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DAVE BASSETT

In my programme notes for the Tranmere Rovers game, I referred to a scheme where Bolton Wanderers had requested their supporters to donate a sum of money each month to assist the Club. In this respect we have received some very encouraging letters and calls from supporters who have indicated that they would be prepared to assist us in such a scheme. You must be aware, that on our gates, the Club has to be subsidised in one way or another. It is becoming increasingly more difficult, and we cannot continue on the existing basis where the Club does not receive sufficient income to break-even. It must be the prime objective of the Club to achieve a break-even situation. The support of such a scheme, as indicated in my previous programme notes, would be of considerable help in the running of the Club and of our future development.

It is intended therefore that the Club will take steps to introduce this scheme and we are looking to people to contact us, direct at the Club or by completing the commitment forms which will appear in our forthcoming match programmes. We anticipate starting this scheme from either May or June. It is intended to work on £5 multiples with payment by Bankers Order, for £5 or £10 a month, dependant upon what people feel they can cope with in their budget. As an alternative to paying by Bankers Order, one could pay the whole £60 or £120.00 in

advance. All people participating would be included in a monthly draw where prize money would be paid.

It is essential that Clubs such as ourselves, which are run on tight budgets, are supported in every way by their loyal fans. We do not intend to be extravagant with any funds received and we will work very hard, as I am sure you are aware, on our off-the-field activities. However, if we are to survive as a Club, it is essential that more funds are brought in to enable us to cope with the ever increasing costs. This life-line plan, I feel is an excellent way, in which people can pledge their support to help cover running costs. In addition, I can confirm that senior members of the playing staff will be contributing to the scheme, as it is essential for all our futures. We look forward to receiving your response and help, and should you be able to sell any other pledges to people who may not support Wimbledon, but may have some association, this will be of tremendous help. The more members we have, the more money we can plough back into the Club.

With the Football League's transfer deadline of March 24th

With the Football League's transfer deadline of March 24th past, it seems certain that loan transfers will far exceed the number of permanent moves. The days of the traditional last minute cash explosion appear to have gone for the time being at least. The loan system certainly has its critics, but in these days of cash shortages, few of these critics will be found among the League clubs and their managers. Many League clubs, have made stringent cuts to their playing staffs and would be in serious difficulties if they were not able to adjust their numbers with loan players. We ourselves would have been struggling without the loan system. I had to use the sys-

tem to compensate for injuries, and one of the players I had on loan, Steve Hatter, subsequently signed on a full time basis. Had it not been for this system, I do not think our Club finances would have permitted me to take a chance. The loan system gave me an opportunity to have "the goods on approval", if you like. The game is changing and we just have to become used to a different system of maintaining playing staff.

For the bigger Clubs the system enables young players, who are potential stars, to sharpen their skills in a higher standard of football than reserve team games. From the point of view of the Club borrowing the player, it also reduces the risk of transfer money being unwisely spent. The system also gives the players, who might otherwise be out of a job at the end of the season, a chance to impress new clubs and perhaps win a contract. It also helps clubs with injury problems, who in the current financial climate, cannot carry large staffs.

The present regulations regarding temporary transfers permit League clubs to have a maximum of two players on loan at any one time and no more than five during each season. Temporary transfers which become permanent do not count against the club's quota of five. For example we have had four loan players in Steve Hatter, Phil Ferns, Brian Sparrow and Gary Barnett. As we signed Steve Hatter, we are now adjudged to

have had three players on loan out of 5.

With the transfer deadline passing I was hoping to continue the load period of Gary Barnett, on the basis of a twenty-four hour return to Oxford United. It looked quite possible up until the Halifax Town game, as Jim Smith, the Oxford Manager was being helpful for that particular weekend. Unfortunately, Gary decided that he wished to return to Oxford in an effort to secure a place within the team. I was disappointed that he was not able to stay a bit longer, as I felt he had done extremely well for the team and gained valuable experience. His car was smashed while he was down in London, and I feel that this affected his decision to return to a more urban life. However, I am grateful for Gary's efforts at a time when we had injuries. His return to Oxford leaves the door open for other members of our squad who are now fit, to challenge for this position at a very important time of the season. Wayne Entwistle has also decided to cancel his contract with the Club by mutual consent. It appears that Wayne has been very disappointed with his form since coming to the Club and his family have never really settled in the London area. Wayne is an excellent individual who worked very hard at his game but unfortunately did not have the best of luck in securing a regular place in the Dons team. However, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing Wayne all the very best for the future and I hope that he will sort himself out in respect of his footballing requirements.

