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The Boss's Brief



COMPARING our performances in the last home game against Rochdale and that at Stockport last Saturday it was almost as if a completely different team was in action. After the disappointments at London Road a fortnight ago we went to Stockport and played extremely well with the only problem our failure to take full advantage of all the chances created.

It is very important in football that teams put away a fair percentage of chances and we just didn't do this at Edgley Park and that, quite simply, is the reason we didn't win. We created as many as half a dozen good openings but managed to convert only one and, looking back over the recent games we have drawn opportunities to win have been there on every occasion.

This shows how close we have been to gaining maximum points in the last four games which have ended as draws but, at the same time, it is important that sight is not lost of the differing circumstances which have applied to those games which started with the Port Vale match when we had only 10 men for the greater part of the 90 minutes and have included fixtures both at London Road and away when we have not been at our best.

But when all comes to all we have to win games and until we start putting the chances away we will continue to drop points because a single goal advantage is never comfortable and is seldom enough to win a game. Obviously it needs only one piece of determined attacking from the other side to destroy all the previous good work.

The aspect that does please me from games in the last few weeks is that despite the problems we have not been seriously exposed to any of the teams faced even though we have not been playing with an enormous amount of confidence, especially here at London Road.

This is a little puzzling in view of our excellent home record but the lads need a good victory to bring back the confidence they are so desperately short of. It is noticeable away from home that we are playing well and have this confidence and at both Halifax and Stockport everyone acquitted themselves very well and now I want to see this reflected down here.

Whilst goals are in short supply there is always going to be a certain amount of apprehensiveness in our play and this will not be dispelled until we start knocking the ball into the back of the net and from now on we have to give maximum concentration to taking chances.

We have let Everal La Ronde go back to Bournemouth at the end of his loan spell with us and following the departure of Ray Hankin and Alan Waddle, and with Phil Chard recently in hospital, we have been running with a small squad. I might try to bring in a fresh player to give a boost before the transfer deadline but the situation is really in the hands of the players at present in the side and if everyone continues playing with as much effort and determination as last Saturday then it will be difficult for anyone fresh to get into the team — unless, of course, it was a player on whom we could rely to get the ball into the net.

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Alan Wallcroft

SOUNDS FOURTH

CHESTER, one of our Fourth Division sides who rarely seem to be in the news, have been making the headlines in recent weeks because of crowds and cuddles.

So what's had them all-a-flutter at Sealand Road?

First of all there was a spot of crowd trouble during their home game with Blackpool early last month when a pitch invasion disrupted play. But a month later an FA investigation into the incident has cleared both clubs of blame.

I can hardly say I am surprised, after all crowds at Chester are hardly noted for their notoriety, and certainly not noted for their size. It's amazing they managed to round up enough support from the terraces to be noticed on the pitch!

Not only have the club's supporters been misbehaving, so too have the Chester players. Seems there's a bit too much cuddling and kissing going on among the first teamers.

No, don't get any wrong ideas about what is going on, but it appears manager Micky Speight has been annoyed by their antics to such an extent he has now fined each of his players a fiver for going 'over the top' after scoring against Darlington.

He says it first happened when they played at Peterborough in January. "We celebrated too long. Kissing and cuddling, lost our concentration and Posh equalised almost straight away".

His warning following that game apparently was not heeded, then came the subsequent goal against Darlington and a case of five 'smackers' from each for too many smackers.

Still, you can't really blame the Chester players can you? After all their goalscoring exploits rarely set the Fourth alight.

Perhaps the fines might be rescinded if they tone down their joy next time they hit the back of the net. Maybe the players and Mr. Speight can then kiss and make up...

Blackpool, one of the club's cleared of the crowd misbehaviour I've just mentioned, are set to move into the future having just announced that they want to build a £10 million superbowl



stadium on their Bloomfield Road site.

The plan will, if all succeeds, be one of the most significant developments in the history of British football. Man behind the plan is the club's managing executive, Rashid Gibrail, a 41-year-old local businessman who bought a majority shareholding in the club last year.

He says the scheme would take around three years to complete and it would mean the club moving to another venue for a season if it gets the go-ahead.

Cash for the scheme would be raised by floating equity shares, and now other clubs will be lobbied for their support and town councillors in Blackpool will consider the plans later this year.

