



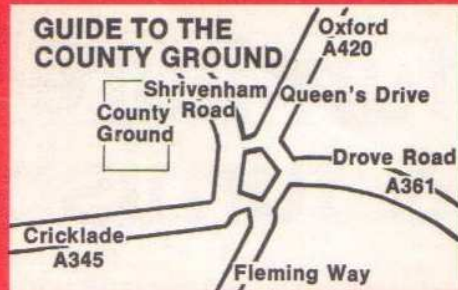
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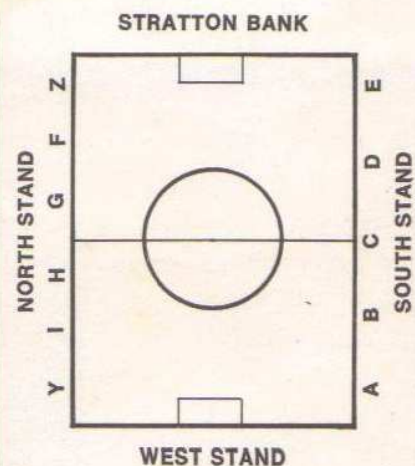
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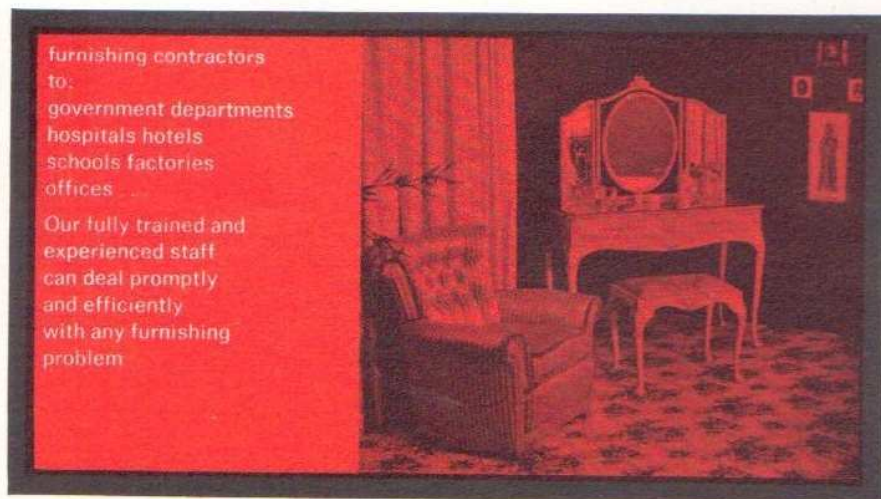


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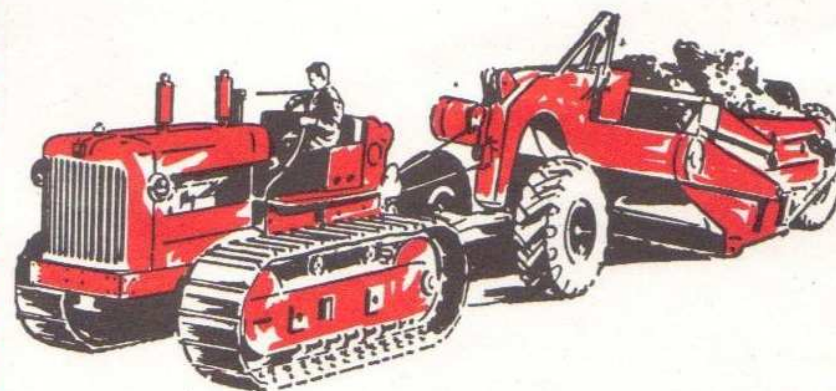


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SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1969

DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

V.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Kick-off 3 p.m.

REFEREE:

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NEWS and VIEWS

The promotion issue is still very much open but, by virtue of the fact that we obtained three points out of the four at stake in our two away games during the Easter Holiday, we enhanced our chances.

It was a fine achievement on the part of our team to obtain those above-mentioned points. As is our custom we came back again after our home defeat by Watford. Both the clubs we played, Crewe Alexandra and Shrewsbury Town, are in the relegation zone, and are making strenuous efforts to escape the dreaded drop. This made both games doubly hard, so a win and a draw were splendid results.