In the next eight days we have to play three games, two of which are at home. It is important that we do well in these games to ensure that we continue our push for promotion. We can expect no quarter fromany of our opponents and must be ourselves in tcp form to gain the necessary results. In view of this we shall require all the support and backing we can gain from the fans, and I therefore ask you once again to give us the

vocal encouragement that is essential.

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the playing staff to wish all our supporters an enjoyable and happy Easter.

"HARRY"

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Good afternoon! Today we have several groups to welcome to Plough Lane for this Fourth Division fixture: the first are our opponents, Swindon Town F.C. We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors, Payroll Services, and we thank them for their support. Another group here today has travelled several hundred miles to watch the game. They are "The Continentals" who have made the long journey from Holland. We are pleased to have them here at Plough Lane and hope they enjoy their short visit.

The final group we welcome to our ground are the Swannette Majorettes who will be giving you a marching display before the game and again at half-time. These young girls gave a great display here at the beginning of the season and I am sure they will again today. We hope you enjoy their performance and are generous with your applause.

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A few weeks ago it looked as if today's game against Swindon Town would have an important bearing, for both clubs, on the promotion race. Unfortunately for Swindon they have hit a bad spell and it looks as if they have lost their chance. But football is an unpredictable game and they could come bouncing back — but not, we hope, at our expense today. Sadly they dismissed their Manager, John Trollope, last week. John had been with the "Robins" for 24 years and made 770 League appearances for them. He had been manager for a little over 2 years. John has not severed all connections with Swindon Town for he has taken up the post as Youth Team Coach.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to extend our congratulations to five of our Associate Schoolboys — Nick Savage, Steve Payne, John Gannon, Kevin Wedderburn and Andrew Thorn. They are all members of Raynes Park High School Soccer team who have reached the Final of the English Schools F.A. under-16's. They knocked out Wiltshire 1-0 last week at Swindon.

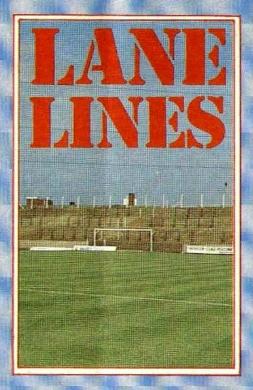
WHERE ARE THEY NOW? (contd.)

We have just learned the whereabouts of Mike Everitt one of our former managers. He is now chief coach to Egypts second best team Arab Contractors, who recently won the African Cup-winners Cup.

EVENING STANDARD FIVE-A-SIDES
This tournament, which always provides enjoyable entertainment, will be held at Wembley on Wednesday, 13th April. We, as usual, will be entering a team. Further details later.

EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL

There are still places available at Wimbledon F.C.'s Easter Soccer School, for boys aged 7 to 16 years. The course is professionally directed and coached, with fitness, soccer knowledge, gamesmanship and competition play being the main parts of the course, which is ap-



proved by the Football Association. The fee is £17 for 5 mornings from April 11th-15th. The school, which is sponsored by Marion Lakah, a senior sales associate with Hambro Life Assurance p.l.c., starts at 10.00 a.m. each morning and goes on until 12.30 p.m. and is held at our training ground, The Richardson Evans Memorial Ground, Putney Vale (on the A3 road by Robin Hood roundabout).

For further details and/or application forms contact Mick Miles, here at the Club, or phone 01-947 0867.

WANTED

Lottery Agents are still urgently required in all areas. Earn yourself extra cash by selling tickets to your relatives, friends and workmates. At the same time you will be helping your favourite football club, WIMB-LEDON F.C.

For further information see or phone Mick Miles, address above.

SALE

We have a limited number of Wimbledon F.C. digital watches in stock in the Club Shop on which we are reducing the price from £7.95 to £6.50. If you hurry you may just be in time!

A BIG THANK YOU!.....

