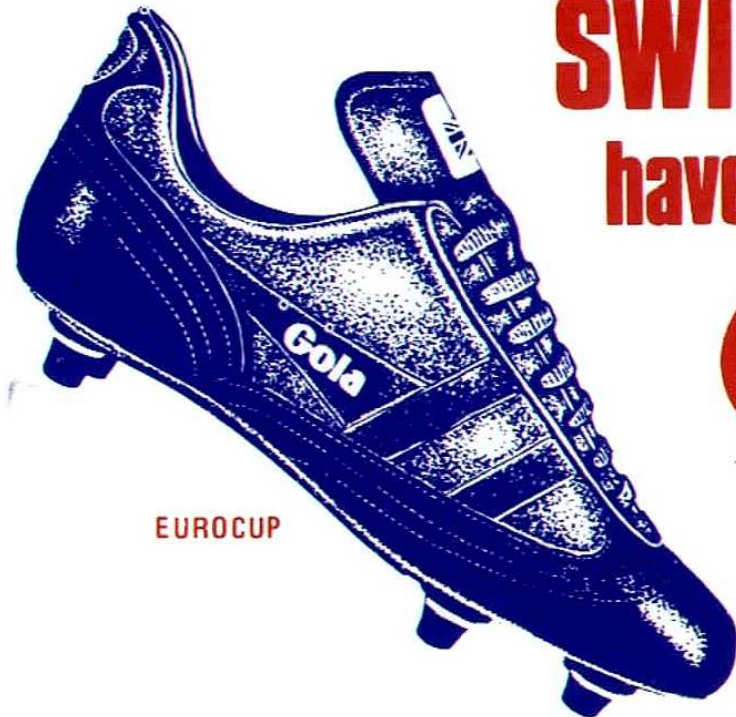
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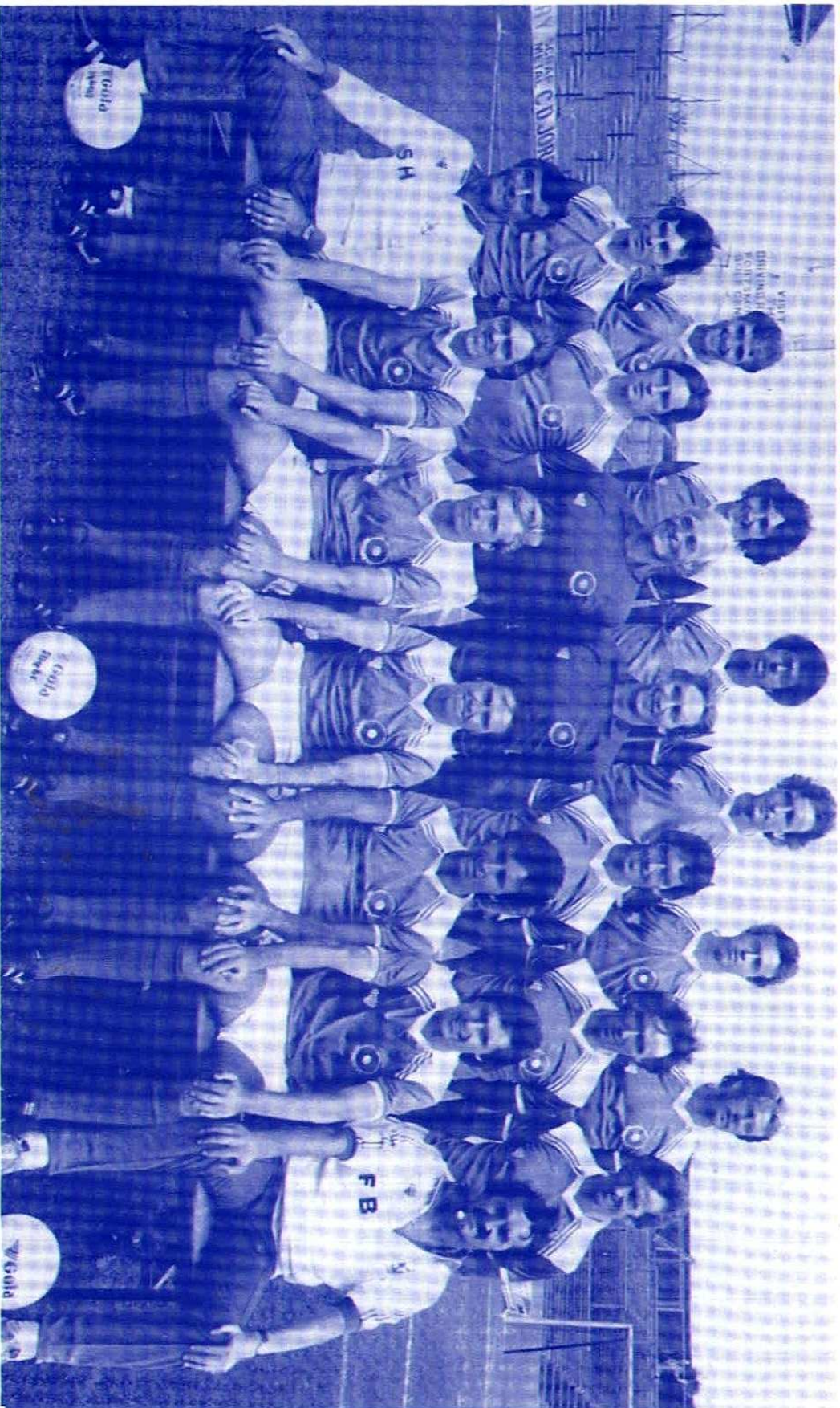
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Back Row L to R:

