

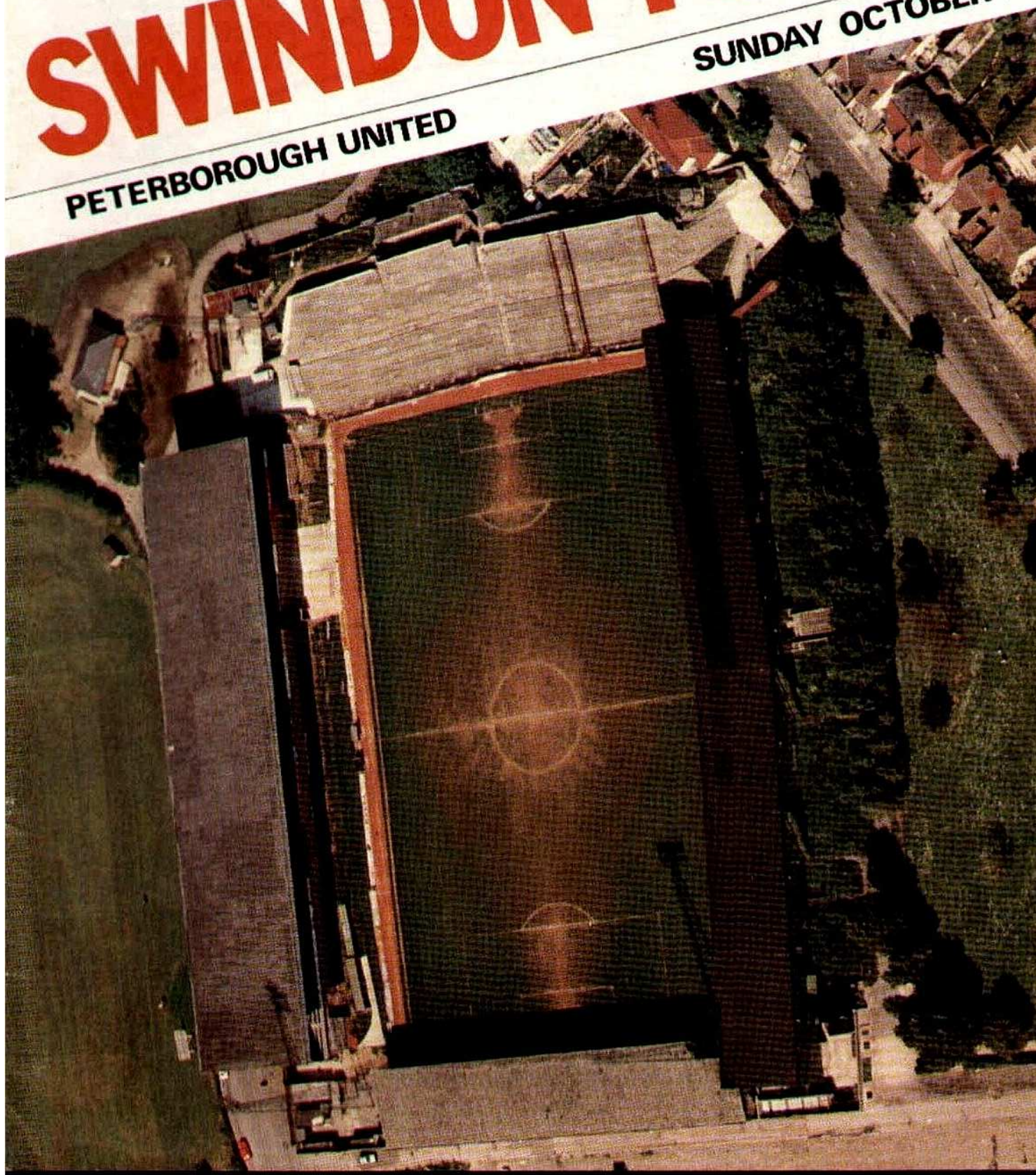


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Chairman's Comments

Today I welcome not only you, our supporters, and those from our opponents Peterborough United but also hopefully many hundreds of children aged thirteen or under who have been invited to the County Ground this afternoon for the launch of our new Junior Supporters Club which will be known as the 'Junior Robins'.

The idea of such a Junior Club was that of Mr. Dick Mattick of Churchfields School who, by the way, organised the party of school children to come to the ground during the close season to do some much needed painting.

During recent years the Club has expended large sums in an endeavour to fight the cancer of football hooliganism and it is fair to say we very rarely see misbehaviour at the ground now. However, it is considered that if young children were taught good habits on how to behave at Football Grounds then this would have an influence on their behaviour when they get a little older and this is the prime reason for the formation of the 'Junior Robins'.

Membership Forms will be distributed at today's match, the Membership Fee being £1.00. For this they will each receive a badge, a photograph autographed by their favourite player, a membership card and reduced admission to our games in the seating area for just 50p.

The children will be offered various activities at Club evenings the first of which will be a painting competition for which they are required to paint a picture, the theme of which must be on the subject of football.

I am sure that both the children and the members of the Swindon Town Football Club will receive a great deal of pleasure from this venture in the months to follow and we hope that you will encourage your child to join. They will be in good hands, being cared for both by school staff and our own players and management staff.

I am sure that we all received a big fillip from last Tuesday's decisive win against Blackpool, featured by a great hat trick by Alan Mayes. The entire team gave a great performance giving all out effort for the full term of the game and if this effort could be repeated throughout every game then the just rewards would surely come. The attendance was disappointing but perhaps after three home defeats was not to be unexpected. However I hope that Tuesday's performance will have encouraged others to join us this afternoon.

On Monday last we held the second of our sporting dinners at which Brian Close and Emlyn Hughes were the guest speakers. Once again every seat was sold and the evening was a great success. I must thank Swindon Car Auctions for sponsoring the evening and indeed everyone who helped to make the occasion so successful.

Thank you for your attendance this afternoon and I hope you enjoy the game.

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My first reaction upon being asked to write a few words for this afternoons programme is to look back upon last Tuesday evenings game against Blackpool and to say how great it was to achieve such a convincing win at home in front of our own supporters. It has taken a long time in coming but this performance shows that if everyone is on top of their game then we can compete with most of the teams in the Fourth Division.