...Goes to Mrs. Day and her daughter June who have recently presented a cheque for £100 to Geoff Taylor, our Youth Team Manager. They have raised this money by making their knitting needles as well as themselves work overtime. Unlike Mdme. Lafarge they knitted to see the pence and not the heads, roll in.

We are very grateful to June and her mother for such support. We can but hope that such loyalty and devotion to the Club may rub off onto some more of our supporters. Come on girls and boys, see what you can do to help your Club.

The two ladies have raised the money for the Youth Teams Continental tour.

"FOOTBALL KICK"

This is a fairly new footbll magazine which is not seen in too many book-sellers and newsagents. We are now selling them in the Club Shop, price 85p. It is a well produced and well written magazine and well worth the money.

PLAYERS NEWS

We are pleased to inform you that Arsenal have agreed to extend Brian Sparrow's loan period until the end of the season, but we regret that Gary Barnett has returned to Oxford United. We would like to thank Gary for his wholehearted efforts in the 5 games he played for us. We also wish him well in his career.

We are also sorry to inform you that we have cancelled Wayne Entwistle's contract by mutual consent. Wayne was worried about his lack of success and wants now to reflect on his future.

Two of our younger players, Brian Gayle and Graeme Wadley, have both gone off to New Zealand for a six-month spell. Brian has joined Manawatu F.C. and Graeme has gone to Seatown F.C.

THE CONTINENTALS...

...are a group of about 24 Dutch men whose interest is English League football. They come from various walks of life e.g. Tax Officer, Journalist, Dentist, Teacher and live mostly in Rotterdam, Den Haag, and Eindhoven. Some of the members have seen over 100 English League games and several have visited over 40 different grounds. For quite a few of them this will be a new ground today. We hope they are impressed and enjoy their day. This morning they were watching Southend v Gillingham and this evening are dashing off to see Colchester v Peterborough. They obviously like their football.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE — STOP PRESS

The result of last Saturday's, S.E.C. League game where Brighton beat West Ham by 3 goals to 2 gives our lads a great chance of clinching the title.

GOALS & GOALSCORERS

We must not conclude this afternoon's magazine without mentioning goalscoring and goalscorers.

In the race to be the first London club to score 80 League goals this season and thus win the £25,000 to be awarded by Capital Radio, we are in the lead from Brentford by just one goal. The Dons have 68, Brentford 67 and coming up fast — Q.P.R. with 64 goals.

John Leslie leads the 4th Division goalscorers with 21 League goals, Andy Sayer has scored 32 goals for the Youth Team and Alan Cork is back in the goals. He has scored on three occasions in the five Midweek League games since his return.

GURST WRITING

TONY STENSON of the Daily Mirror

Latest round of angry threats and stubborn defence between TV companies and football clubs has left the fans wondering what will be on their screens next season.

Fierce arguments are going on that a black out would bring back soccer-starved fans, that whole matches transmitted live would sharpen appetites for actual games better than a whole series of edited highlights — which actually give a false impression of soccer anyway.

Personally, I think it's all too late. Television has done whatever damage its going to do and any changes from now will not make any difference.

What has happened over the past 20 years is that a new generation of soccer fans has remained seated, taking their soccer at the press of a button.

These are not attached to any particular team—although, perhaps, they did support their local team in the past—and are now accustomed to watching television in short, sharp bursts.

Kids that once would have followed their fathers to the terraces and shouted for Wimbledon, now prefer to sit at home and shout for Liverpool. They have lost any connection with their home town club.

Short of removing everything from television and radio —, incidentally, I believe is a greater threat than many believe with their constant excellent coverage, throughout matches —

there is little hope of crowds ever returning. Even then a recovery would be a gradual one. My paper recently produced a survey asking fans if they would like soccer on the 'box' and would they return to the terraces if blacked out on the screen.

The response was overwhelming, certainly the biggest I've ever witnessed in a newspaper. Replies came by the sackload and the answer was a complete boot up the backside for soccer.

Fans wanted soccer on TV, but wouldn't go and watch it if it wasn't in their home. Sad. Very sad.

I'm sure the dust will finally settle, quarrels will be patched up and soccer will be where it's always been for the last 20 years — on TV. The only concession being Clubs will be allowed to advertise on their shirts.