The Stadium would be completely covered, have an artificial pitch, seat 15,000 and obviously be unique in this country, and could also be used for tennis, boxing, show-jumping and pop concerts.

I'm all for it apart from that artificial pitch.

I agree with the sticker I saw the other day in the back window of a car — 'Footballers do it better on grass', real grass that is. I dislike, and oppose still, the fact that QPR were allowed to install an artificial pitch. To me it's no longer a game of football on that sort of surface. Simply an 'artificial' reproduction and not representative of the real game which provides the thrills and spills, and the skill, on the myriad of surfaces grass provides.

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THE fans win. Each of the 92 Football League clubs win. And Canon (UK) Ltd, sponsors of The Football League Championship, win.

How appropriate then that The Football League's first national promotion involving clubs and fans, is called "Three Ways to Win".

"Imaginative" is Football League secretary Graham Kelly's description of a new venture which has exciting possibilities between now and the end of the season.

"Three Ways to Win" gives fans the opportunity of winning cash for their clubs and cash and Canon product prizes for themselves and it is based on inserts which appear in this afternoon's programme and those for the next four home games.

Each insert contains two games of skill, 'Spell and Win' and 'Shoot for Goal'.

'Spell and Win' invites competitors to win points by making up words. The club whose supporters win most points wins a cash award graded by divisions as follows: Division 1 — £4,000; Division 2 — £3,000; Division 3 — £2,500; and Division 4 — £1,500. To ensure that the smaller clubs have an equal chance with the better supported clubs, clubs have been graded by a shrewd rating based on their average attendance.

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'Spell and Win': In addition to the divisional prize-money for the clubs, the eleven highest scoring supporters at each club will receive prizes ranging from a Canon T70 35mm camera to £50 in cash, plus the chance to be a guest of the club at a Canon League match next season.

'Shoot for Goal': There are two versions of this game. Each carries a magnificent Canon video camera and a recorder as first prize, two second prizes of Canon Sureshot cameras plus 300 Canon calculators. The value there is around £5,000.

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THE young man with the honour of leading Posh out of the tunnel and on to the London Road pitch for this afternoon's Fourth Division meeting with Swindon Town is seven-year-old Mark Claypole. He comes from Yaxley and attends Yaxley Junior School.



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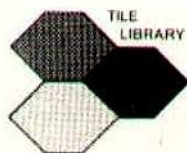
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Today's Mitre Match Ball is also being presented by the Tile Library and will be handed over on the pitch by life-long Posh fan Mrs. Rose Moulds (pictured, right) the mother of Tile Library Director Mr. Tony Moulds.

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LIKE Posh, today's London Road visitors Swindon Town are among a Canon League elite who have opted for the services of a player manager and they appointed Scottish International star Lou Macari in July last year.

Most of his 24 Scottish caps came in forward positions and although Macari has played more in midfield in recent years, he has continued as one of the great goal poachers of the modern game. Macari spent over 10 years with Manchester United and recorded 329 League appearances for them.

Macari has worked hard to achieve consistency but, and again in common with Posh, home performances have not been matched with as much success on opponents' grounds, otherwise Swindon would have been in considerably closer touch with the promotion challenging group.

When the sides met at the County Ground early in October the game ended with honours even, Trevor Slack netting the Posh contribution to a 1-1 result.

PEN PICTURES

COLIN BAILIE (full back): Born Belfast. A former apprentice he made his League debut at Oxford United in April 1982, but began to claim a regular place in the side the following season. He became an established member of the team last season at the end of which he had made 71 appearances.

LEIGH BARNARD (midfield): Born Worsley. Served his apprenticeship with Portsmouth making his League debut at Exeter City in September 1977. He made 89 appearances for Pompey plus four on loan to Posh before signing for Swindon in July 1982. An enthusiastic player always in the thick of the action he can play in any midfield position but is, perhaps, best wide on the left.

PAUL BATTY (midfield): Born Doncaster. A former Swindon apprentice who made his League debut against Crewe Alexandra in September 1982. He quickly became a regular in the centre of midfield and had made 91 appearances to the end of last season. Although short for a professional footballer he makes up in determination for his lack of inches.