Looking at the Fourth Division this season I think the situation will be very similar to that of last year where any one team can beat another on any day without there being any clear promotion challengers.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask our supporters to be patient with both the team and management because promotion prospects are not won overnight, we shall suffer set backs at times during the season, but I am convinced that within the next two seasons Swindon Town will achieve promotion, although as I have already said, patience will be needed early on.

Throughout the years of my football career I read programme notes where managers have remarked upon the importance to players of the vocal encouragement of their supporters and believe me this is very true. On Tuesday evening the encouragement coming from two and a half thousand supporters sounded like there were five thousand people present. You were patient with us even when we were one goal down because I am sure you could see what we were trying to do and this support, coupled with the skill and effort of the players enabled the result to be achieved.

We would like to think that you the fans will not be too impatient and that those supporters who no longer come to our games will return and hopefully we will give them the football entertainment they deserve.



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Welcome to Peterborough

BY DAVE KING

United arrive at the County Ground this afternoon with only one defeat in their satisfactory start to their League programme, by a solitary goal to League leaders Hereford United at Edgar Street. With home wins over Tranmere Rovers (1 - 0), Mansfield (1 - 0), and Hartlepool (3 - 1), an away win at Wrexham (3 - 1) and goalless draws at Aldershot and last weekends opponents Torquay United, where their overall supremacy accounted for a corner count of nineteen to one! The failure to enforce their territorial advantage epitomises the reason why they failed to gain promotion last season when finishing in 7th position.

Only three away wins last season, was in stark contrast to their home record of only three defeats and this is the situation player manager John Wile will be hoping is improved on this season in the London Road Club's quest for promotion. In their seven matches in the League this season, United have reached half time with the game in a goalless stalemate! Their Milk Cup aspirations were ended in a 3 - 2 defeat on aggregate by Second Division Sheffield United in the first round, a goal by our former midfield player Ray McHale who gave the Yorkshire Club a 1 - 0 home win, proved vital when the second leg ended all square at London Road with a score of 2 - 2.

Included in the players at the disposal of manager John Wile are the following, goalkeeper DAVID SEAMAN, a former Leeds United apprentice who joined United in 1982, missed only the away match at Blackpool last season, and will be making his 91st League appearance this afternoon. At 6' 3", 21 year old Dave, is one of Leagues tallest keepers.

Former Notts Forest amateur, PHIL CHARD will be 24 on the sixteenth of this month. He made his 150th League appearance in the home match with Mansfield last month, all of Phil's League appearances have been with the London Road Club.

One of manager John Wile's first signings was MARTIN PIKE who was a West Bromwich Albion apprentice when John was at the Hawthorns. Made his League debut in the opening match of last season at home to Hartlepool, Martin who will be twenty on the 21st of this month made the most substitute playing appearances last season for the Club with seven.

For determination, consistency, and loyalty player manager JOHN WILE has few peers, now in his second spell with the Club, 37 year old John began his career with Durham City, one season with Sunderland failed to break his entry into League football, joining Peterborough in

1967 he made 118 League appearances before joining West Bromwich Albion in 1970. With 500 League matches for Albion over thirteen seasons, including seven of them when he was ever present, five of them coming in six seasons between 1976/77 and 1981/82, made his 650th League appearance last season. Scored his 34th League goal in last months 3 - 1 away win at Wrexham.

Peterborough born TREVOR SLACK, was a Club apprentice, 22 year old Trevor scored in our 1 - 1 draw at London Road last season, makes his 128th League appearance this afternoon. Close season signing DAVID JOHNSON from Watford, was born in Gloucester, after making only seven appearances in three seasons at Vicarage Road, 20 year old Dave scored his first League goal in the 3 - 1 home win over Hartlepool last month.

Joining United also in the summer was former England Youth International BRYAN KLUG, the former Ipswich Town apprentice will be 24 tomorrow, his first League match came while he was on loan to Wimbledon in a 4 - 1 defeat at Oxford United's Manor Road Ground on March 19th, 1980. Signed for Chesterfield last summer making thirty four appearances. Also scored his first goal for the Club in the Hartlepool home win.

Born in St. Vincent, 26 year old ERRINGTON KELLY scored seven goals in 11 matches on loan to United last season from Coventry City, brief spells with both Bristol Clubs, and Lincoln, failed to establish the former Ledbury Town player in League soccer. Has scored against Mansfield, Sheffield United and Wrexham this season.

Twenty four year old TREVOR QUOW first joined his home town Club as an apprentice, now in his sixth season, he was named in the Division Four team by the Professional Footballers Association last season, will be making his 146th League appearance this afternoon. Another summer signing from Watford was FRANCIS CASSIDY who made his League debut on loan to Plymouth Argyle last season in the Devon Club's home match with Brentford, 20 years old, he scored his first goal for the Club in the 2 - 2 home second leg Milk Cup Tie with Sheffield United in early September.

A former Club mate of Lou Macari's at Old Trafford was 23 years old GARY WORRAL who joined Peterborough last season after six seasons with Manchester United where he had failed to make his League debut. Played in 19 League matches last season.

Midfield player KENNY BEECH was signed

from Walsall where in two seasons he had made 79 League appearances, previously with Port Vale where he was an apprentice he had played in 175 League games at Vale Park, made 38 League appearances for United last season, but has not found a regular place so far this season. The experienced 30 year old JIMMY HOLMES relinquished his position in the team after the opening two matches this season, with 30 international caps for Eire and spells with Coventry, Tottenham, Vancouver Whitecaps, Leicester, Brentford and Torquay, he has now made a career 263 League appearances. Last seasons

leading goalscorer ALAN WADDLE has not re-established his place this season, 30 year old Alan has scored 66 goals in League football in spells with Halifax, Liverpool, Leicester, Swansea, Newport, Mansfield and Hartlepool in 242 League matches. Nineteen year old PAT RAYMENT made his 30th League appearance in the away match at Hereford on September 1st, born in Peterborough, Pat made his debut in a 4 - 0 defeat at Sheffield United in May 1982.



Back Row - Left to Right: Phillip Chard, Errington Kelly, Kenny Beech, Bryan Klug, Martin Pike, Trevor Quow.
Middle Row - Left to Right: Jimmy Holmes (Assistant Manager), Alan Waddle, Neil Firm, David Seaman, Ray Hankin, Trevor Slack, Billy Harvey (Physio/Coach)
Front Row - Left to Right: Gary Worrall, Patrick Rayment, John Wile (Manager), Francis Cassidy, David Johnson.