But don't just blame TV. Soccer have as much to answer for. They have stood still while the world whizzed into the microchip age. They just didn't bother to sell their product, constantly hiding behind closed doors while the hungry media desperately tried to pass on the news.

It's only recently that London clubs have woken up to the fact here were willing vehicles anxious to give them free advertising — something that the poor of cinemas, theatres, shops etc., have had to pay for.

TV or no TV on your screen might in the long run have a beneficial effect. TV companies are now aware they cannot take soccer for granted or too cheaply and soccer might finally wake up to the fact more avenues must be explored to sell their product.



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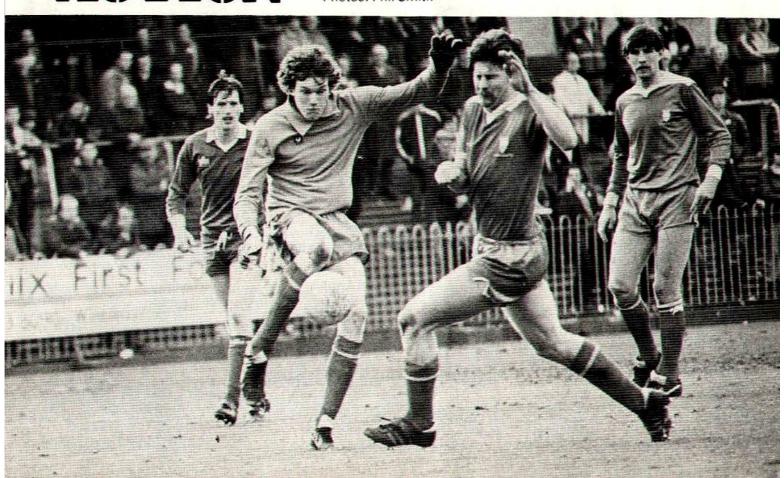


DONSIN ACTION

Above: Stewart Evans watches John Leslie put the Hartlepool defence under pressure.

Below: Dave Beasant and Gary Peters in defensive action against Hartlepool.

Photos: Phil Smith



MYRADDOME

WELCOME TO SWINDON TOWN

Six defeats in a row up to the time of writing coupled with the recent departure of manager John Trollope after nearly a quarter of a century with the club since he made his debut as a 16year-old have left Swindon Town out of the promotion race as they settle to the reality of life in Division Four in their first-ever season there.

Swindon's history goes back to 1881 and by the time they were elected to the new Division Three (South) in 1920 they had twice reached the F.A. Cup semi-final as members of the Southern League. They survived three re-election applications before the re-organisation of 1958 landed them in the new **Division Three.**

They won promotion in 1963 for their first experience of Division Two, slipped back down again two seasons later and then began their finest spell when in 1968/9 they not only won promotion again but carried off the Football League Cup by beating Arsenal in extra time at Wembley.

A year later they came within striking distance of Division One when finishing in fifth place. Since relegation in 1974, however, their fortunes have fluctuated alarmingly. In 1974/75 they just missed relegation, in 1975/76 they just escaped relegation, after two fairly uneventful seasons they fell away in both 1978/79 and 1979/80 after early promotion challenges. Then after just missing relegation in 1980/ 81 last season proved disastrous for after three wins and two draws in their first five games they fell away so badly that they were relegated after losing a crucial final game at Newport.

THIS SEASON

They made an uncertain start to their first-ever season in Division Four, but after a home defeat by Halifax they remained unbeaten at the County Ground until we beat them there at the end of December. They also did well in the F.A. Cup, reaching round four and going out at Burnley. Since then, however, little has gone right for them and at the time of writing they have just lost at home to Chester and Darlington and have not picked up an away point since their draw at Bristol City on New Year's Day.

They do, however, have one of the most prolific pair of strikers in Division Four in teenager PAUL RIDEOUT and ex-Bury man ANDY ROWLAND, both of whom have scored hat-tricks this season as has ex-Bristol City man HOWARD PRITCHARD. In midfield MARTIN BLACKER a debutant this season links up with LEIGH BARNARD (ex-Portsmouth) and MICK GRAHAM (ex-Bolton) while in defence KEVIN BAD-

DELEY and GARY EMMANUEL came from Bristol City and Bristol Rovers respectively. They link up with homegrown CHARLIE HENRY and RUSSELL LEWIS with Scot JIMMY ALLAN still going strong after over 350 League and Cup games.

