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The **NOEL CANTWELL** Column

“Albion . . .
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A REAL SHOCK. That is the only way to describe the result at West Bromwich Albion last Wednesday. But I believe it was one of those games that can happen to any club once or twice a season.

Albion played really well and on that form any club could go to the Hawthorns and be hit for six like the Sky Blues were.

For example, Manchester United went there last season, were hit for six, and virtually lost their chance of the First Division Championship. And again this season Albion shook the United with yet another four goals.

It's a funny game this game of football of ours. At times there appears to be no justice.

The final score suggests it was a one-sided affair. But that would not be really true. We were defeated, and defeated handsomely, because of individual errors rather than team errors.

Once we had conceded our second goal we threw caution to the wind. We tried to hit back by going on attack and against a team like Albion that is asking for trouble.

No matter how we are defeated it is better to lose by the odd goal or two than by six or seven. For in the final reckoning the goals against column is all important.

Now for that other set back against the Wolves. I have no excuses to make but I still feel we were unlucky.

I know that a goal in the first half would have clinched it for us. Ernie Hunt told me afterwards that he honestly felt he was not offside when he “scored.” He said that he rounded a Wolves defender before volleying the ball into the net.

Still it's no earthly good looking back at what might have been. We have got to look to the future and more important our future home matches.

For it's at home where we have to make improvements by winning our matches. The defeats against Wolves and Albion are a bitter disappointment.

They came just when we believed that we were on the mend. Both the players and I are most conscious of our home record.

We know now that we have to redouble our efforts and produce the sort of form which put West Ham out of the League Cup a fortnight ago.

I know that we can do it. So do the players and I can assure you that the whole team will be going all out to improve our League record.

Tonight Swindon are the visitor's in this important Football League Cup-tie which will put the winners in the last eight.

Swindon are a good side and proof of this can be seen in their defeats last season of West Ham United and West Bromwich Albion.

We are certainly not going to underestimate them.

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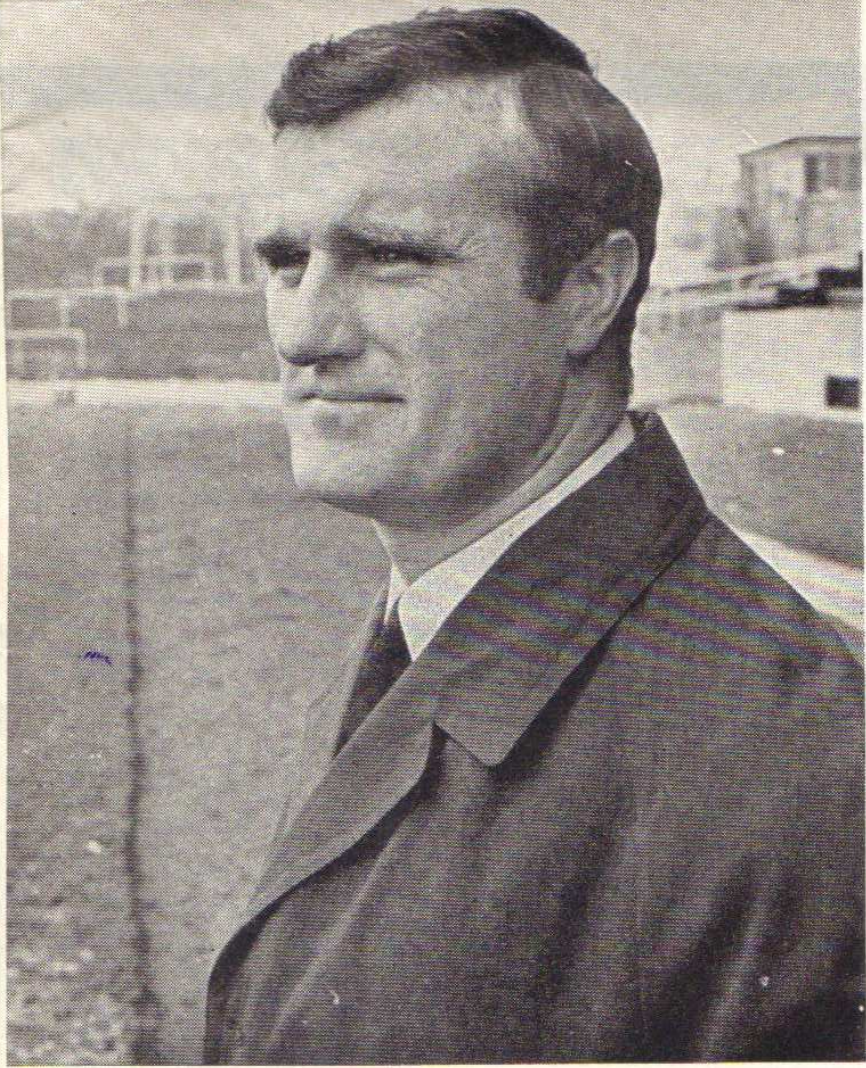
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is drawn . . . ?*

The replay will be at Swindon
Town's County Ground on Monday,
October 21 (K.O. 7-30 p.m.).
Announcements about tickets will
be made over Radio Sky Blue.
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SWINDON TOWN

Wednesday,
October 16 1968

The SKY BLUE

FRONT COVER :

Ernie Hunt "scoring" the
disallowed goal against
Wolves.

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Faithful 25 Fan Club

THE LETTERS KEEP ROLLING IN FROM supporters wanting to be elected to the Faithful 25 Fan Club. It's no wonder really. We always knew that we had a marvellous set of supporters.

But remember there are only 25 places in our exclusive Faithful 25 Fan Club.

In the Sky Blue for the Wolverhampton match we included several letters from supporters putting themselves up for membership. This evening we include another batch.

But it must not be thought because the letters have been included that the fans named will automatically be elected.

RAN ERRANDS FOR PENNIES

I should like to name my father, Mr. John T. Randle as he is in our opinion a faithful Coventry City supporter.