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"I WONDER WHERE"

BY DAVE KING

Often, fans are asking each other where a former player is now, so in this article we will try and fill in a few gaps. Dealing with those still concerned with League football first.

John Neal is manager of First Division Chelsea, while Frank Burrows is assistant to manager Len Ashurst at Sunderland, while Paul Rideout has played in most of Aston Villa's opening matches, scoring against Chelsea. At Luton David Moss has recovered from a serious stomach injury, and has been on the mark against Ipswich and Notts Forest. At West Ham Tom McAllister has taken advantage of an early season injury to goalkeeper Phil Parkes. Still at Filbert Street, Leicester is Ian Andrews who spent a period on loan to us last season.

In the Second Division 'Chic' Bates is the new manager of Shrewsbury Town, at Molineux home of Wolverhampton Wanderers Jim Barron is assistant to Tommy Docherty. Jimmy Quinn has yet to appear in a full League match with Blackburn Rovers, but Ian Miller has featured in all of Rovers matches, scoring against Carlisle and Grimsby. At Bramall Lane Ray McHale has scored in the Milk Cup Tie with Peterborough United and his team mate Glenn Cockerill in a Second Division match with Notts County.

Appearing in the Third Division has been Howard Pritchard with Bristol City, while Ken Stroud left Ashton Gate during the summer to concentrate on his hotel business in Old Town Swindon. He had second thoughts and tried for his release from registration to play part time, having received offers from Bath City and Weymouth of the Gola Alliance League, a sad loss from League football, a fine player was Ken and still only 30. Bristol Rovers included Brian Williams in our two Milk Cup Ties with the Eastville Club, across the Severn Bridge our former manager Bob Smith is still assistant to manager Colin Addison at Newport County, where Roy Carter scored against Millwall last week, but Gary Emmanuel has not appeared in any League matches because of a back injury, and has been under treatment from an Osteopath. He had scored from the penalty spot in the Welsh Club's first pre-season friendly in a 5 - 1 win at Aberystwyth.

At Walsall Peter Eastoe has just completed a months loan from West Brom, scoring against Reading and in a Milk Cup Tie with Swansea. While Chris Kamara who still lives in Swindon, scored in the recent Milk Cup Tie with Notts Forest, and in last weekends League match at Cambridge.

Colin Russell who spent a week on trial with us from Huddersfield before the season began, eventually joined Bournemouth but has been missing from recent matches with a thigh injury,

another player on trial was Paul Op De Beek, who has also been on trial with Charlton Athletic.

In our Division, Russell Lewis missed the first two matches of the season with Northampton due to suspension, and is now playing at full back. At Tranmere Bryan Hamilton is still the manager, while Gary Williams scored in the recent away match at Port Vale. After missing last season due to injury, has re-appeared in Hereford United's first two matches of the season.

In non-League circles, Bobby Jones has just signed a three year contract with Goal Alliance Club Bath City, where Gary Smith who was on trial here last season is included in the Twerton Park line up, among the backroom staff there is Mike Lyons. At least seasons champions Maidstone United is Andy Rollings.

Southern League Midland Division Club Cheltenham Town have Brian Hughes, Steve Scarrott, Ray Baverstock, Paul Collicutt in their team, while Chris Ogden has been in America on a works course but will rejoin the Club on his return. Over at nearby Gloucester City are Keith Tanner, and in his first season at Horton Road is Russell Elliott. At the Lawn home of Forest Green Rovers, Ken Norman played against us in a pre-season friendly, while just over the hill at Meadowbank home of Shortwood United is David Dangerfield and Jason Niblett both playing in the newly promoted Club's first season in the Hellenic League Premier Division. In the same League are Nigel Barry at Cirencester Town, and Steve Moore and Mark Stevens at Yate Town.

Helping Linfield to win last seasons Smirnoff Irish League Championship were Roy Walsh, Trevor Anderson, and Peter Dornan who won the April Guinness player of the month award.

John McLaughlin is now with Fareham Town, David Bristow with Banbury United, 'Mushy' Page with Devizes, and Mick Rustell has just joined Trowbridge recently relegated from the Alliance League.

Of the retired players Mel Nurse is now a Director of Swansea City. In business in Swindon are Don Rogers with his Sports Shop, while Joe Butler is in the Taxi Hire, and Roger Smart has a public house in Old Town, Swindon.

Stan Harland is manager of a Supermarket in Langport, Somerset, and John Smith manages McVities Social Club in North London.

Rod Thomas is the Midland based representative for ex Man City and Derby, England International Francis Lee who now has vast business interests in supplying to Supermarkets. Still in Lancashire is Peter Noble who has a Sports Shop in Burnley.



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FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

With Ollie Kearns' solitary goal in the home match with Port Vale on September 29th maintaining Hereford United's lead at the top of the League, it also meant that the Edgar Street Club's goalkeeper Kevin Rose was within reach of the 62 year old record held by Newton of Portsmouth who went eight matches in 1922 without conceding a goal. Not knowing the outcome of United's League result at Chesterfield on Tuesday last, United will be hard pressed to help Kevin equal that record for the Derbyshire Club had also made a good start to the season.

The monthly goal scoring award for August/September resulted in Bury and Colchester scoring 15 goals, only Torquay with 5, Rochdale 4, Halifax 3 and Northampton with two, were below our total of seven.

Recent transfer moves within our Division has seen the experienced Willie Young recently given a free transfer by Norwich City joining Darlington on a trial period, 32 year old Willie was a former team mate of Darlington manager Cyril Knowles when both were at Tottenham. Willie who entered the Football League from Scottish Club Aberdeen has played for Arsenal, Notts Forest and Brighton among his other Clubs in a 293 League match career. Another signing for the Feethams Club is Steve Tupling from nearby Middlesbrough on loan.

Struggling Northampton Town have signed defender Geoff Scott from Middlesbrough, the former Stoke City, Leicester City, Birmingham City and Charlton Athletic player only joined the Ayresome Park Club in the summer, 27 years old he has 138 League matches to his credit.

Rochdale had Cirencester born Tom English on trial after he was given a free transfer by Leicester City at the end of last season. The former Coventry City apprentice and England Youth International had made 110 League appearances scoring 30 goals. During his month with Rochdale the 22 year old forward scored one goal in four matches, and last week he entered a similar trial period with Third Division Plymouth Argyle and starred in the rousing 6-4 win over Preston scoring a last minute goal.