SWINDON THROUGH THE YEARS

ALF and JOHN STEPHENS provided the only instance of both twin scoring for the same club in the same game when they both netted against Exeter on September 21, 1946.

Swindon held a 2-0 lead early in the Third Division (South) game against Southend in March 1952, but finally lost 8-2. ·

JOHN TROLLOPE, whose spell in charge of Swindon, came to an end last week, made his debut as a player in August 1960 at the age of 16. He went on to play a total of 770 League games, a record total for one club. He also set up a new record for ever-presents, playing in every game in ten different seasons.

Full-backs OWEN DAWSON and JOHN TROLLOPE netted within two minutes of each other for Swindon against Mansfield in April 1966.

Swindon drew 2-2 with Southend in November 1949, no fewer than six goals being disallowed, four of them to Swindon.

Though in Division Three in 1968/9 Swindon Town not only won promotion at the end but also carried off the Football League Cup and a year later took the Anglo-Italian trophy for good measure.

Swindon reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in both 1910 and 1912 when members of the Southern League.

TREVOR ANDERSON netted a hattrick of penalties for Swindon against Walsall in a Third Division game in April 1976.



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TODAY'S REFEREE: MIKE TAYLOR (Deal)

Started refereeing in 1958 whilst in the Royal Marines, and progressed via the Kent and Southern Leagues to the Football League List. Refereed the 1971/72 Southern League Cup Final, and lined a European Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final in 1973/74. Was a linesman in the 1972/73 Anglo-Italian Tournament, and also in a European Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final 1980/81. In 1980 refereed England v Scotland schoolboys.

A married man, with two children, he retired from the Royal Marines and is now a Company Secretary. Coaches in tennis, squash, badminton and fencing, and plays golf. Chairman of local Junior League and Council Member of Kent Football Association.

OUR VISIORS



Back Row (left to right): Jimmy Quinn, Russell Lewis, Charlie Henry, Jimmy Allan, Mark Stevens, Paul Rideout, Andy Rowland.

Middle Row (left to right): Martin Blackler, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish, David Bristow (now with Torquay United), Kevin Baddeley, David Round.

Front Row (left to right): Mike Graham, Gary Emmanuel, Paul Batty, John Trollope (Manager), Ray Baverstock, Leigh Barnard, Gary Williams (now with Tranmere Rovers.)

PEN PICS

JIM ALLAN (Goalkeeper) Born Inverness. Experienced goalkeeper who has been with Swindon since signing from Scottish junior football in 1970. Made his League debut in September 1971 and has been the regular first team goalkeeper since 1976. Now the longest serving player at the club with 318 league appearances to the end of last season.

KEVIN BADDELEY (Defender) Born Swindon. Although brought up in Swindon Kevin joined Bristol City to serve his apprenticeship and made one league appearance for them against West Ham United in August 1980. Joined Swindon in July 1981 and established himself in the first team last season making 29 league appearances. Can play in either full back position although usuall found on the left.

COLIN BAILIE (Defender) Born Belfast. Promising young full back who signed professional last season after completing his apprenticeship. Made one first team appearance at Oxford United in April 1982.

LEIGH BARNARD (Midfield) Born Worsley. A player who served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth and spent several seasons with them after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977. A busy hardworking player he made around 90 league appearances for Portsmouth before joining Swindon in July 1982.

GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield) Born Swansea. Gary started his career with Birmingham City making his debut in January 1975 at Stoke City. He played 71 First Division games for the Blues before a transfer to Bristol Rovers in December 1978. A further 65 league appearances followed for the Eastville club and he joined Swindon in an exchange deal during the 1981 close season. Gave some all-action displays last season.

MIKE GRAHAM (Defender) Born Lancaster. Mike began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made his league debut as substitute at Mansfield in March 1978. He had made 46 league appearances for Bolton, mostly at fullback before he joined Swindon in the summer of 1981. He made 30 league appearances last season often in the centre of the defence but also in midfield.