These notes must be produced early, on Easter Monday to be exact, so the result of the Bournemouth game will not be known. I hope for one thing only.

On Saturday evening we held a one point lead over Luton Town, with seven games to be played. Our goal average, 59—32 (1.84) is .02 better than that of Luton Town, 62—34 (1.82), so we need every goal possible, and no more against.

On Tuesday evening next we play our third consecutive home game, against Crewe Alexandra. We hope by then to have greatly strengthened our position with six more points, and at least as many goals. After that game we shall have two more home games, against Mansfield Town and Barrow, and two away matches, at Rotherham and Walsall respectively. No games are easy, especially at this period of the season; but these two are doubly difficult, points are hard to come by at both of them.

Have you noticed what an attraction our team has become away from home? Almost invariably, we draw the highest

NEWS & VIEWS—continued

attendance of the season, e.g., Plymouth 20,000, who, the following week, drew a gate of 11,000 for their next home game.

There are three reasons for this. Firstly, as League Cup winners, every team is out to defeat the Cup-holders. Secondly, we are very much in the running for promotion, and thirdly, probably the chief one of all, our tremendous following away from home. We do thank those supporters who seem to travel to almost every away game. We had a large contingent at Crewe on Good Friday and on Saturday at Shrewsbury, Swindon's supporters outnumbered the home spectators. At least they did by the vocal support and the display of red and white favours.

This wonderful support away from home is a great asset to the team. Can we hope for such support at Rotherham (we'll show these tough Yorkshiremen — not "Danny Boy" but the "Fly be on the Turnip") and Walsall?

This afternoon we renew acquaintance with our old and trusted friends from Bristol Rovers, and also welcome back to the County Ground Team Manager Fred Ford. Although his spell at Swindon was quite short, we all remember him with great respect for his fine work at Swindon, especially with the apprentice professionals. Although we are always pleased to see him at the County Ground we rarely do so as he is so busy at Bristol. One thing, Mr. Ford, why didn't you beat Luton Town for us last week?

Early this season, on the 18th and 21st September, we lost two successive away games, first at Bournemouth 0—2, and then on the Saturday 1—2 at Bristol Rovers. (What wouldn't we give for two of those points now?)

NEWS & VIEWS—continued

The Swindon team on that occasion was Downsborough; Dawson, Thomas; Butler, Blick, Harland; Heath, Noble, Smith, Smart, Rogers. Sub.: Jones.

On the following Wednesday we came right back to form to defeat Blackburn Rovers 1—0 in the Third Round of the Football League Cup, and on the Saturday defeated Shrewsbury Town 3—0, and so began our great run of success in League and Cup.

Last season we gained four points from Bristol Rovers. The home game, played on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1968, was one of the most entertaining of the season. Good open, attacking football by both teams, and five excellent goals.

Swindon: Jones; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Dawson, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub.: Bailey.

Bristol Rovers: Taylor; Hilliard, Munro; Petts, Taylor, Stone; Graydon, Mabbutt, Plumb, Williams, Jones (R.). Sub.: Jones (W.).

Scorers: Swindon, Terry (35 mins.), Rogers (53), Smart (84, 86); Bristol, Petts (82).

Attendance: 11,438.

Referee: Mr. M. V. Sinclair.

This season Mr. Ford has drafted a number of young players into the side, and judges of the game are predicting for them an excellent season next year. We are sure we shall enjoy an excellent game of football. Pleased to see you, and Thank-you, Bristol.

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BRISTOL ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 1968/69

VIC BARNEY

Twenty-one-year-old left-half, born near Oxford and is a son of Vic Barney, a former Bristol City player. Won County and International honours at Soccer, Table Tennis and Lawn Tennis as a schoolboy. Joined Bristol Rovers shortly after leaving school, completed his football apprenticeship and became a full-time professional in December 1965. Height 5ft. 8ins.

BOBBY BROWN

Aged 19 and Bristol born. Signed for Bristol Rovers on leaving school and a regular football Combination player last season at both wing-half and inside-forward positions. Height 5ft. 8ins.

JOE GADSTON

Twenty-three-year-old inside-forward. Signed from Cheltenham Town June 1968. Amongst leading scorers of Southern League last season. Previous League clubs, West Ham United and Brentford. London born.