Wrexham have signed Swansea goalkeeper Chris Sander on loan, while with his home town Club he had played in only twenty League matches in five seasons after joining the South Wales Club as an apprentice.

While on trial here at the County Ground have been Graham Wilkins, brother of England midfield player Ray, recently transferred to

Milan from Old Trafford, and Manchester United forward Dominic Genivese, both appeared for the first time, in our Football Combination match with Oxford United recently where two goals from Alan Mayes earnt him a recall for the League match at Mansfield last week in our 0-0 draw.

Graham, a 29 year old full back was born at Hillingdon and joined Chelsea as an apprentice, in ten seasons at Stamford Bridge he played in 137 League matches, making his debut in a Boxing Day match at Portman Road against Ipswich in a 3-0 defeat in 1972, a team that included current Torquay manager David Webb. The only League goal of his career came in a 2-1 home win over Middlesbrough in a First Division match on April 21st 1979; Gary Stanley now with Portsmouth was the other Chelsea scorer. He joined Brentford in 1982 and in two years at Griffin Park played 38 League matches, he played in our two memorable F.A. Cup matches with the West London Club two seasons ago, Graham played three matches on loan to Southend last season before being given a free transfer at the end of last season.

Dominic Genivese was born in Malta and has never appeared for United, playing mainly in their junior teams.

With Port Vale rejecting a £25,000 bid from Second Division leaders Birmingham City for Rob Earle a player with limited experience having played only twenty matches up to this season and only warranting the substitute spot for two of this seasons matches it cannot be long before the bigger Clubs switch their attention to six players with good goalscoring records.

Craig Madden in seventh season with Bury has scored 98 goals from his two hundred and twenty four League appearances, while this seasons leading goalscorer Tony Adcock has scored 57 goals in his 161 matches.

Recent reports have linked Coventry City manager Bobby Gould with an interest in Stewart Phillips of Hereford who has scored 49 goals in his 162 League matches. At Aldershot Dale Banton with 46 goals in 103 matches compares favourably with most. At Mansfield Dave Caldwell has scored 52 goals in his 144 League matches, and Paul Dobson of Hartlepool with 20 goals from his 64 appearances has his admirers.

Interesting to see if they will join Jim Quinn and Alan Walsh of Darlington in moving up a Division or two during this season.



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THE CANON LEAGUE



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	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	KEVIN BADDELEY	3
	LOU MACARI	4
	ANDY ROWLAND	5
	MIKE GRAHAM	6
	LEIGH BARNARD	7
	PETER COYNE	8
	ALAN MAYES	9
	PAUL BATTY	10
	GARRY NELSON	11
	MARK GARDINER	12

Referee:

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	PETERBOROUGH	TEAM CHANGES
1	DAVID SEAMAN	
2	PHIL CHARD	
3	MARTIN PIKE	
4	KENNY BEECH	
5	JOHN WILE	
6	TREVOR SLACK	
7	DAVID JOHNSON	
8	BRIAN KLUG	
9	ERRINGTON KELLY	
10	TREVOR QUOW	
11	GARY WORRALL	
12	FRANCIS CASSIDY	

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Canon League Division Four

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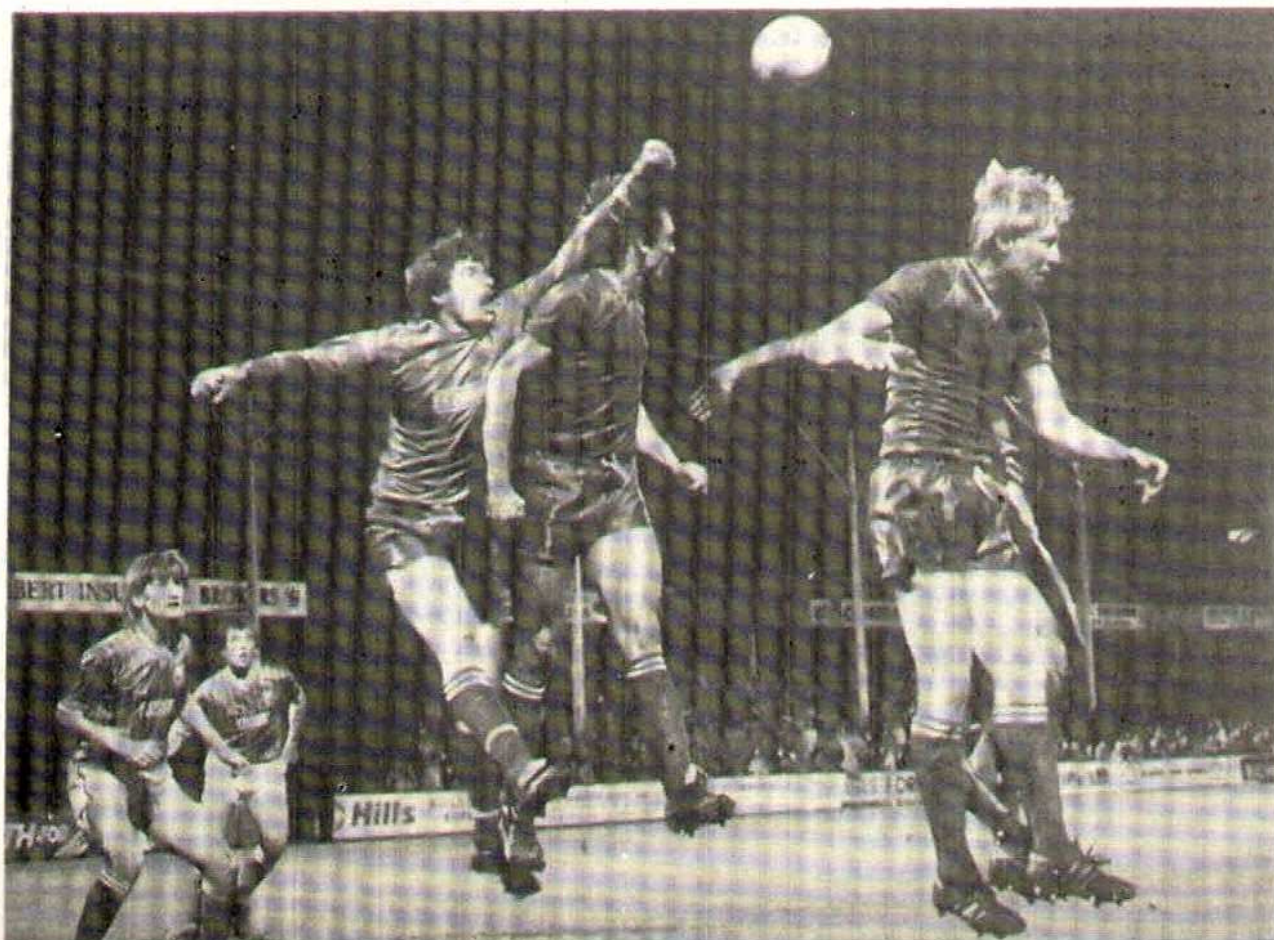
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Blackpool goalkeeper O'Rourke punches clear from the waiting Town players Peter Coyne and Alan Mayes.