CHARLIE HENRY (Defender) Born Acton. Charlie grew up in Swindon and served his apprenticeship with the club signing professional in February 1980. By September 1980 he had made his first team debut in a league cup match at Lincoln City and went on to establish himself in the first team at right fullback although he can also play at centre half. Had made 69 league appearances at the end of last season.

RUSSELL LEWIS (Defender) Born Blaengwynfi. Russell joined Swindon from Welsh League Football in 1976 and made his League debut at York City in April 1977. He had to spend several seasons as reserve centre-half before winning a regular first team place at right full back during the 1979-80 season. The following season he took over at centre-half and at the end of last season had 138 league ppearances to his credit. A wholehearted tough-tackling player.

HOWARD PRITCHARD (Forward) Born Cardiff. Howard served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his League debut against Aston Villa in August 1978. He made 38 league appearances over the next three seasons and was released to join Swindon in July 1981. He made 28 league appearances for Swindon last season and usually plays as an orthodox winger on either side of the pitch although usually favouring the right.

JIMMY QUINN (Forward) Born Belfast. Swindon signed Jimmy from Northern Premier League side Oswestry Town in December 1981 after a months trial and he made his league debut as substitute against Walsall in March 1982. He made 2 full appearances and 1 more as substitute last season after a rapid rise from junior football. An old fashioned centre forward who is good in the air.

PAUL RIDEOUT (Forward) Born Bournemouth. Paul was the regular centre forward in the England Schoolboys team for two seasons and signed as an apprentice for Swindon in May 1980. He was given a professional contract on his seventeenth birthday but by that time had already scored on his league debut against Hull City in November 1980 and made 16 league appearances last season to take his total to 51 before his eighteenth birthday. His ability to produce goals out of unpromising situations marks him as a player with the potential to succeed at the highest level.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward) Born Derby. Andy was an apprentice with Derby County but did not appear in their first team. During 1974 he was transferred to Bury and made his league debut at Swindon in August that year. He was three times leading scorer for Bury and played 174 league games for them before his transfer to Swindon in September 1978. He made 141 league appearances for Swindon at the end of last season and has a consistent goalscoring record.

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Tuesday, 5th April, 1983

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Coach departs "The Sportsman" 3.00 p.m.

FARE: MEMBERS £6.00 **NON-MEMBERS £6.50**

The Executive Coach will leave "The Sportsman" at 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 16th April, 1983

HEREFORD UNITED

Train departs Paddington 09.45 Train arrives Hereford 13.03 Train departs Hereford 17.49 Train arrives Paddington 20.39

Change at Newport on both journeys

FARE: MEMBERS £8.00 Children £4.00 NON-MEMBERS £8.60 Children £4.30

Tickets MUST be obtained and paid for before day of travel.



Our mascot this afternoon is SIMEON STAINES who was born in Wimbledon and lives in Mitcham. Simeon is 11 years old and plays Saturday and Sunday football in the Primary Boys and Appollo Leagues respectively. His position is left back and he therefore enjoys the play of Dean Thomas and Brian Sparrow.

He represented the Primary Boys League in Holland last year and scored a fine solo goal there. He has again been selected to represent both the Leagues he plays in and is looking forward to going to Holland again shortly. He attended Bobby Moore's Soccer School in '81 and achieved a silver award.

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Saturday 1st April 1978 v Watford (Football League Division 4) Lost 0-2 (a) Referee: Clive Thomas (Treorchy) Attendance: 11,212.

Dons boss Dario Gradi blamed this defeat at Vicarage Road on his side's tendency to set-

tle for a goalless draw.

Dons did not play particularly well throughout this match, but for long periods had de-fended well. And after an hour it was Wimbledon who had come closest to scoring. Watford failed to put in any telling crosses for giant striker Ross Jenkins, and this seemed to be where Watford were struggling up front. But this facet was remedied by an unlikely source in the 64th minute. Hassled by Watford's Jenkins, Jeff Bryant lofted the ball from the wing into the Wimbledon penalty area and right into the stride of Alan Mayes who promptly volleyed home.

Once Watford had made the break, victory became a formality with Dons stretched in both directions. A mix-up in their defence let in Ian Bolton in the 79th minute and his shot, although partially stopped by Ray Goddard, finished with the ball rolling towards the line with the 'keeper grounded. As Bolton moved to finish off his attempt, Les Briley brought

Referee Clive Thomas pointed to the spot and full-back Keith Pritchett made no mistake. WIMBLEDON: Goddard, Bryant, Eames, Briley, Galvin, Donaldson, Denny (Galliers), Bassett, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

WATFORD: Rankin, How, Pritchett, Booth (Blissett), Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard.