He is now 72 years old and watched his first City game at the age of 10, when as he recalls he had to run errands on a Saturday morning to get the necessary pennies to get in the ground on Saturday afternoon.

Great games and great names (he has himself sent a list of those he remembers). The good times and the bad, when City's fortunes were at a low ebb, and he'd come home frustrated and angry but nevertheless be there again the next week.

He's never missed a first team or reserve game unless through illness and helped towards the 1d. on the ball scheme which helped to buy the covered stand. He became a season ticket holder in the old stand in 1939, and transferred to the main stand after the game with King's Lynn.

He's very proud now to be watching First Division football, in the magnificent new stand and hopes it won't be long before greater honours come to the club.

M. C. Randle,
4 Stockton Road, Coventry

● And so say all of us Mr. Randle.

HE'S CLOCKED UP 40,000 AWAY MILES

I was most interested to read in this evening's Coventry Telegraph, of the interest the recent article on myself has caused.

First of all I should like to clarify that it was in fact the local newspaper that christened me "Sky Blue Number One Fan" and not myself. Also that the total amount of miles I have travelled, namely 40,000 covered the majority of City's away matches over a span of eleven years, as well as making at least one appearance at each of the 92 Football League grounds, a feat which I think I am right in stating cannot be equalled by many people.

I hope by the end of the present season to have covered my 200th City away match over this span of time, having kept a record of all the matches I have been too since following them practically everywhere they played together with a complete record of all the respective goalscorers of these games.

In addition to this I estimate I will have, by the end of the year over 240 photographs of the Sky Blues in action covering a match by match report of their last two seasons in addition to the present term in which I have spent many hours in the local newspaper office drafting out backlog reports to compile an accurate account of each game to enter alongside each corresponding photograph.

While I appreciate that there are many supporters who have unlimited claims as faithful fans, I think I could rate myself among the keenest.

J. Clarke, 20 Barrow Close,
Mount Pleasant Estate,
Walsgrave-on-Sowe, Coventry

● If you had travelled the 40,000 miles by car Mr. Clarke it would have worked out at more than 2,000 gallons of petrol.

LIFTED OVER THE TURNSTILES

I have been a supporter for at least 60 years and I am now 71 years old. The first time I saw the City play was when they played Everton in the fourth Round of the F.A. Cup 1908-9 or 1909-10 season at that time the fourth round was the round before the semi-final.

Admission for boys at that time was 1d. but boys used to ask adults to take them into the ground and we used to get lifted over the turnstiles if we could not get into the ground that way we used to wait until half time when the gates were opened and we could get in free. I must point out that in those days a penny was a small fortune to a boy who came from a fairly large family who could not afford a penny for a boy to see a football match. When I was 14 years of age I started to work in a shop but my boss was a keen City supporter and he allowed me to go and see the City on Saturday afternoons.

I would like to thank the club for the pleasure, excitement and shall I say disappointments I have had during my 60 years support and still wishing the best of luck in the coming years, about half-way up the League this season and then 1970-71 in the top three.

L. E. Taylor,
12 Cressage Road,
Walsgrave-on-Sowe, Coventry

● A remarkable record Mr. Taylor. A pleasure to hear from you.

FAMOUS NAMES AT HIGHFIELD ROAD

I would like to put in a claim as one of the most faithful fans of Coventry City Football Club.

My first experience of following the City was with my father when they were in the Southern League. They then played in claret and blue and one of the sights that fascinated me was "Charlie" the Commissionaire in his peaked hat and green uniform.

During the first World War many famous internationals guested for the City but the most famous to me was Jessie Pennington who played left back for the City. Middlemiss, Sambrooke, Dougall and Chaplin all played, and in the first match in the Second Division, after the war, City played Tottenham and lost 5-0, Fanny Walden and Dimmock playing for them.

Many famous internationals signed for the City, Danny Shea, Billy Kirton, Ted Hanny, Ball from West Ham, Jock Ramage, Tommy Davison, Brown and Ashall, and all were watched with great pleasure.

With my wife, who is a keen supporter, we have visited most grounds in the Fourth, Third, Second and First Divisions and have been Season Ticket holders for the past 15 years.

It is my earnest wish that I shall see Coventry City go from strength to strength and that there will be a bright and happy future for them.

L. Worrall,
54 Wycliffe Road, Coventry.

● Those were the days Mr. Worrall. It's always great to look back and remember such famous footballing names.

ANOTHER TURNSTILE YOUNGSTER

I remember the first time I saw the City play was when my Dad lifted me over the turnstiles 61 years ago. The team they played was Southampton in the Southern League. I have been continuously since then but for a spell when I played the game myself. I have always been on the Bank through all the City's ups and downs but have now reached the comfort of the New Super Stand for I began to worry over the pressure of new found supporters after achieving Division One status.

It was, "Up the Bantams," "Up the City," now—"Up the Sky Blues" I still walk to and from the ground.

Ted Cleaver, 76 Morris Avenue, Coventry.

- Club officials used to turn a blind eye to youngsters being lifted over the turnstiles. But, of course, they must pay their way now—especially as youngsters can obtain good pocket money allowances and also earn money from paper rounds, etc.

ABSENT WEDDING RECEPTION GUEST

I would like to nominate my son, Mr. Michael Frost, as a member, as I am sure there cannot be a more loyal and faithful fan of the Sky Blues anywhere. He has watched them through their struggles and triumphs from before the days of Reg Mathews in the Third Division.

In those days if they lost he would come home and be miserable all night, and say they were not worth watching, but the next match would see him getting ready to go. I would say "I thought you were not going again?" His standard reply was "Well, somebody has to support them." And support them he has. He sticks up for them against anyone who says an unkind word against them, and he always had faith that one day they would make the First Division. Now years later he is proud of their achievements.