RAY GRAYDON

Twenty-year-old right-winger, stockily built, Bristol born. Has been with Bristol Rovers since leaving school. A forceful and progressive player, Ray knows the way to goal and has already made several League appearances. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 11lbs.

HAROLD JARMAN

Joined Bristol Rovers in 1959 from a local amateur club. Regular right-winger for past six seasons and scorer of many fine goals. A Bristolian, Harold and wife Penny have two young children. His main interest is sport, and he has played cricket for Gloucestershire in recent years. Qualified F.A. Coach (Preliminary). Height 5ft. 8ins.

BOBBY JONES

Bristolian, aged 29. A popular and speedy winger, Bobby re-signed for Bristol Rovers in October 1967 after short spells with Northampton Town and Swindon Town. One of the Eastville crowd's favourites.

PAUL LOWRIE

Full-back, aged 19. Signed as professional November 1967 after serving as an apprentice. Son of former Welsh International centre-forward George Lowrie, Paul was born in Bristol.



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KEN RONALDSON

Edinburgh-born, 23-year-old inside-forward, signed from Aberdeen in July 1965. Tall and well built, Ken made several Scottish League appearances at Aberdeen. A natural with great power in either foot. Height 5ft. 11ins.

LARRY LLOYD

20-year-old Bristolian centre-half, signed as a professional in July 1967 after three years as a Bristol Rovers' amateur. Well built and over 6ft. tall, Larry has a number of England Youth Amateur International Caps and has represented Southern England at Basketball.

RAY MABBUTT

A hard working wing-half who began as a forward. Joined Bristol Rovers in 1955 and has been a regular for eight seasons. Has used his spare time well in preparing for his future after football, and gained a number of qualifications through the League Vocational Training Scheme. Qualified F.A. Coach (Preliminary). Born in Aylesbury, Bucks., is a father of two, and his hobby is sailing. Height 5ft. 6ins.

ALEX MUNRO

24-year-old Scot, joined Bristol Rovers October 1962 from a Glasgow amateur club. Has given valuable and regular League service at left-half, outside-left and more recently left-back. Married with one child, his hobbies are gardening, reading and woodwork. Height 5ft. 9½ins.

LINDSAY PARSONS

Twenty-two-year-old full-back, a Bristolian who became a professional in March 1964 after serving as an apprentice player since leaving school. His main interest is sport. Plays strongly. Height 5ft. 9ins.

JOHN PETTS

On his day one of the best wing-halves in the Third Division. Joined the Club from Reading in 1965. He was at Elm Park for two seasons, after serving several years with Arsenal. Aged 29, Johnny is married with two children, and was an England Youth International. Football is his main interest. Height 5ft. 8ins.

FRANK PRINCE

Signed for Bristol Rovers last season on reaching his 18th birthday, and made his First Team debut at wing-half shortly afterwards. Frank, who comes from South Wales, is one of a number of bright Rovers' prospects from this area.

OUR VISITORS—continued

WAYNE JONES

Born in Treorchy, talented Wayne Jones joined Bristol Rovers as an amateur in 1964/65 and played in their Youth Teams for two seasons as often as possible. His progress was such that he was offered terms and he signed as a full-time professional player shortly after his eighteenth birthday. Gained two Welsh Under-23 Caps last season.

PHIL ROBERTS

18-year-old, Phil is another young Bristol Rovers' player to sign as a full-time professional last season after completing his apprenticeship. A strong playing full-back from South Wales. Height 5ft. 10ins.

TOM STANTON

Full-back, signed during the close season 1968 from Mansfield Town, for whom he made 40 League appearances. Aged 20 and from Scotland, Tom has also had spells with Liverpool and Arsenal.

LARRY TAYLOR

Twenty-one-year-old Exeter-born goalkeeper of great promise. Joined Bristol Rovers on leaving school, soon becoming regular Reserve Team goalkeeper. First Team debut arriving after the serious injury to Bernard Hall. Has now over 50 League appearances to his credit. Height 5ft. 11ins.

STUART TAYLOR

Bristol-born centre-half who joined Bristol Rovers' amateur ranks in the summer of 1964 from a local amateur club. Tall and commanding, Stuart stands 6ft. 3½ins. and weighs 13st. 11lbs. He became a full-time professional in April 1967. Age 21.

RAY WHITE

20-year-old goalkeeper, born in London. Ray made his League debut with Southend United whilst still an apprentice. Signed for Bristol Rovers July 1968.