Saturday 31st March 1973 v Worcester City (Southern League Premier Div.) Drew 0-0 (H) Referee: C.H. MacKnight (Bucks.) Attendance: 760.

There was good and bad news about this match with Worcester City at Plough Lane. The good news was that this was Dons ninth successive home game without defeat, and the bad news was that this was a poor match, and just 760 turned up to witness it. Leading scorer lan Cooke was ruled out through injury against a side who has never managed a win at Plough Lane, although his deputy, 18-year-old Tommy Tuite did well. O'Rourke and Armstrong missed at least five excellent chances between them, and 'keeper Bob Knight twice stopped shots from O'Rourke, playing his first game for Dons since being put on a free transfer. The nearest he came to getting a goal was in the 12th minute when he headed against a post and latched onto the rebound only to see his shot bounce off defender Neil Merrick and go over the bar.

Barry Silkman produced countless chances from midfield that the forwards failed to respond to, and although the defence, and in particular John Loughlan looked at their best,

Tom McCready didn't appear to be fully fit after recent injury.

Worcester's best chance came as early as the 7th minute, but top scorer John Inglis fired wide. Transfer-listed Andy Marchant and Alan Summerhill produced good performances and Dickie Guy, who only played after a late fitness test on his back, did not have much to

WIMBLEDON: Guy, Marchant, Loughlan, Rice, McCready, Summerhill, Armstrong, Tuite, O'Rourke, Silkman, Larkin. Sub: Stockley.



Monday 1st April 1963 v Walton and Hersham (Surrey Senior Cup 1st Round) Won 4-1 (H) The hardy Athenian Leaguers from Walton and Hersham, who were the last team to win at Plough Lane, back in September 1961, were again confident of victory following a good

Walton hustled and bustled Wimbledon off the ball for the first quarter of an hour, but then, against the run of play, a Reynolds shot was pushed onto the bar and Brown smoothly nipped in to put away the rebound.

Walton didn't buckle and held Wimbledon, and full back John Martin in particular under siege until half-time.

Two goals in two minutes after half-time, through Reynolds and Moore put the game beyond the visitors.

Five minutes later Martin received a Kelly clearance in the centre circle and he cleverly flicked the ball on, for himself, raced into the area and scored.

Hanes, the Walton 'keeper, had to come off due to injury, and Sidney took over as surro-

gate 'keeper. A late consolation goal by Holder was all that Walton had to show for a good display, but it would be the Dons in the hat for round two.

TEAM: Kelly, J. Martin, Rudge, Ardrey, Law, Murphy, Brown, B. Martin, Reynolds, Moore, Williams.

Scorers: Brown, Reynolds, Moore, B. Martin.

WEST HAM UTD 1 WIMBLEDON 2 South East Counties League Div. 2 Saturday, 12th March, 1983

In this important League game, West Ham scored from a corner after 10 minutes, their central defender Mark West scoring at the far post. Wimbledon equalised in the 40th minute, also from a corner, Sayer scoring from a flick on from Tupper.

Wimbledon had to withstand a lot of West Ham pressure for the first 20 minutes of the second half and then came back with a late goal to take both points. Andy Thorne got his first goal for the Dons when he scored from a Steve Payne cross, two minutes from the end.

WIMBLEDON: Erlebach, Wedderburn, Savage, Thorn, Godbold, Priddle, M. Paine, Tupper, Sayer, S. Payne, Dolling. Subs: Dear, Wood-

bridge.

WIMBLEDON 2 NORTHAMPTON T. 6 Wednesday, 16th March, 1983 Midweek League

The scoreline did not reflect the pattern of the game at all. Wimbledon controlled most of the game, but Northampton made the most of the few chances they got whilst Wimbledon squandered theirs. The Wimbledon scorers were Cork and Fishen-

WIMBLEDON: Collyer, Downes, Wadley, Richardson, Gayle, Sayer, Gage, Fishenden, Entwistle, Cork, Belfield. Subs: Priddle, Thomas.