He never misses any matches home or away. He goes either by the Supporters' Coach or his car. Last season he only missed two away matches and one of those was because his car broke down on the M1 the other side of Leicester going to Sunderland.

This season he has been to all the away matches, and on September 7 we went to a wedding the other side of Leicester. The wedding was at twelve o'clock but he left the reception in time to come to Coventry to see them win against Newcastle, then came back to the reception after. If that isn't loyalty I don't know what is. Why am I writing this? Because I know that he won't write about himself, he is not a pushing person, in fact, if he knew that I had written all this about him, he would go off his rocker. I am sure if he was made a member he would forgive me because I am just

"Mick's Mum,"

137 Siddeley Avenue, Coventry.

- I expect he enjoyed the wedding reception even more after seeing the Sky Blues win two points against Newcastle.

OWES HIS LIFE TO SOCCER

I wish to propose my father, Mr. S. L. Sidwell, of 49 Biggin Hall Crescent, Coventry, as a member of your Old Faithful Club. Football is his life and he owes his life to football. In a 29th Division Championship play at Ypres (first war) he scored the winning goal and sustained two sprained ankles. The man who took his place on the gun was killed in the last action of the war.

In our house soccer always was and still is the main topic of conversation.

Incidentally, you will note, that when the Sky Blue First Division membership was in doubt my father increased his holding from three to five seats at £12 each, such was his confidence in the Sky Blues.

E. J. Sidwell, 27 Omar Road, Lower Stoke, Coventry.

- A remarkable story Mr. Sidwell. I was most impressed too with your father's faith enabling him to increase his season ticket holdings.

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SWINDON'S TARGET?

AMBITIOUS Swindon Town have really set their sights on a target of Second Division football next season. This is the reason for President Wilf Castle's categorical

statement insisting: "We shall not sell any of our players.."

Swindon want Second Division football. They also want to keep their brilliant winger, Don Rogers.

For they know that with Rogers their hopes of obtaining a higher grade of football are much more likely.

They also know that if they were to put Rogers up for sale it would bring an immediate return of £100,000.

It's a tricky dilemma to be in but all Swindon would be quick to point out that after they had sold Mike Summerbee, Bob Woodruff and Ernie Hunt the club went back.

True the club scooped in £120,000 for the sale of these three promising youngsters. But then they learned the hard way that it is not always so easy to buy the right sort of replacements.

There are many First Division clubs, including some in the Midlands, who would fork out £100,000 for Rogers tonight. But is this going to help Swindon in their fight to join neighbours Oxford United in the Second Division?

Swindon's efficient and hard-working Directors, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. E. Lane, have given their answer.

Certainly their boldness in turning down all bids for Rogers has been backed up by their

supporters who continue to flock into the County Ground giving them one of the highest "home" averages in the Third Division.

But in fairness to Swindon they are anything but a one-man club. They play, attractive, forceful football as their record over the past two seasons has clearly shown.

Indeed, but for a slight hesitancy in defence, there are many who feel that Swindon were unlucky not to have won promotion in the last two seasons.

Manager Danny Williams believes he has now rectified the discrepancies in defence and he feels that Swindon now have a great chance of reaching their target.

The reason for his optimism is the form currently being shown by new centre half, Frank Burrows, and young full back, Rod Thomas.

Burrows was signed at the beginning of the season from Scunthorpe for £15,000 and has added much needed power and authority to the defence.

Thomas has improved by leaps and bounds and has already won a Welsh Under-23 cap.

In attack too Swindon look much sharper. Centre forward Chris Jones, a £12,000 signing from Manchester City, has taken time to settle but Peter Noble from Newcastle has really sparkled and also hit some decisive goals.

Swindon like nothing more than toppling the mighty in Cup competitions. Last season they defeated both West Ham and West Bromwich Albion. In the Football League Cup this season they have also put paid to Blackburn Rovers hopes. Sky Blues beware.



BACK ROW (left to right) : F. Burrows, J. Trollope, P. Downsborough, R. Jones, R. Desmeules, J. Giles, K. Morgan, R. Thomas.
 SECOND ROW (left to right) : H. Cousins (trainer), J. Conley (youth manager), Blick, Claypole, Aldworth, Allen, Dangerfield, Smart, Dawson, Butler, Harland, G. Hunt (reserve trainer).
 SITTING : Fry, Mascia, Noble, C. Jones, D. Williams (manager), R. Morse (Secretary), R. Jefferies (Assistant Secretary), T. Smith, Lowes, Heath, Rogers.
 GROUND : J. Bailey, T. Hubbard.

2nd DIVISION

Swindon Town was founded in 1881 by a clergyman, the Rev. W. Pitt, and played as an amateur club. The Town were generally regarded as the finest club south of the Thames in those days. They started playing professionals in 1894 and were also admitted as founder members of the Southern League. They continued to play in this League until 1920 when they were admitted as founder members of the Third Division (South). Swindon were runners-up in the Third Division in 1962-63 and were promoted to the Second Division. But at the end of their second season in the higher grade they were relegated.

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH. This Yorkshire-born goalkeeper was signed from Halifax Town in August, 1965, where he was a product of local football. An agile keeper who has done much to strengthen the defence.

ROY JONES. The reserve goalkeeper who was signed by the club in October, 1967, after obtaining his release from the R.A.F. Born at Clacton, Essex, he made 19 appearances in the Third Division side last campaign.

OWEN DAWSON. A former England Youth international he joined the club from Portsmouth in June, 1962. He lost his first team place through injury last season but has mended well and is currently enjoying another spell in the first team.

ROD THOMAS. A product of the club's youth policy he has blossomed into a full back of international class. Signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964, he took over from the injured Dawson last season and went on to win Welsh Under-23 caps and full Welsh caps. A fine prospect.

JOHN TROLLOPE. A local player who joined the Swindon ground staff from school. He made his debut for the first team at the start of the 1960-61 season when he was just 16 years old and was an ever present that season. During last season he completed 322 consecutive League appearances for the club.