Bryant, Hemmerman, Kamara, (now with Brentford), Rollings, Berry, Ellis

Middle Row L to R:

Doyle, Aizlewood, Mellor, Knight, Rafferty, Tait, Rogers.

Front Row L to R:

Stan Harland, Gregory, Barnard, McLaughlin (Capt.),

Viney, Frank Burrows (Manager)

Colin Benson spotlights

FRANK BURROWS

For Portsmouth Manager Frank Burrows today's visit to the County Ground is something of a homecoming. The former Swindon Town centre-half spent ten happy years with us and shared in some of our most glorious triumphs.

"I love the place" admits former Raith Rovers and Scunthorpe defender who notched up 403 Football League appearances for the Irons and the Robins and added a further six games while on loan to Mansfield Town.

"For a couple of years we really got things together winning everything out of sight - promotion, the Football League Cup, the Anglo Italian Cup and so on, it was great and undoubtedly was the best two years of my playing career".

There is no magic formula to producing teams like that as Frank says. "These things just come along. The players happened to hit it off as people as well as players and we developed a strong bond. Winning matches helped of course, it made all the difference and gave the team great confidence in themselves."

There was something missing from those heady days however claims Frank tongue in cheek: "We are still waiting for Danny Williams to buy us a drink." "Didn't he get you one after the Wembley Final?" "No he didn't buy us a round after any game. He kept threatening to but he never did."

When Frank finally finished playing in the season of 1976/77 he concentrated on coaching and helped the Swindon Town Youth team. This was no stop gap measure, for Frank had always been interested in that side of the game, even as a young player and had acquired all the relevant Coaching badges from the Football Association.

"I got an awful lot of pleasure seeing players develop and make it to the first team" says Frank. "Lads like John McLaughlin, Dave Moss and Trevor Anderson. It was a transitional period, Swindon were rebuilding and lads like Chris Kamara, Ray McHale and Steve Aizlewood were bought in and I can honestly say that being part of the coaching staff that helped develop that team gave me as much pleasure as anything."

His appointment as manager of Portsmouth came out of the blue two years ago and it dropped him right in at the deep end. Portsmouth a club with a long and glorious tradition had experienced years of famine, Frank was charged with restoring Pompey's lost pride!

He started well and brought them up from the Fourth Division but his elevation to management had introduced another concept. Explains Frank. "You become aware of this the time factor, no one has any patience. The directors and fans want instant success and that is not easy."

"You need time. Time for youngsters to develop, time to consolidate, time to accumulate the money to buy the players you want. Time becomes more valuable and you have to work twice as hard to get success."

But I am not complaining in any way, you accept these conditions when you become involved in football club management or coaching. You don't come into this business if you are looking for security. Football is an emotional game an up and down game, it is all about how you live together when you are up and more importantly when you are down. That matters and when you are down you need to pull together even harder.

"This is my first black period and it is not as bad as people say it is. We are not playing well, not getting it together as we should but we are working on it. We have to work much harder - that is the players and the coaches - we are the only ones who can put it right. Not the directors, not the fans, it is all down to us."

"Coming back to Swindon is a great thrill to me. It might sound corny but I love the town, I love the club and I love the people and I was very sad when I left. But I am not one to dwell on the past. Football is about today. It is what you are going to do that matters, not what you have done and my only concern right now is getting three points from Swindon Town."

If Frank does that then he will never get that drink off Danny.

Picture Parade...



Town defender Russell Lewis in the thick of the action against Burnley at the County Ground.