High-flying Leigh Barnard in action against Blackpool in the Town's win in midweek.

LEADING FOOTBALL LEAGUE APPEARANCES Nos. 1 – 34

by DAVE KING

Up to and including Saturday September 29th inclusive of substitute appearance

*Denotes playing career still in progress.

1	Terry Paine	824	Southampton 713, Hereford United 111.
2	Alan Oakes	777	Manchester City 565, Chester City 212.
3	John Trollope	770	SWINDON TOWN 770
4	Jimmy Dickinson	764	Portsmouth 764.
5	Roy Sproson	762	Port Vale 762.
6	*Pat Jennings	750	Watford 48, Tottenham Hotspur 472, Arsenal 229.
7	Alan Ball	743	Blackpool 146, Everton 208, Arsenal 177, Southampton 195, Bristol Rovers 17.
8	John Hollins	743	Chelsea 465, Queens Park Rangers 151, Arsenal 127.
9	Ian Callaghan	731	Liverpool 640, Swansea City 76, Crewe Alexandra 15.
10	Martin Peters	722	West Ham United 302, Tottenham Hotspur 189, Norwich City 207, Sheffield United 24.
11	Mike Summerbee	716	SWINDON TOWN 218 , Manchester City 357, Burnley 51, Blackpool 3, Stockport County 87.
12	Ron Harris	716	Chelsea 655, Brentford 61.
13	*Billy Bonds	702	Charlton Athletic 95, West Ham United 607.
14	Stanley Matthews	701	Stoke City 332, Blackpool 369.
15	Ivor Allchurch	694	Swansea 448, Newcastle United 143, Cardiff City 103.
16	*Peter Shilton	687	Leicester City 286, Stoke City 110, Nottingham Forest 202, Southampton 88.
17	Norman Hunter	679	Leeds United 541, Bristol City 108, Barnsley 30.
18	Alan Mullery	676	Fulham 364, Tottenham Hotspur 312.
19	Billy Meredith	670	Manchester City 367, Manchester United 303.
20	Bryan 'Pop' Robson	668	Newcastle United 206, West Ham United 227, Sunderland 154, Chelsea 15, Carlisle United 66.
21	Bobby Moore	668	West Ham United 544, Fulham 124.
22	*Trevor Cherry	664	Huddersfield Town 186, Leeds United 399, Bradford City 79.
23	Mike Keen	664	Queens Park Rangers 393, Luton Town 145, Watford 126.
24	Kevin Hector	662	Bradford Park Avenue 176, Derby County 486.
25	*Roger Jones	661	Bournemouth 160, Blackburn Rovers 242, Newcastle United 5, Stoke City 101, Derby County 59, Birmingham City 4, York City 90.
26	*Mick Mills	660	Ipswich Town 591, Southampton 69.
27	* John Wile	657	PETERBOROUGH UNITED 157 , West Bromwich Albion 500.
28	Richard Walden	656	Aldershot 405, Sheffield Wednesday 100, Newport County 151.
29	*Mick Channon	655	Southampton 511, Manchester City 72, Newcastle United 4, Bristol Rovers 9, Norwich City 59.
30	*Mike Walker	655	Shrewsbury Town 6, York City 60, Watford 137, Charlton Athletic 1, Colchester United 451.
31	Billy Bremner	652	Leeds United 586, Hill City 61, Doncaster Rovers 5.
32	John Jackson	651	Crystal Palace 346, Orient 226, Millwall 79.
33	Peter Downsbrough	651	Halifax Town 148, SWINDON TOWN 275 , Brighton & H.A. 3, Bradford City 225.
34	Graham Turner	650	Wrexham 77, Chester City 218, Shrewsbury Town 355.

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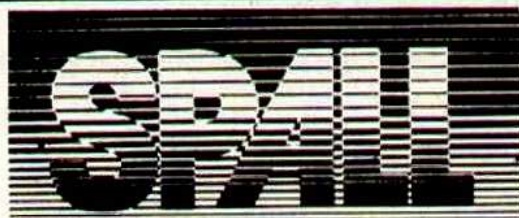
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BARBARA, who allocates tickets to all our Agents and there are 600 of them. Answers to the name of Lofty.