JOE BUTLER. A full back who has been converted into a more than useful wing half. He joined Swindon from Newcastle in August, 1965.

FRANK BURROWS. This strong centre half joined Swindon at the beginning of

the season from Scunthorpe for £15,000. He is generally considered as one of the finest centre halves in the Third Division.

STAN HARLAND. Born at Liverpool Stan was signed from Carlisle United in July, 1966. Formerly with Everton and Bradford City he has been a regular choice at left half since making his club debut at the start of the 1966-67 season. An attacking forceful player.

DON ROGERS. He is probably the most sort after player in the team. Signed by Swindon when he was only 15 and quickly made his mark. He has won many England Youth Caps and played for the England Under-23 side. Top scorer last season with 28 goals.

DON HEATH. This Stockton-born youngster was signed from Norwich in September, 1967. Formerly with Middlesbrough, where he served as an apprentice professional, he is a hard-working winger who also plays in the inside forward position.

PETER NOBLE. A more than useful striker who joined the club from Newcastle last January. He played for the Geordies for four seasons and made quite an impression but never really commanded a regular first team place.

JOHN SMITH. No stranger to Sky Blue supporters. This much travelled player joined Swindon at the start of the season from Torquay United. A former England Under-23 international.

CHRIS JONES. A close season signing from Manchester City where he was kept out of the side by the brilliance of former Swindon starlet, Mike Summerbee. A strong young centre forward.



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SKY BLUES VICTO

General Manager, Noel Cantwell, summed it up in just three words: "A Great Victory." And how right he was. West Ham United in the Football League Cup (Third Round replay) at Highfield Road on October 1. There were few doubters before the replay. But the Sky Blues came through magnificently in a professional display. Below is John Tudor's shot which hit the upright before David Clements made certain. At the top left Ernie Hunt looks on anxiously. And to the right both Ernie Hunt and Ian Gibson beat United's Ron



RIOUS!

for the Sky Blues really did achieve a great victory over who gave them a chance when they drew 0-0 with West by 3-2 in a tremendously exciting and always thoroughly bottom United's keeper, Bobby Ferguson, had this one by in the air.



CLUB talk



GERRY BAKER flew off to New York last week to represent the United States in their World Cup qualifying games against Canada and Bermuda. His call-up came following a phone call to General Manager, Noel Cantwell, from the United States team manager, Phil Woosnam, the ex-Aston Villa and West Ham star forward, who is now manager of Atlanta Chiefs in the

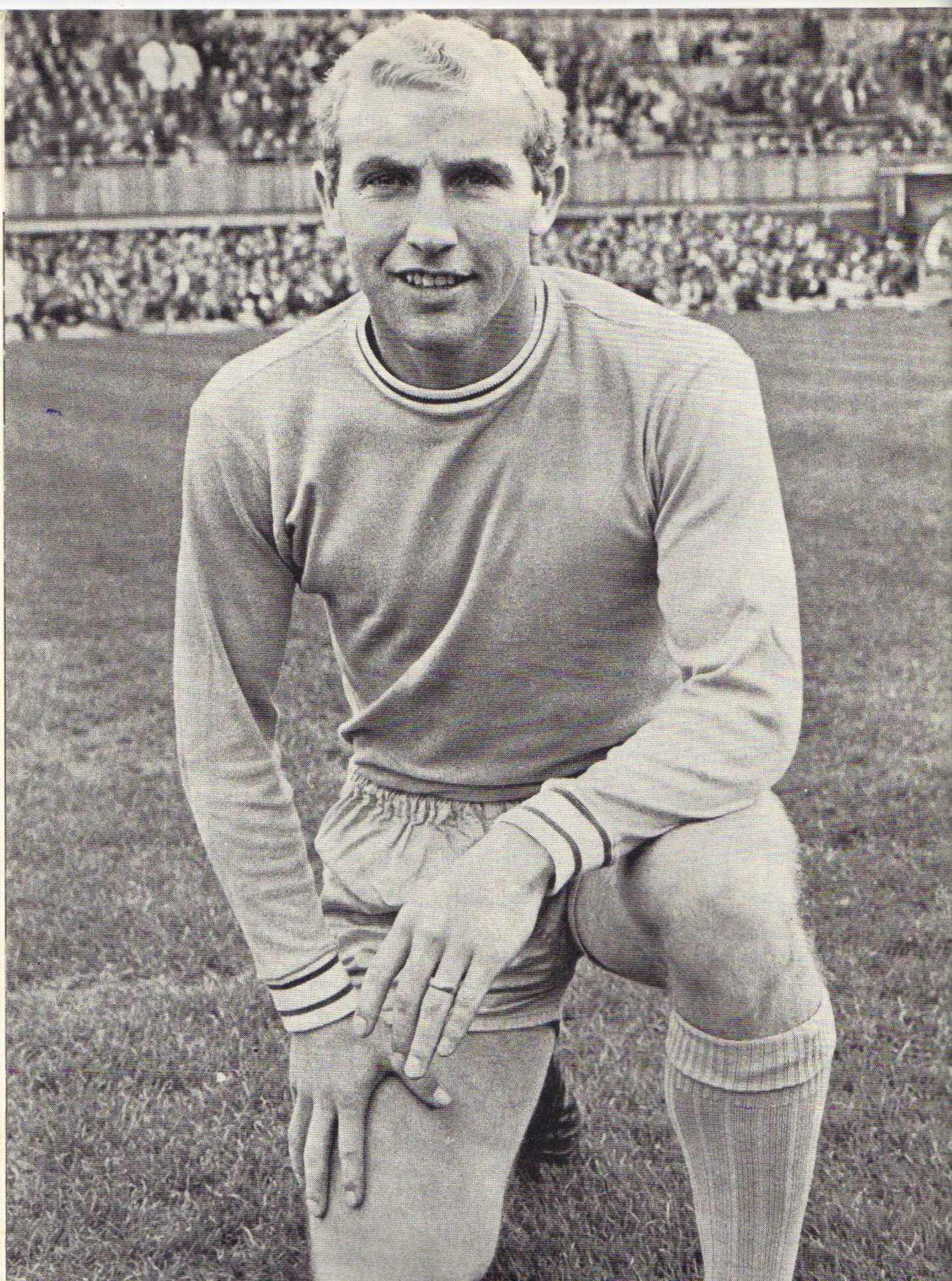
North American League. Gerry had been selected for the final 40 from which the team would be picked but he had been kept on tenderhooks for four weeks waiting to hear the good news. Before flying off he appeared on independent television in the Midlands and his broad Scottish accent caused viewers no end of amusement. Gerry has promised to keep the club informed of his progress in America and it is hoped to feature some of his letters in future magazines.