SCOTT ENDERSBY (goalkeeper): Born Lewisham. He appeared in an F.A. Cup tie for Kettering Town at the

age of 15 but served his apprenticeship at Ipswich Town where he won an England Youth Cap. He moved to Tranmere Rovers in the summer of 1981 and made his League debut against Hereford United in September 1981. He made 91 appearances for the Birkenhead club and joined Swindon in July 1983 and won the Supporters' Player of the Season award with some spectacular saves.

MARK GARDINER (forward): Born Cirencester. Promising young forward who made two appearances last season whilst still an apprentice, his debut being against Mansfield Town on April 29th 1984.

SIMON GIBSON (defender): Although born in London, Simon is a former Scottish Youth International. He served his apprenticeship with Chelsea but limited opportunities there led to his joining Swindon, initially on loan, in October 1983. He immediately made his League debut against Colchester United and had 36 appearances to his credit at the end of last season.

MIKE GRAHAM (defender): A former Bolton Wanderers player, he made his debut at Mansfield in March 1978 and went on to appear 51 times for that club. He joined Swindon in July 1981 and had made 125 appearances at the end of last season when he was given a free transfer under the Freedom of Contract rules but re-signed in August 1984. Most of his appearances have been alongside the centre half.

NIGEL GRAY (defender): Born Fulham. An experienced defender with 262 appearances for Orient, his only other club, plus three on loan to Charlton Athletic before joining Swindon in July 1983. Basically a centre half he has also played at full back and, for Orient, in midfield but last season was a disappointment for him with only 16 appearances and a period on loan to Brentford.

CHARLIE HENRY (defender): Born Acton. Charlie supported Swindon as a boy and after his apprenticeship he signed professional in February 1980. He made his debut in September that year at Lincoln City and soon established himself at right full back although he can also play in central defence.

DAVE HOCKADAY (midfield): Born Billingham. Before joining Swindon in the summer of 1983, he had spent eight seasons and made 178 appearances for Blackpool, his only other club. A versatile player whose best position is on the right wing although he can also play as a central forward.

MARK HUGHES (forward): Born Swindon. Young forward who made his debut whilst still an apprentice by coming on as substitute against Northampton Town in March 1984.



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SWINDON



Swindon Town Squad: (left to right) Back row: Charlie Henry, Simon Gibson, Alan Churchward, Nigel Gray, Scott Endersby, Andy Wollen, Mark Hughes; Centre: Harry Gregg (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Mark Gardiner, Martin Davison, Sean Prowse, Mike Graham, Dave Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist); Front row: Paul Batty, Garry Nelson, Leigh Barnard, Lou Macari (Player Manager), Andy Rowland, Alan Mayed, Colin Bailie; Seated: Mark Payne, Sheldon Lee.

LOU MACARI (midfield): Born Edinburgh. Swindon's player manager appointed in July 1984 after a distinguished career with Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland. He joined the Old Trafford club in 1973 after over 50 appearances for Celtic and went on to make around 390 appearances.

ALAN MAYES (forward): Born London. Alan is in his second spell with the club, having resigned in July 1983 after 76 appearances for Chelsea. He began with QPR but only made his League debut (against Port Vale) after a move to Watford. He made 155 appearances there (plus 10 on loan to Northampton) before coming to Swindon in February 1979. He made 112 appearances before moving to Chelsea in December 1980. A mobile striker whose skills enable him to make as well as take chances, he made 43 appearances last season.

GARRY NELSON (forward): Born Braintree. Garry's only previous club was Southend United for whom he made his League debut against Colchester United in October 1979. He went on to make 140 appearances for Southend and joined Swindon in July 1983. Basically an old fashioned left winger who likes to get past his full back, he made 43 appearances last season.

ANDY ROWLAND (forward): Born Derby. Although

Andy began with Derby County it was not until he moved to Bury that he played first team football. Made his League debut at Swindon in August 1974 and a total of 203 appearances for Bury before moving to Swindon in September 1978. A consistent goalscorer for much of his career the last couple of seasons have seen him make a number of appearances at centre back.

KEVIN BADDELEY (defender): Born Swindon. Served his apprenticeship with Bristol City and made his debut against West Ham United in August 1980. That was, however, to be his only appearance for City before he moved to Swindon in July 1981. Usually a left full back he made 102 appearances to the end of last season when he was given a free transfer but resigned in August 1984.