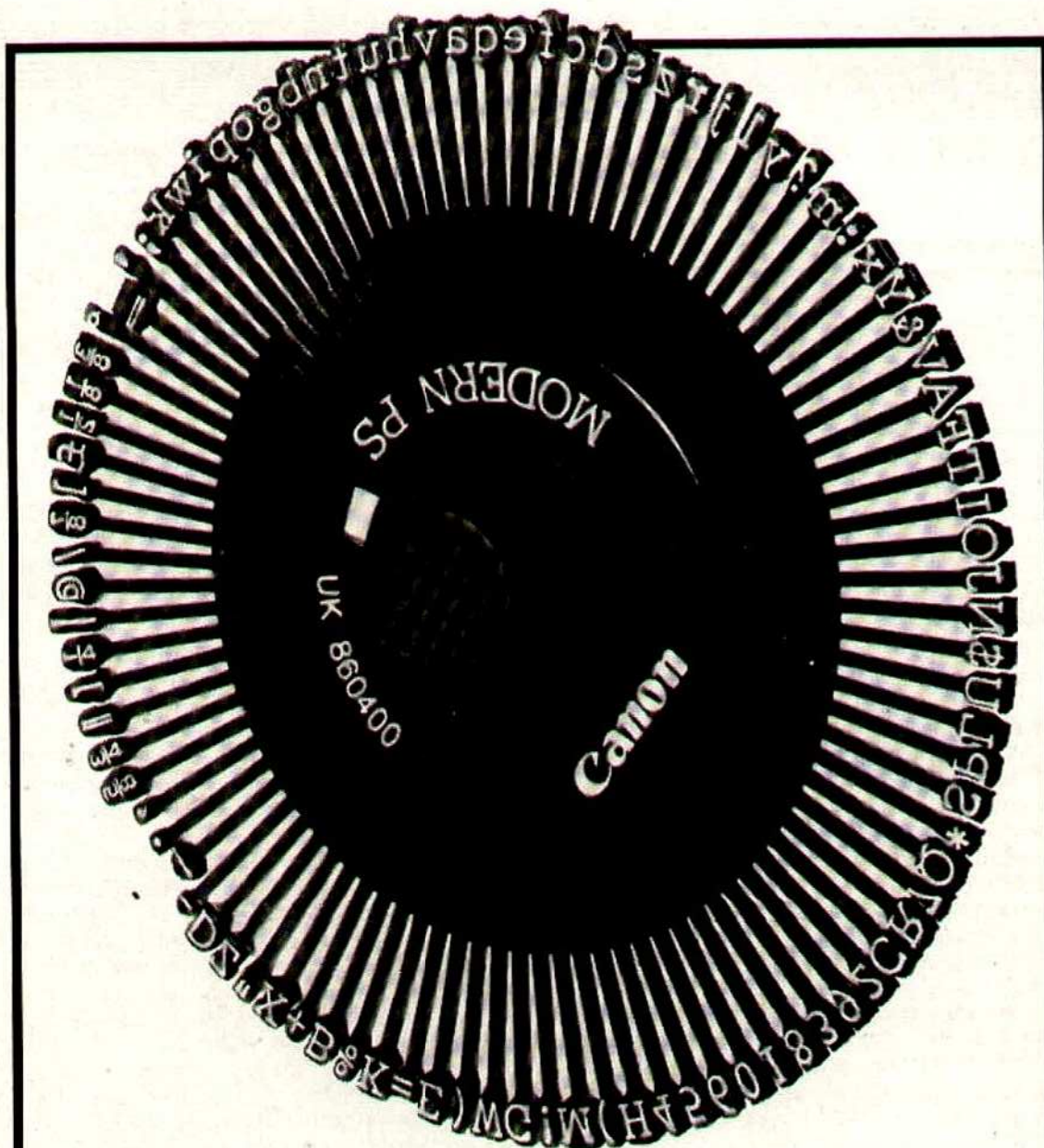
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Swindon Town v Peterborough United

Full Football League results:
(Swindon score first)

	HOME	SEASON	AWAY
7	Apr 3 - 2	1961 - 62	2 - 3 18 Nov
12	Apr 2 - 3	1962 - 63	1 - 3 15 Apr
23	Oct 3 - 0	1965 - 66	3 - 2 15 Jan
26	Dec 4 - 1	1966 - 67	2 - 1 24 Dec
28	Oct 0 - 0	1967 - 68	1 - 1 23 Mar
21	Dec 0 - 1	1974 - 75	0 - 0 29 Mar
21	Feb 0 - 3	1975 - 76	1 - 3 15 Nov
9	Apr 0 - 4	1976 - 77	0 - 1 29 Sep
23	Aug 2 - 0	1977 - 78	0 - 2 18 Apr
17	Oct 3 - 1	1978 - 79	1 - 2 24 Apr
4	Dec 1 - 0	1982 - 83	3 - 4 9 Apr
7	May 2 - 0	1983 - 84	1 - 1 31 Dec

F. A. Cup	1955 - 56	2nd Round	Home 1 - 1 Dec 10	
		Replay	Away 2 - 1 Dec 15	After extra time
F. L. Cup	1978 - 79	3rd Round	Away 1 - 1 Oct 3	
		Replay	Home 0 - 2 Oct 10	

Having beaten Southern Leaguers Hereford United at home in the first round, Swindon were again drawn at home, making it ten out of the last eleven draws, to then Midland League side Peterborough United. Managed by ex Arsenal favourite George Swindon, Peterborough came to the County Ground on the crest of a wave, being second in the League and having beaten Third Division promotion hopefuls Ipswich Town in the first round.

Swindon on the other hand were in one of their worst positions ever, both on and off the field - floodlit matches were being played to raise funds, and the 'A' and 'B' teams had been disbanded after only a few games to save money. The Town were also struggling in the League, having finished four places off the bottom the previous season, and destined to apply for re-election at the end of this. Despite this, the largest crowd since October 1954 turned out to cheer the Town on, although some 4,000 had travelled on eight special trains in the hope that the 'Posh' could produce an upset.

Indeed, that upset appeared to be on the cards when a defensive error allowed Peterborough to take the lead after 12 minutes, when a long ball from Donaldson was sent down the centre of the field. Sam Burton hesitated in coming out to meet the threat and so failed to make a clean catch, the loose ball running to Emery who had no trouble in scoring. Swindon then took control for the rest of the game, with their sound defence and quick tackling restricting Peterborough from any further chances, although with the Town's forwards lacking shooting power and accuracy, combined with a sound performance from the 'Posh' defence, the equaliser didn't come until the 68th minute when Maurice Owen converted a Andy Micklewright cross.

With no further score a replay was needed at London Road the following Thursday, a daunting task as Peterborough were undefeated in their last 24 home games. Attendance 23,983

With the replay being mid-week and mid-afternoon, it was no real surprise that only around 600 made the trip, but for those who did the effort was worthwhile. Both sides started strongly, but Peterborough were getting the upper hand when Swindon scored a surprise goal after 21 minutes. A Tony McShane free kick found Andy Micklewright whose low shot found its way through a packed area and under the un-sighted Lowery's body.

Peterborough kept the pressure up for the remainder of the first-half, and would have scored but for a solid Swindon defence, and, as with the first game, Swindon's attack made little impression. The pressure continued into the second half, and finally paid off in the 49th minute when Emery shot through a crowded defence to even the score and for a while United were in full control but failed to take advantage.