VISITOR to Highfield Road for the Coventry versus Wolves match on October 5 was Roy Bachelor who played for the Sky Blues ten years ago. Roy, who lived in Warwick, has now settled in New Zealand. He was in Coventry for a four week holiday back in England. Roy informed me that he is still actively engaged in the game as player-coach to Papatoetoe who play in the Auckland Premier Division.

RON GRIFFITHS, coach and tour leader of the Texas Longhorns Soccer club, has written to the club thanking them for their hospitality in inviting his boys to the West Ham versus Coventry City match on August 24. Ron and his boys, who all come from Dallas, Texas, watched West Ham three times while they were on tour in England—and the Hammers won all three games. West Ham manager, Ron Greenwood, described them as “lucky mascots.” It was a good job the lads from Dallas were back in the United States when we played West Ham in the Football League Cup on October 1—or else the Dallas lads would have lost their “lucky” tag.

BRIAN TAYLOR, the club's young winger from Durham, has been in the wars this season. He was injured playing for the 'A' side against Birmingham City 'A' on August 31. His right knee has bothered him ever since and last week he entered hospital for a cartilage operation.

BOBBY ALLEN and Bryan Wilks were both selected to join the England Youth party's training session at Lilleshall early this week. Bryan's selection more than made up for the disappointment of missing the first session last month because of injury.



DAVID NEARLY MISSED JOINING THE SKY BLUES

IT WAS ONLY by a stroke of luck that David Clements ever became a Coventry City player. For in the summer of 1964, David, who had been unable to command a first team place with Wolverhampton Wanderers, was seriously considering a move to Third Division Watford.

The Sky Blues were able to sign him in the end because of a postal strike in Northern Ireland.

David, who was at home on his father's 150 acre farm at Millbrook near Larne, County Antrim, was awaiting a letter from Watford's Manager, Bill McGarry (now Manager of Ipswich Town) inviting him to go to Vicarage Road.

But a telephone call from Pat Saward saved the day and David was transferred from Wolves to Coventry for the give-away sum of £6,000. Bill McGarry's letter, incidentally, arrived the day after Mr. Saward's telephone call.

COMPULSORY SPORT

David's introduction to soccer came in a rather haphazard sort of way. For as a youngster at Larne Grammar School the compulsory sport was rugby union.

Every Saturday morning he had to turn out for the school's First XV. at wing-threequarter. But in the afternoon's he played soccer for the village side on the right wing.

By the time he was 16 he had played three times for the Irish Schoolboys side at soccer and been selected to play for the Irish Schoolboys Rugby XV (this match being cancelled because of bad weather).

It was only a matter of time before David was spotted by scouts from Irish League side Portadown. Before he was allowed to play for them though he had to obtain the permission of his headmaster at school.

After a season in Portadown's Reserve side he was finally selected to play for the first team against Glentoran on the right wing.

"The match was at Glentoran," said David. "I scored the final equaliser and we drew 3-3. It was certainly a great start."

SAME ROUTINE

David's Saturday routine was still the same though—rugby for the school in the morning and soccer in the afternoon.

"I can still remember one Saturday vividly," said David. "The school had a fixture at Belfast on the Saturday morning and Portadown wanted me to play for them in the afternoon at Londonderry."

"After the rigger game ended I slipped into a mackintosh and my girl friend Ruth (who is now David's wife) drove me 30 miles in a mini-van to a spot where my father was waiting to take me on to Londonderry in a larger car.

"We arrived at Londonderry and the teams were already out on the pitch. I dashed into the dressing rooms changed my kit and my boots and ran out to play with the mud still on my knees and face from the morning's rigger match.

"Portadown drew 1-1 but I didn't score. I think I must have been too tired," he joked.

Just after his 17th birthday David was selected to play for the Irish amateur XI against England at Wrexham.

TURNING POINT

This was to be the turning point in his soccer career. He had heard that Wolverhampton Wanderers were interested in signing him but it had been rumoured that Stan Cullis had said: "I won't watch him until he plays just one game a day."

Stan Cullis (now manager of Birmingham City) was at Wrexham. He was impressed with David's play and he was signed within the next two days.

But it was not all glory at Wolverhampton for David although he won the first of his many Irish Youth caps while he was with the Molineux club.

"I quite liked it at Wolves," recalls David. "But the club seemed a little undecided about me and in 18 months on the staff I only played in their Central League side on two occasions.

"They had some really good youngsters in the 'A' team in those days too. I played alongside Peter Knowles, Ken Knighton, Graham Hawkins, John Galley and Freddie Kemp.

"We had some tremendous victories but with the exception of Peter Knowles all those other players I named have now left the club."

So David was transferred to Coventry. He did not make the first team straight away but was content to bide his time in the Football Combination side.

Shortly after arriving at Highfield Road he was awarded his first Irish Under-23 cap and he has never looked back since.