PETER COYNE (striker): Joined Manchester United in 1975 where he played for two years including one full game in the first team. He then joined non-League Ashton United before signing for Crewe in 1978 for whom he played around 120 first team games. In 1981 he joined Northern Premier League Club Hyde United, playing 103 games for them before joining Swindon Town.



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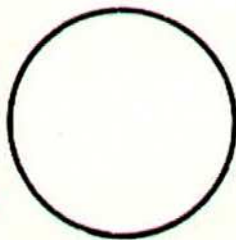
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Jan 23	Cambridge FRT1,11	Turner	La Ronde D	Beech	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Hankin	QUOW	Worrall R	Kelly
Jan 26	Wrexham (FAC 4)	Turner	La Ronde	Martin D	Wile	Slack	SHEPHERD 2	Klug	Hankin	Quow	Worrall	Johnson
Feb 2	Torquay	Turner	Lowther	Martin R	Wile	Slack	SHEPHERD	Klug	Hankin	Quow	Worrall	Johnson
Feb 5	Cambridge FRT1, 2L	Turner	Lowther	Martin	Firm	Holmes	Kelly	Wilkins D	Hankin	Quow	Worrall	↑
Feb 9	Hartlepool	Turner	La Ronde	Martin R	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	HANKIN	Quow	Worrall	KELLY 2
Feb 12	Scunthorpe	Turner	La Ronde	Kelly	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Hankin	Quow	Worrall	Martin
Feb 23	Crewe	Turner	La Ronde	Martin	Wile	Firm	Shepherd	Chard	Hankin R	CASSIDY	Worrall	Kelly
Mar 2	Port Vale	Turner	La Ronde	Martin	Wile	Firm	Shepherd	Quow R	Hankin	Cassidy	Worrall	Kelly
Mar 5	Halifax	Turner	La Ronde	Beech	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Quow
Mar 9	Rochdale (FAC 6)	Turner	La Ronde	Beech	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall R	Johnson
Mar 16	Stockport	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall R	Johnson
Mar 23	Swindon	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Mar 24	Milk Cup Final											
Mar 27	Mansfield	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall R	Johnson
Mar 30	Blackpool	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 2	Northampton	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 5	Chester	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 13	Southern (FAC S-F)	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 17	Aldershot	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 20	Darlington	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
Apr 27	Colchester	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
May 4	Exeter	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
May 6	Chesterfield	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
May 11	Bury	Turner	Beech	Quow	Wile	Slack	Shepherd	Klug	Kelly	Cassidy	Worrall	Johnson
May 18	FA Cup Final											

PRIOR to the Canon League fixture with Northampton Town on Tuesday evening, April 2nd, the Final of the Under-11 competition in this season's Sodastream Schools' six-a-side tournament will be played between the two successful teams from Regional Finals contested earlier in the day between the Champion school sides from Cambridge, Northampton, Norwich, Ipswich, Luton and Peterborough. The Final starts at 7.00pm. The Under-14 Final will precede the Fourth Division game against Southend United on Saturday, April 13th.

D — Debut R — Replaced
 * After Extra Time — Sheffield United won 3-2 on aggregate
 † v Cambridge FRT 1R, 1L, 2nd Substitute Johnson (not used); 1R, 2L Subs. Johnson and Cassidy (not used)

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BOROUGHBU GARAGE 'Lucky Programme'



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●The Peterborough United Supporters' Club is arranging coaches to the forthcoming away games at Mansfield next Wednesday evening and at Blackpool on Saturday week (March 30th). Bookings and full details can be obtained at the Supporter's Club office after today's game.

●Tonight's live music spotlight at the Posh '83 Club will fall on old favourites the Bob Bennett Sound and next Saturday it will be the turn of the Johnny Brand Band. The '83 Club Ballroom is available for hire for private functions and dates available include Saturdays and Sundays. Full details can be obtained by ringing Posh Commercial Manager Ellis Stafford on Peterborough 69760.