CAMBRIDGE UTD. 3 WIMBLEDON 3 South East Counties League, Div. 2

Saturday, 19th March, 1983. In a goalless first half Wimbledon played their best football of the season, but failed to capitalise on it. Twice Dolling hit the cross-bar, Priddle and Sayer both missed easy chances. One one occasion any of 4 Wimbledon players could have scored when the ball was crossed

into the six-yard box.
The second half opened spectacularly with Cambridge scoring three goals in the first 12 minutes, albeit two of them were penalties. The Dons youngsters showed their character when they fought back to score three goals in the final 15 minutes. Dolling scored the first two

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and Sayer the third from the penalty spot. Wimbledon could have taken both points but Godbold missed with a header with the goal at his mercy. WIMBLEDON: Jones (P.), Wedderburn, Savage, Thorn, Godbold, Payne (M.), Priddle, Gannon, Tupper, Sayer, Dolling. Subs: Dear, Woodbridge.

WIMBLEDON 1 PORTSMOUTH 1 Tuesday, 22nd March 1983 Midweek League

Dons entertained unbeaten Portsmouth in the Midweek League on Tuesday night. Wimbledon dominated the game with Kevin Gage and Alan Cork both going close from close range but with Pompeys keeper Gosney in excellent form the half-time score was 0-0.

The second half continued in the same vein as before and in the 55th minute Micky Belfield won the ball in his own half and a fine passing movement between Sayer, Belfield, Thomas and Gage resulted in Cork scoring from close range. With Sayer performing well on the left it looked as though Portsmouth's unbeaten record was going to be surrendered, but in the last minute a speculative cross from the right by Crown was headed home at the far post by

WIMBLEDON: Jones, Wedderburn, Thomas, Downes, Morris, Gage, Sayer, Belfield, Levy, Cork, Fishen-den, Priddle, Gannon.

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The autographed football which was raffled in aid of Steve Hatter's Transfer fund has not been claimed. If you are holding ticket 'YELLOW 15' please get in touch with me, via the Club Shop or at home.

A BIG "THANK YOU"

To all those who donated jumble and their time last Saturday. The Jumble Sale raised around £140, which we shall put towards the Transfer Fund. Thanks again, particularly to Margaret Whisker who did most of the donkey work.

NEXT DISCO

Will be in the Dons Bar from 8.00 p.m. Saturday, 9th April. Our last one was well attended and most enjoyable. Come along this time and bring your friends. (18 plusses please).

"PLAYER OF THE YEAR"

Yes, decision time is almost here for both "The Player and The Supporter of the Year". Voting will take place during April. This season's "Player of the Year" Dance will take place in "Nelson's" on Wednesday, 4th May from 8.00 p.m. Book the date, and remember demand for tickets is likely to be high. Further details later. GREG. PARKER

NEXT MATCHES AT PLOUGH LANE

Saturday, 9th April, 1983 DARLINGTON

Football League Division Four Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th April, 1983 **CREWE ALEXANDRA**

Football League Division Four Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

EVERY WIMBLEDON FOR THE BEST IN SPORT

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TODAY'S LINE-UP

v. SWINDON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

TEAM CHANGES	WIMBLEDON All Blue Yellow Trim		SWINDON Red Shirts White Shorts	TEAM CHANGES
	Dave BEASANT	1	Jimmy ALLEN	
	Gary PETERS	2	Colin BAILIE	
	Brian SPARROW	3	Kevin BADDELEY	
	Steve GALLIERS	4	Paul BATTY	
	Mick SMITH	5	Russell LEWIS	
	Steve HATTER	6	Mike GRAHAM	
	Stewart EVANS	7	Ray BAVERSTOCK	
	Steve KETTERIDG2	8	Leigh BARNARD	
	John LESLIE	9	Paul RIDEOUT	
	Glyn HODGES	10	Andy ROWLAND	
	Wally DOWNS	11	Martin BLACKLER	L.
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REFEREE: M.J. TAYLOR (Walmer, Kent)

LINESMEN: M.J. COTTON (Red Flag) C.J. HENDERSON (Yellow Flag) Today's Match Ball has been kindly donated by THE CHELSEA BUILDING SOCIETY