Gary Emmanuel (left) heads forward from Midfield in search of an equaliser against Burnley.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Wednesday February 17 1982

	Home				Away				Pts	Avge Home Lge Gate	Top Goalscorers (incl. Lge Cup & F.A. Cup)	
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L				F - A
Carlisle Utd.	24	11	1	1	24 - 9	4	2	5	11 - 13	48	4,080	Bob Lee 10, Bryan Robson 10
Fulham	24	7	3	1	21 - 9	6	3	4	19 - 16	45	6,133	Gordon Davies 17, Dean Coney 13
Chesterfield	26	8	3	2	19 - 9	5	2	6	14 - 15	44	5,082	Phil Bonnyman 10
Southend Utd.	26	7	4	3	20 - 14	4	4	4	12 - 11	41	4,889	Keith Mercer 7, Terry Gray 5
Burnley	25	6	4	2	18 - 12	5	4	4	18 - 18	41	4,514	Steve Taylor 11, Billy Hamilton 8
Bristol Rovers	28	8	3	4	23 - 19	3	4	6	12 - 20	40	5,915	Paul Randall 10, Archie Stephens 10
Reading	28	7	4	4	27 - 24	4	3	6	14 - 22	40	3,868	Neil Webb 8, Kerry Dixon 6
Walsall	26	8	2	4	24 - 13	3	4	5	10 - 12	39	4,021	Don Penn 8, Richard O'Kelly 6
Oxford Utd.	23	5	3	3	12 - 8	5	3	4	18 - 17	36	4,830	Keith Cassells 20, Andy Thomas 13
Millwall	25	6	2	5	21 - 15	4	4	4	15 - 17	36	5,215	Nick Chatterton 12, Dean Horrix 9
Lincoln C	25	6	4	3	22 - 11	3	4	5	14 - 16	35	3,608	Tony Cunningham 10, George Shipley 9
Gillingham	25	6	3	4	26 - 19	4	2	6	10 - 16	35	5,284	Dean White 13, Ken Price 10
Plymouth Arg.	28	7	4	4	24 - 15	2	4	7	9 - 18	35	4,700	Jeff Cook 10, Kevin Hodges 8
Huddersfield T.	26	6	3	4	24 - 15	3	4	6	12 - 16	34	7,673	Peter Fletcher 14
Doncaster Rov.	25	7	1	4	20 - 13	2	5	6	15 - 24	33	6,518	Richard Dawson 7, Alan Warboys 7
Brentford	27	2	4	6	7 - 10	7	2	6	19 - 19	33	5,910	Keith Bowen 6, Gary Johnson 5
Exeter City	25	7	1	4	26 - 24	2	4	7	18 - 30	32	4,544	Tony Kellow 15
PORTSMOUTH	26	5	6	2	18 - 10	1	6	6	14 - 21	30	9,328	Bill Rafferty 10, Jeff Hemmerman 8, Mick Tait 8
Newport County	26	5	5	3	14 - 10	2	4	7	16 - 21	30	4,516	John Aldridge 7, Tommy Tynan 6
Preston N E	26	4	5	3	8 - 8	3	3	8	14 - 24	29	5,385	Alex Bruce 11
SWINDON TOWN	25	4	3	6	19 - 21	3	4	5	10 - 16	28	5,973	Roy Carter 8, Andy Rowland 7
Bristol City	25	3	5	4	12 - 14	3	4	6	10 - 15	27	6,369	Mick Harford 11
Chester	26	1	8	3	10 - 14	4	1	9	13 - 24	24	1,835	Gary Simpson 7
Wimbledon	24	4	2	5	14 - 17	2	3	8	16 - 32	23	2,774	Steve Ketteridge 8, John Leslie 7

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SWINDON

		League*	
		Apps.	Goals
1	JIMMY ALLAN	297	—
2	CHARLIE HENRY	54	2
3	KEVIN BADDELEY	12	1
4	GARY WILLIAMS	22	2
5	RUSSELL LEWIS	120	5
6	KENNY STROUD	290	16
7	GARY EMMANUEL	22	—
8	ROY CARTER	176	26
9	PAUL RIDEOUT	32	9
10	KEN BEAMISH	1	—
11	HOWARD PRITCHARD	11	—
12			

Brian Hughes	40	4
Mike Graham	19	1
Andy Rowland	134	51
Roy Greenwood	43	6
Craig Moores	2	—
Steve Abbley	18	—

*Club career totals up to and incl. February 13

PORTSMOUTH

		League*	
		Apps.	Goals
1	ALAN KNIGHT	36	—
2	JOHN McLAUGHLIN	89	1
3	STEVE BRYANT	109	5
4	BOB DOYLE	51	7
5	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	99	5
6	ALAN GARNER	29	2
7	ALEX CROPLEY	10	2
8	BILLY RAFFERTY	43	14
9	MICK TAIT	62	15
10	BRIAN BASON	7	—
11	DAVID CROWN	13	1
12			

David Gregory	67	18
Keith Viney	159	3
Andy Rollings	18	1
Steve Berry	12	2
Alan Rogers	94	12
Jeff Hemmerman	112	35
Peter Ellis	192	—
Leigh Barnard	72	8
David Leworthy	1	—



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