●Posh's Fourth Division fixture at Chester on Good Friday (April 5th) will kick-off at 3.00pm and not in the evening as stated in some fixture lists.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR													
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Darlington	32	11	2	1	26	9	8	7	3	21	18	66	
Bury	33	11	3	1	32	11	8	4	6	23	23	64	
Hereford	31	13	1	1	29	9	5	6	5	22	18	61	
Chesterfield	32	12	5	1	33	11	5	5	4	17	18	61	
Blackpool	32	11	4	1	25	8	7	3	6	21	19	61	
Colchester	32	10	4	3	36	23	5	5	5	26	25	54	
POSH	34	11	4	1	27	13	4	5	9	18	24	54	
Scunthorpe	34	10	4	3	41	23	4	6	7	16	20	52	
Crewe	34	9	3	6	28	25	6	4	6	21	22	52	
Tranmere	33	11	1	4	34	17	5	2	10	23	31	51	
Swindon	34	12	3	3	31	16	2	4	10	11	27	49	
Port Vale	32	9	5	3	31	18	3	6	6	15	21	47	
Hartlepool	33	7	6	4	24	20	4	4	8	14	23	43	
Southend	34	7	5	4	25	26	4	3	11	23	40	41	
Stockport	31	10	5	4	37	20	1	2	9	10	29	40	
Mansfield	31	7	3	4	17	9	2	8	7	9	15	38	
Exeter	33	6	2	7	17	18	4	2	12	10	30	34	
Hullfax	33	6	3	7	25	22	2	5	9	14	28	32	
Chester	32	6	3	7	25	22	2	5	9	14	28	32	
Aldershot	30	4	6	4	18	15	4	1	11	17	34	31	
Rochdale	31	5	4	7	20	20	2	4	9	13	28	29	
Torquay	33	4	9	5	14	18	2	2	11	14	29	29	
Wrexham	32	4	5	6	26	22	3	1	13	22	35	27	
Northampton	34	4	1	11	19	28	3	2	13	17	37	24	

Not including Wednesday night's game

SOCCER AT LONDON ROAD

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd

Canon League Division Four
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
versus

NORTHAMPTON
(Kick-off 7.30pm)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th
Canon League Division Four
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
versus

SOUTHEND
(Kick-off 3.00pm)

ON THE ROAD . . . WITH POSH

Next Wednesday Posh visit Mansfield for a re-arranged Fourth Division game and the RAC's recommended route to Field Mill is: A47 via Castor to the flyover junction with the A1 near Wansford, then north along the A1 bypassing Stamford, Colsterworth, Grantham and Long Bennington to Balderton. A6065 to Newark-on-Trent.

A617 via Kelham and Kirklington to Mansfield entering by Southwell Road West and continue to the "Oak Tree" Public House. Turn left along Berry Hill Lane as signposted "Sutton in Ashfield", and continue to the junction with the A60 Nottingham Road. Turn right along Nottingham Road, pass under railway bridge then bear left along Portland Street. Turn left along Quarry Lane to MANSFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL GROUND. Total distance: 68 miles.

A week today Posh visit Blackpool and this is the route the RAC advise fans to follow: A605 via Elton to Oundle. A427 through Great Weldon, Corby, Market Harborough and North Kilworth to the junction with the A426. Turn left along the A426 to the intersection with the M6 Motorway. Follow signs "North West", along the M6 for 137 miles to intersection (32) Blackpool, Fleetwood, M55. Follow signs "Blackpool" along the M55 and 12 miles on at end of motorway join the A583 to Blackpool, entering by Preston New Road. Continue into Park Road then turn left along Bloomfield Road to BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL GROUND. Total distance: 204 miles.

A-Z of POSH

Russell Plummer provides the invitation for a trip down memory lane as we recall all of the players who have represented Posh in Football League action. Statistical information by Mick Robinson.

David Llewelyn: A Cardiff-born striker who gained Welsh Under 23 honours while with West Ham, he was brought to London Road by Noel Cantwell in the summer of 1973 and made his debut in a home fixture with Mansfield that opened the 1973-74 season. In a two season stay he played in 11 League games and was on the substitute's bench four times, twice getting into the action. Llewelyn moved to Mansfield for the 1976-77 season but returned to Posh subsequently as a member of the Commercial Department staff and continues as an agent while also working as an instructor at the highly successful Court Gymnasium at Bretton.