Realising they had to do something, Swindon started to pull themselves together with the forwards taking the pressure off an over worked defence, but still making little impression in the penalty area, resulting in a 1 - 1 draw at the end of 90 minutes. Extra time followed the pattern of the first half, with the 'Posh' again coming forward, but it was another surprise goal that clinched the tie for Swindon. Again it was McShane with a free kick who this time found Jimmy Cross whose shot took a rather lucky deflection on the way in.

The Town defence held strong for the remaining seven minutes, allowing another Midland League side, Worksop, to visit the County Ground, before Swindon went out in the fourth round at First Division Charlton.

Swindon's team for both games: Burton, Hunt, Fox, Cross, Hudson, McShane, Gibson Micklewright, Owen, Edwards, Johnson. Attendance 16,672.

YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

BY JOHN TROLLOPE

Since my last programme notes were written, the reserve side has played one game away to Tottenham Hotspur and as you will no doubt have read in the local newspaper, they were beaten by five goals to one. Although this looks to be a decisive defeat, when you consider the side that Spurs fielded, the result was perhaps understandable. Included in the very strong side were Ossie Ardiles, Glen Hoddle and Gary Mabbut, these three making up the Spurs mid-field. In no way were we able to match their excellence and ability, but to be able to observe how they operated during the game must have given our younger players a good lesson in midfield play.

To our players' credit, they gave 100% effort, but for a couple of unnecessary sloppy goals, they

could have kept the score respectable.

The South East Counties Junior Team continue to improve with a fine win, also against Tottenham Hotspur, in the First Round of the South East Counties Junior Cup, those of you who were at the Shrivenham Road Ground to watch this match witnessed a good open game that swung first way and then the other. Having criticized some of the younger players in earlier games I must praise them for the win they fought back from being 2 - 1 down with just 20 minutes to go to finish the winners by 4 goals to 2. This is the spirit we need to show, especially against sides such as Spurs who have the reputation to be able to attract skilled players.



Sean Prowse
Trainee



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FACTS AND FIGURES

Date	Opponents	Results FA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sat Aug 25	Wrexham	H	Endersby	Baillie	Nelson	Macari	Henry	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Rowland	Mayes	Hockaday	Coyne for 5
Mon Aug 27	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup 1)	H	Sperrling	Baillie	Graham	Macari	Gibson	Rowland	Hockaday	Coyne	Mayes	Barnard	Nelson	Hughes not used
Sat Sep 1	Hartlepool United	A	Endersby	Ramsay	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Barnard	Payne not used
Tues Sep 4	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup 1)	A	Endersby	Graham	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Batty	Barnard	Mayes	Gardiner	Nelson	Henry not used
Sat Sep 8	Torquay United	H	Endersby	Ramsay	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Barnard	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Payne for 7
Sat Sep 14	Tranmere Rovers	A	Endersby	Ramsay	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Gardiner	Barnard	Nelson	Mayes for 3
Tues Sep 18	Bury	A	Endersby	Harry	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Gardiner	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Payne for 8
Tues Sep 22	Hereford United	H	Endersby	Baillie	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Gardiner	Barnard	Nelson	Payne for 2
Sat Sep 29	Mansfield Town	A	Endersby	Ramsay	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Gardiner not used
Tues Oct 7	Blackpool	H	Endersby	Ramsay	Baillie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Barnard	Mayes	Batty	Nelson	Gardiner for 8
Sun Oct 13	Peterborough United	A												
Sat Oct 20	Port Vale	H												
Wed Oct 24	Exeter City	A												
Sat Oct 27	Stockport County	A												
Sat Nov 3	Rockdale	A												
Tues Nov 6	Scunthorpe United	H												
Sat Nov 10	Northampton Town	A												
Sat Nov 17	F.A. Cup Round 1	A												
Sat Nov 24	Aldershot	H												
Sun Nov 28	Darlington	A												
Sat Dec 8	F.A. Cup Round 2	H												
Sat Dec 15	Colchester United	H												
Sat Dec 22	Halifax Town	A												
Wed Dec 26	Southend United	A												
Sat Dec 29	Chester	A												
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Tues Jan 1	Chesterfield	H												
Sat Jan 5	Wrexham (F.A. Cup 3)	A												
Sat Jan 12	Hartlepool United	H												
Sat Jan 19	Torquay United	A												
Sat Jan 26	Tranmere Rovers (F.A. Cup 4)	H												
Sat Feb 2	Mansfield Town	A												
Sat Feb 9	Hereford United	A												
Tues Feb 12	Blackpool	A												
Sat Feb 16	Bury (F.A. Cup 5)	H												
Sat Feb 23	Rockdale	H												
Fri Mar 1	Stockport County	A												
Tues Mar 5	Exeter City	H												
Sat Mar 9	Port Vale (F.A. Cup 6)	A												
Sat Mar 16	Crewe Alexandra	A												
Sat Mar 23	Peterborough United	H												
Sun Mar 24	Milk Cup Final	A												
Fri Mar 29	Scunthorpe United	A												
Sat Apr 6	Southend United	H												
Tues Apr 9	Chesterfield	A												
Sat Apr 13	Northampton Town (F.A. Cup SF)	H												
Sat Apr 20	Aldershot	A												
Sun Apr 28	Darlington	H												
Fri May 3	Colchester United	A												
Mon May 6	Chester	H												
Fri May 10	Halifax Town	A												
Sat May 18	F.A. Cup Final	A												

	Appearances Lge	Cup	Substitute Appearances Lge	Cup	Goals Lge	Cup	Total
Endersby	8	1					
Baillie	6	1					
Nelson	8	2			2	-	2
Macari	8	1			1	-	1
Henry	1	-					
Graham	8	2					
Barnard	8	2					
Batty	8	1			2	-	2
Rowland	8	2			5	1	6
Mayes	6	2	1	-	1	1	2
Hockaday	1	1					
Coyne	7	1	1	-			
Sperrling	-	1					
Gibson	-	1					
Gardiner	3	1	1	-			
Baillie	-	1					
Payne	-	1	3	-			
Gray	-	1					
Ramsay	5	-					

BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



In the last programme the Chairman wrote briefly upon the suggestions being put forward regarding promotion and re-election between the Football League and the Gola League and perhaps I can take this opportunity to enlarge upon the subject.

Up to and including 1976 as many as twelve clubs would apply for election, along with the bottom four clubs in Division Four who were subject to re-election. Under this system Cambridge United, Hereford United, Wimbledon and Wigan Athletic replaced Bradford P.A., Barrow, Workington and Southport respectively.