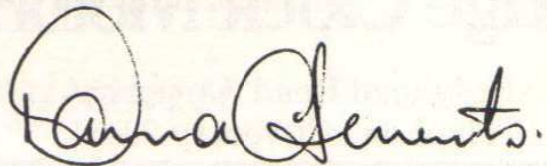
PROMOTION SIDE

For after winning his cap David won a regular place in the Sky Blues line-up on the left wing. Then in the club's promotion year he was switched to left half and was in the side which made history by getting into the First Division for the first time in 81 years.

David, who has now been capped 7 times for the full Irish side, has another great interest besides soccer—farming.

Already he has 30 acres of land at Millbrook which his father is looking after for him until he retires from the game.

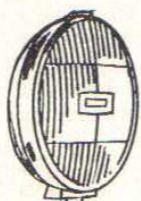
"It's a mixed farm," said David. "I really enjoy the summer months when I can get back to the farm. For I believe farming is a really good way to forget about the stresses and strains of football."



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Swindon's Facts and Figures

RESULTS SO FAR

Aug. 10	Torquay (F.L.C. 1st Rnd)	(h)	2—1	14,702
	(Smart, Noble)			
" 17	Stockport County	.. (h)	1—0	13,350
	(Noble)			
" 24	Hartlepoons	.. .. (a)	0—0	5,732
" 27	Reading	.. .. (h)	0—0	16,765
" 31	Plymouth	.. .. (h)	3—0	12,302
	(Rogers 2, Smart)			
Sept. 4	Bradford City	.. .. (a)	1—1	7,806
	(F.L.C. 2nd Round)			
	(Smart)			
" 7	Watford	.. .. (a)	0—0	8,668
" 10	Bradford City	.. .. (h)	4—2	12,214
	(F.L.C. 2nd Rnd. Replay)			
	(Smith, Rogers (pen.), Stowe, o.g., Noble)			
" 14	Walsall	.. .. (h)	1—0	10,594
	(Noble)			
" 18	Bournemouth	.. .. (a)	0—2	12,217
" 21	Bristol Rovers	.. .. (a)	1—2	10,614
	(Taylor, o.g.)			
" 24	Blackburn Rovers	.. .. (h)	1—0	15,402
	(F.L.C. 3rd Rnd.)			
	(Rogers)			
" 28	Shrewsbury Town	.. .. (h)	3—0	12,092
	(Noble 2, Rogers)			
Oct. 5	Orient	.. .. (h)	1—0	12,455
	(Howe, o.g.)			

Swindon's Appearances 1967-68

46 Harland, Rogers, Trollope; 42 Smart, Terry; 41 Butler, Thomas; 37 Nurse; 34 Penman; 32 Heath; 27 Downsborough; 22 Dawson; 19 Jones, R.; 10 Noble; 8 Giles; 4 Harper; 3 Desmeules; 2 Blick, Lowes, Walker.

League Goalscorers: Rogers 25, Terry 16, Smart 7, Penman 6, Harland 5, Butler 3, Trollope 2, Noble 2, Dawson 1, Walker 1, Opponents 4.

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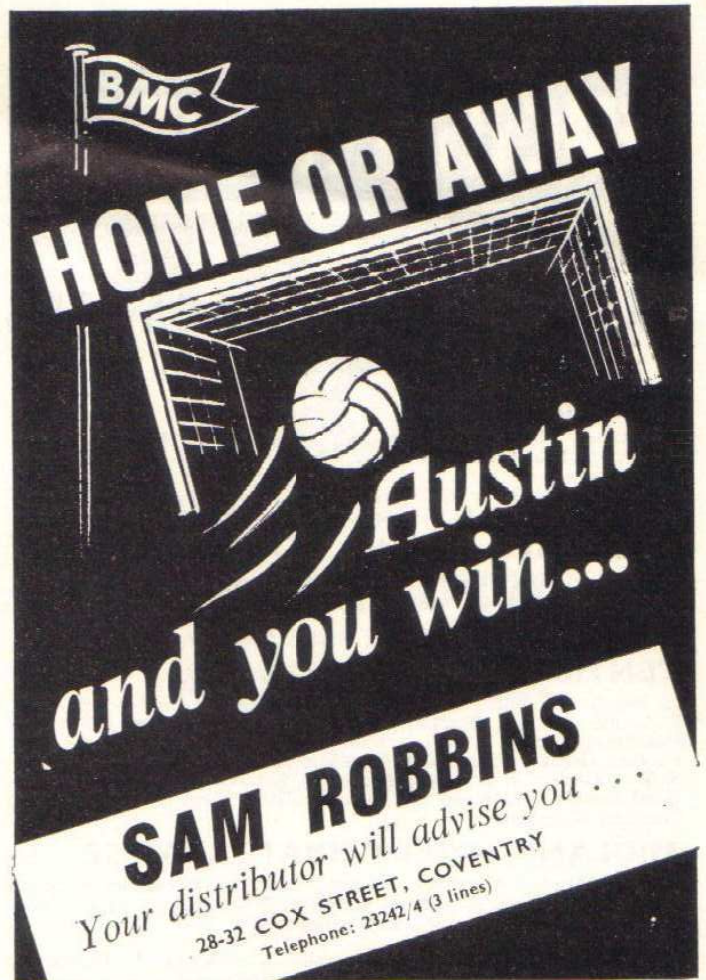
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SKY BLUE APPEARANCES

1968-69

FIRST DIVISION

13 Glazier, Machin, Clements; 12 Tudor, Hunt Hill; 11 Cattlin, Setters; 9 Gibson, Coop; 6 Baker, Bruck; 5 Carr; 4 Curtis, Hateley; 3 Hannigan.

Subs: Carr 3, Baker 2, Curtis, Gibson, Shepherd, Tudor.

Goalscorers: Hunt 5, Gibson 3, Setters 2, Baker, Machin, Tudor.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

3 Glazier, Coop, Machin, Hill, Hunt, Clements; 2 Cattlin, Curtis, Tudor, Gibson, Carr, Setters; 1 Hannigan, Martin, Bruck.

Subs: Hannigan.