Ken Maloy: An experienced outside left who made his mark with Plymouth in a four-year stay, Londoner Maloy joined Posh in 1964 and played his first game as Posh crashed by four goals when visiting Bristol Rovers for an evening game on 15th September 1964. With Peter McNamee and Ian Crawford also in contention for the number 11 shirt at the time Maloy found his first team opportunities restricted to just half a dozen games and his lone goal for Posh came in a 2-1 London Road defeat at Watford in April 1965. Released by manager Gordon Clark at the end of the season he moved to Aldershot and played over 50 League games for them before fading out of the picture at the end of the 1966-67 campaign.

John Mason: This blond haired front runner had hit the high spots during FA Cup giant killing feats with amateurs Alvechurch and had also seen amateur international action for England. After being tempted by Gordon Clark to join the professional ranks during the summer of 1966, Mason had to wait until September 24 for his first team chance in a Third Division game against Torquay. He was on the losing side as the seasiders won by the only goal but kept his place and netted a week later when Posh lost at Brighton. He hit 15 goals in 27 outings and added a further three goals in 10 outings in the 1967-68 season.

Steve Massey: An energetic front runner who started his career with Stockport and also played for Bournemouth before signing for Posh in the 1981 close season. He gained a place in Peter Morris's side for the opening game of the 1981-82 programme at home to Mansfield and played 13 games and was used as substitute, hitting three goals. It was a move to Northampton that enabled Massey to find his scoring touch and he hit the net on 30 occasions in 69 League and

Cup games for the Cobblers and then moved last season to Hull City where he is still a member of the Squad.

Mike Maynard: This defender from British Guyana was the first black player to see League action for Posh when facing Walsall in a Fourth Division game at home to Brighton in December 1967. He had previously been on the substitute's bench on a couple of occasions but failed to dislodge the consistent full back pairing of Frank Noble and Ron Cooper and was not retained at the end of the season.

Tom McAnearney: Manager Gordon Clark first made enquiries for Scots-born midfielder player McAnearney in the summer of 1965 but did not finally get his man until the following November. He had made 351 League appearances in 13 seasons with Sheffield United and first played in Posh colours against Grimsby Town on 6th November 1965. His stay at London Road was short and after a dozen League games and a handful of Cup games he moved on to Aldershot and played more than 100 times for them, later having a spell as manager.

Dave McCormick: A front runner from Biggleswade who arrived on trial with Posh after earning a reputation as a prolific goalscorer in Bedfordshire amateur soccer. He made his debut at London Road in a Third Division game against Walsall on the opening day of the 1975-76 season, August 16th, but was not used again.

Billy McEwan: This stylish midfielder man played in his native Scotland for Hibernian and then figured for Blackpool, Brighton, Chesterfield and Mansfield before being signed for Posh by John Barnwell towards the end of 1977. He first played at London Road against Plymouth on 19th November 1977 and quickly became popular with the fans when appearing in 29 Third Division games in the remainder of the 1977-78 season and added 33 more full games in the following season before being sold for £30,000 to Rotherham, for whom he figured at the top level until the end of last season.

Dougald McLachlan: Another player who figured in a solitary Posh game was 20-year-old Scots winger McLachlan who was signed from Halifax in the summer of 1973 as Noel Cantwell sought to extend his squad. However, his lone outing came on 2nd October 1973 when Posh went down 3-1 at Doncaster in one of only eight defeats in the Fourth Division championship season.



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Players on both sides appeal in unison during this second half incident in the match with Rochdale a fortnight ago as Greig Shepherd and visiting skipper Joe Cooke all but sandwich the ball between them. Mike Davison of Minster Photographic took the picture and also that on today's front cover showing Rochdale's Dave Redfern moving smartly to snatch the ball away from Trevor Slack.

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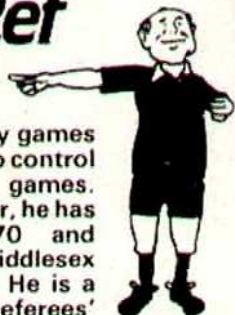
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Meet the Ref

A postman from Harrow, Alf Buksh made his Canon League refereeing debut at London Road in one of the early games last season and has been back to control subsequent Fourth Division games. Married with a teenage daughter, he has been refereeing since 1970 and progressed through the Middlesex Border and Isthmian Leagues. He is a member of the Harrow Referees' Society and apart from soccer takes an interest in a variety of other sports.



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