For the three years 1977/1979 the senior Leagues outside the Football League — the Northern Premier League and the Southern League — put forward one club each, then, for 1980, the Football League made an agreement with the newly formed Alliance Premier League whereby the highest placed 'approved' (as meeting Management Committee criteria on finance and ground facilities) Alliance Premier League Club finishing in the top three in the League table (subsequently amended to top five) would go onto the ballot paper against the bottom four Football League clubs and should the Alliance Premier League be successful the retiring Football League club would be elected automatically to the Alliance Premier League. Interlocking agreements concluded by the Alliance Premier League with other Leagues meant that, in practice, there was little chance of any other clubs coming on to the ballot paper, although certainly in the initial years of the agreement, the Alliance Premier League pressed the Football League, unsuccessfully, to amend Regulations so that clubs from, say, the Isthmian League would not apply.

As the financial climate has hardened in the Football League so the high hopes of the Alliance Premier League Clubs with perhaps legitimate aspirations to League status have diminished. Altrincham came close to defeating Rochdale in the first year of the agreement, but neither they nor Maidstone United have since

come close.

Voting members of the Football League have, by and large, been sympathetic to the crushing financial consequences of demotion.

But this has resulted, in the eyes of some Full Member Clubs, in almost a permanently closed shop situation and attempts were made to provide automatic promotion and relegation between the Football League and the Alliance Premier League at the Annual General Meeting of both 1983 and 1984 by Chelsea and Oldham Athletic.

In the light of these developments the Associate Members perhaps cannot maintain the status quo forever. The financial implications and differentials need to be examined and equalised, in order that the pyramid system that now culminates in the Alliance Premier League (now renamed the Gola League) can, subject to agreed conditions and changes, in future culminate in Football League status for the deserving clubs. Removing the undignified scramble for votes by four League Clubs would, it is suggested, improve the image of the League as a whole and remove pressure on three of the four re-election candidates.

The principles of the changes proposed by the Associate Members' Advisory Committee are as follows:-

1. Subject to 2 below, retain the re-election/election ballot, but subject to the following amendments:-
 - a) include only the bottom Football League Club and the highest placed 'approved' Gola League club down to fourth place in the Gola League ('approved' meaning finances and facilities approved by the Management Committee).
 - b) give all 92 clubs a vote in this ballot.
2. A club finishing bottom of Division Four in two consecutive seasons to be relegated automatically to the Gola League, subject to there being a Gola League Club 'approved' finishing in the top four.
3. Any retiring club to lose only one-third of the League payout in the first season and to lose two-thirds in the second season, the elected/new club to receive only one-third in season one and two-thirds in season two.

However, Gola consider these proposals represent retrograde steps and reiterate their belief that promotion to the Football League should be based on the achievement of the successful Gola League Club and should in no way be affected by selection procedures to choose the Football League Club to be relegated.

It is hoped that the Football League Management Committee will support the Associate Members' Proposal but of course, in the ultimate, the decision rests with the Full Member Clubs.

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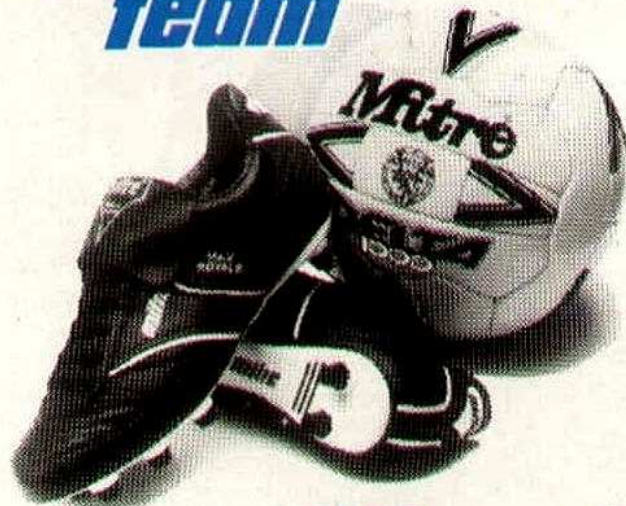
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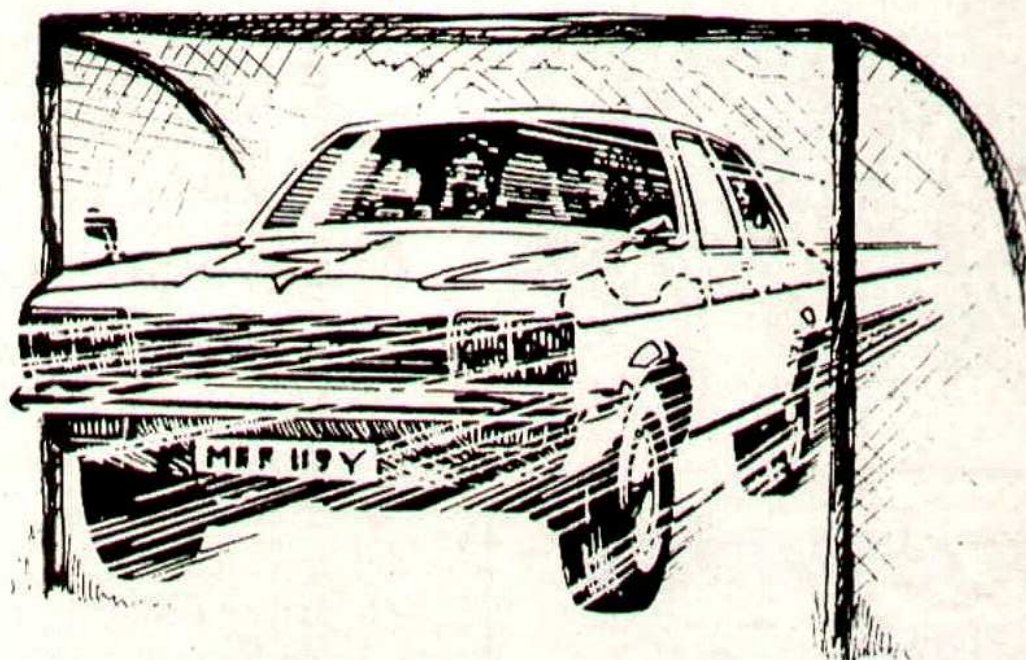
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