Goalscorers: Hunt 2, Gibson, Tudor, Clements.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

12 Peachey, Gould; 11 McManus; 10 Kearns, Paddon; 8 Allen, Dobbing, Sinclair, Blockley; 7 Hayward; 6 Shepherd; 5 Coop, Hannigan, Curtis; 3 Taylor; 2 Baker, Bruck, Martin, Wilks; 1 Hill, Gibson, Dighton, Carr, Rafferty, Alderson.

Subs: Sinclair 2, Crossley, Hannigan, Alderson, Hayward, Farmer.

Goalscorers: Hannigan 2, Paddon 2, Allen, Baker, Kearns, Martin, Peachey, Shepherd.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

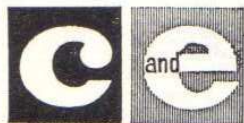
8 Parker, Randell, Mortimer; 7 Farmer, Stockley; 6 Dugdale, Rafferty, Dighton, Alderson, Aucott; 4 Crossley, Wilks, Stevenson; 2 Icke, Elliott; 1 Taylor, Munroe, Allen, Shepherd.

Sub: Stevenson 2.

Goalscorers: Mortimer 3, Stevenson 3, Alderson 3, Farmer 2, Rafferty 2, Aucott 2, Randell, opponent's own goal.

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5	Chelsea (8)	40,551
6	Tottenham Hotspur (4)	40,435
7	Arsenal (12)	37,420
8	Coventry City (10)	37,091
9	Newcastle United (5)	..	..	..	..	36,362
10	Leeds United (7)	..	..	..	..	34,982
11	Sunderland (14)	..	..	..	..	33,822
12	Wolves (9)	..	..	..	..	32,980
13	West Ham United (15)	..	..	..	..	31,520
14	Sheffield Wednesday (13)	..	..	..	..	30,665
15	W.B.A. (17)	..	..	..	..	28,631
16	Birmingham City (16)	..	..	..	..	28,124
17	Leicester City (19)	..	..	..	..	27,485
18	Ipswich Town (27)	..	..	..	..	25,277
19	Derby County (24)	..	..	..	..	24,441
20	Nottingham Forest (11)	..	..	..	..	23,911

(Up to and including Wednesday, October 9)

FIRST DIVISION TOP SHOTS

	L	LC	T
Greaves (Tottenham Hotspur)	12	3	15
Astle (West Bromwich Albion)	11	2	13
Peters (West Ham United)	9	2	11
Crawford (Ipswich Town)	10	1	11
Robson, B. (Newcastle United)	8	2	10
Ball (Everton)	8	2	10
Moore (Nottingham Forest)	9	1	10
Hurst (West Ham United)	6	4	10
Clarke (Leicester City)	6	3	9
Royle (Everton)	5	3	8
Whitham (Sheffield Wednesday)	8	—	8
Hunt (Coventry City)	5	2	7
Jones (Leeds United)	5	2	7
Hunt (Liverpool)	5	2	7

SECOND DIVISION

	L	LC	T
Curran (Norwich City)	13	5	18
Irvine (Preston North End)	12	3	15
Greenhoff (Birmingham City)	10	—	10
Jackson (Crystal Palace)	7	2	9
Hinton (Derby County)	2	5	7
Weller (Millwall)	7	—	7
Trebilcock (Portsmouth)	7	—	7
Vincent (Birmingham City)	6	—	6
Vowden (Birmingham City)	6	—	6
Hector (Derby County)	3	3	6

THIRD DIVISION

	L	LC	T
Lewis (Luton Town)	9	1	10
Halom (Orient)	5	4	9
Yardley (Tranmere Rovers)	6	3	9
Mulvaney (Barrow)	8	—	8
Biggs (Walsall)	4	4	8
Regan (Crewe Alex.)	5	2	7
Yeo (Gillingham)	7	—	7
Sheffield (Luton Town)	4	3	7
Collins (Reading)	7	—	7
Andrews (Southport)	5	2	7

FOURTH DIVISION

	L	LC	T
Ham (Bradford City)	10	1	11
Hall (Peterborough United)	11	—	11
Terry (Brentford)	7	1	8
Talbot (Chester)	7	1	8
Jeffrey (Doncaster)	8	—	8
Banks (Exeter City)	6	2	8
Buck (Newport)	8	—	8
Chapman (Port Vale)	8	—	8
Melledew (Rochdale)	7	1	8
Kerr (Scunthorpe)	6	2	8

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FIRST DIVISION

Date		F	A	Att.
1968				
Aug. 17	Sheffield Wed.	(A)	0-3	26,235
" 21	Manch. United	(A)	0-1	51,201
" 24	West Ham U.	(H)	1-2	33,575
" 27	W.B.A.	(H)	4-2	36,678
" 31	Burnley	(A)	1-1	12,936
Sept. 3	Portsmouth	(H)	2-0	20,946
	(F.L.C., 2nd Rnd)			
" 7	Newcastle Un.	(H)	2-1	33,361
" 10	Chelsea	(H)	0-1	36,217
" 14	Nottm. Forest	(H)	0-0	22,260
" 17	Tottenham H.	(H)	1-2	40,950
" 21	Everton	(H)	2-2	37,846
" 25	West Ham Un.	(A)	0-0	27,606
	(F.L.C., 3rd Rnd)			
Oct. 28	Leicester City	(A)	1-1	32,122
Oct. 1	West Ham Un.	(H)	3-2	26,896
	(L.C. 3rd Rnd. Replay)			
" 5	Wolves	(H)	0-1	39,271
" 9	W.B.A.	(A)	1-6	29,926
" 12	Arsenal	(A)	1-2	35,240
" 16	Swindon T.	(H)		
	(L.C. 4th Rnd)			
" 19	Manch. City	(H)		
" 26	Sunderland	(A)		
" 30	L.C. 5th Rnd.			
Nov. 2	Southampton	(H)		
" 9	Stoke City	(A)		
" 16	Leeds United	(H)		
" 20	L.C. Semi-Final			
" 23	Liverpool	(A)		
" 30	Ipswich Town	(H)		

Date				
1968				
Dec. 4	L.C. Semi-Final			
" 7	Q.P.R.	(A)		
" 14	Arsenal	(H)		
" 21	Manch. City	(A)		
" 26	Wolves	(A)		
" 28	Sunderland	(H)		
1969				
Jan. 4	F.A. Cup 3rd Round			
" 11	Southampton	(A)		
" 18	Stoke City	(H)		
" 25	F.A. Cup 4th Round			
Feb. 1	Leeds United	(A)		
" 8	(5) Liverpool	(H)		
" 15	Ipswich Town	(A)		
" 22	Q.P.R.	(H)		
Mar. 1	(6) Chelsea	(A)		
" 8	Sheffield W.	(H)		
" 14	West Ham U.	(A)		
" 22	(S.F.)			
" 29	Burnley	(H)		
" 29	Newcastle Un.	(A)		
April 1	Leicester C.	(H)		
" 4	Tottenham H.	(A)		
" 7	Manch. Un.	(H)		
" 12	Everton	(A)		
" 19	Nottm. F.	(H)		
" 26	Cup Final			

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date		F	A	Att.
1968				
Aug. 13	Huddersfield	(A)	1-2	906
" 16	Sheffield W.	(H)	0-2	7,225
" 20	Manch. Un.	(H)	1-1	10,302
" 24	P.N.E.	(A)	1-3	2,849
" 28	West Brom. A.	(A)	1-2	2,740
" 31	Burnley	(H)	2-2	7,123
Sept. 3	Bury	(A)	0-3	917
" 7	Newcastle Un.	(A)	0-1	4,496
" 14	Nottm. Forest	(H)	3-0	4,043
" 21	Everton	(A)	0-0	1,500
" 27	Aston Villa	(H)	0-2	5,056
Oct. 5	Bolton Wand.	(A)	1-3	757
" 12	Wolves	(H)	1-2	3,676
" 19	Liverpool	(A)		
" 26	Blackburn R.	(H)		
Nov. 2	Derby County	(A)		
" 8	Leeds United	(H)		
" 16	Stoke City	(A)		
" 23	Sheffield Un.	(H)		
" 30	Blackpool	(A)		
Dec. 7	Manch. City	(H)		
" 14	Wolves	(A)		

Date				
1968				
Dec. 21	Liverpool	(H)		
" 26	Bolton W.	(H)		
" 28	Blackburn R.	(A)		
1969				
Jan. 4	F.A. Cup 3rd Rnd.			
" 10	Derby C.	(H)		
" 18	Leeds United	(A)		
" 24	W.B.A.	(H)		
" 31	Stoke City	(H)		
Feb. 8	Sheffield Un.	(A)		
" 15	Blackpool	(H)		
" 22	Manch. City	(A)		
Mar. 1	Bury	(H)		
" 8	Sheffield Wed.	(A)		
" 14	P.N.E. 7 p.m.	(H)		
" 22	Burnley	(H)		
" 28	Newcastle U.	(H)		
April 5	Aston Villa	(A)		
" 7	Manch. Un.	(A)		
" 8	Huddersfield	(H)		
" 12	Everton	(H)		
" 19	Nottm. Forest	(A)		

MID INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Date		F	A	Att.
1968				
Aug. 17	West Bromwich A. (Cup)	(A)	1-2	
" 24	Shrewsbury (Cup)	(A)	2-4	
" 31	Birmingham (Cup)	(A)	1-2	
Sept. 7	Aston Villa (Cup)	(H)	2-0	
" 14	Walsall (Cup)	(A)	2-2	
" 21	Shrewsbury (Cup)	(H)	2-4	
" 28	W.B.A. (Cup)	(H)	2-3	
Oct. 5	Walsall (Cup)	(H)	5-0	
" 12	Birmingham (Cup)	(H)	6-0	
" 19	Aston Villa (Cup)	(A)		
" 26				
Nov. 2	West Brom. Albion	(H)		
" 9	Shrewsbury	(A)		
" 16	Nottingham Forest	(A)		
" 23	Notts County	(H)		
" 30	Mansfield	(A)		
Dec. 7	Shrewsbury	(H)		
" 14	Stoke City	(H)		
" 21	Walsall	(A)		
" 28	Aston Villa	(H)		

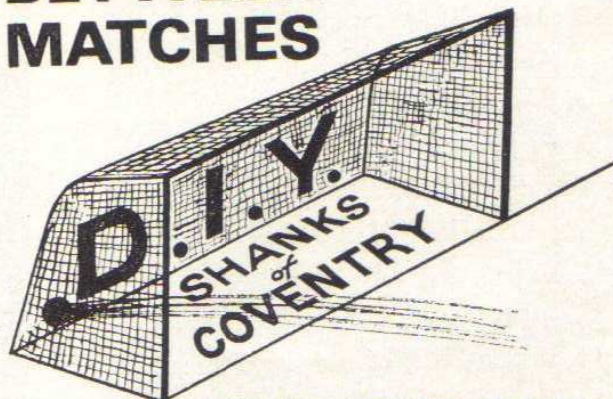
Date				
1968				
Jan. 4	Derby	(A)		
" 11	Birmingham	(H)		
" 18	Leicester City	(A)		
" 25				
Feb. 1	W.B.A.	(A)		
" 8	Nottm. F.	(H)		
" 15	Notts County	(A)		
" 22	Aston Villa	(A)		
Mar. 1	Port Vale	(H)		
" 8	Stoke City	(A)		
" 15	Walsall	(H)		
" 22	Birmingham	(A)		
" 22	Derby	(H)		
April 5				
" 12				
" 19	Leicester C.	(H)		
" 23	(W) Port Vale	(A)		
" 26	Mansfield	(H)		

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