JOHN WILLIAMS

Transferred from Plymouth Argyle in December 1966 after spending ten years at Home Park, where he made over 500 appearances for the Devon club. Bristol born, but has spent most of his life in Plymouth.

BOB WILLIAMS

Bristol-born inside-forward, Bob played in the successful Bristol Boys Team of 1958, and was signed by Bristol City on leaving school. Played regularly in their First Team until 1965, when he was transferred to Rotherham United. Signed for Bristol Rovers in March 1967 for a substantial fee.

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As an amateur played goalkeeper in non-league professional football, but playing days were cut short by a knee injury.

Turning to refereeing in August, 1954, Mr. Yates progressed through the local Bromsgrove League and Birmingham League to the Linesmans List of the Football League in 1963-4. He is now in his third season on the Referees List of the Football League.

He very much enjoys refereeing on free Saturdays in the local Junior League.

His occupation is a Ratefixer at the Austin Division of the British Leyland Motor Corporation; he has three children who also love football. Apart from training, Mr. Yates' relaxation takes the form of a game of darts with his local pub team.

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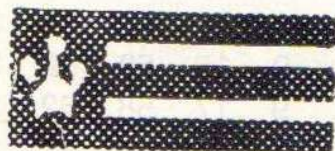
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| 17 | Stockport County | 13,350 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 24 | Hartlepool | 5,732 | (A) | 0-0 |
| 27 | Reading | 16,765 | (H) | 0-0 |
| 31 | Plymouth Argyle | 12,302 | (H) | 3-0 |
| September 4 | Bradford City (League Cup) | 7,806 | (A) | 1-1 |
| 7 | Watford | 8,709 | (A) | 0-0 |
| 10 | Bradford City (League Cup Replay) | 12,214 | (H) | 4-3 |
| 14 | Walsall | 10,593 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 18 | Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic | 11,920 | (A) | 0-2 |
| 21 | Bristol Rovers | 10,364 | (A) | 1-2 |
| 24 | Blackburn Rovers (League Cup) | 15,402 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 28 | Shrewsbury Town | 12,087 | (H) | 3-0 |
| October 5 | Orient | 12,450 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 9 | Reading | 17,450 | (A) | 1-0 |
| 12 | Brighton & Hove Albion | 7,547 | (A) | 3-1 |
| 16 | Coventry City (League Cup) | 23,810 | (A) | 2-2 |
| 19 | Torquay United | 15,152 | (H) | 2-1 |
| 21 | Coventry City (League Cup Replay) | 23,828 | (H) | 3-0 |
| 26 | Oldham Athletic | 4,238 | (A) | 3-2 |
| 30 | Derby County (League Cup) | 35,104 | (A) | 0-0 |
| November 2 | Southport | 18,910 | (H) | 5-1 |
| 5 | Derby County (League Cup Replay) | 26,449 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 9 | Luton Town | 17,250 | (A) | 0-2 |
| 16 | (1) F.A. Cup Canterbury | 14,387 | (A) | 1-0 |
| 20 | Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final) | 25,755 | (A) | 2-1 |
| 23 | Mansfield Town | 5,380 | (A) | 0-2 |
| 26 | Northampton Town | 6,827 | (A) | 6-2 |
| December 4 | Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final) | 28,000 | (H) | 1-2 |
| 7 | (2) F.A. Cup Grantham | | (A) | 2-0 |
| 14 | Brighton & Hove Albion | 10,907 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 18 | Burnley (League Cup Semi-Final) | 20,000 | (A) | 3-2 |
| 21 | Torquay United | 8,327 | (A) | 1-0 |
| 26 | Orient | 7,101 | (A) | 0-1 |
| January 4 | (3) F.A. Cup Southend United | 18,528 | (H) | 0-2 |
| 11 | Southport | 5,232 | (A) | 1-1 |
| 18 | Luton Town | 18,903 | (H) | 0-0 |
| 24 | Tranmere Rovers | 8,181 | (A) | 5-3 |
| 28 | Oldham Athletic | 21,316 | (H) | 5-1 |
| February 1 | Barnsley | 13,983 | (A) | 1-1 |
| 4 | Hartlepool United | 18,921 | (H) | 1-1 |
| 15 | Barrow | 3,470 | (A) | 3-0 |
| 18 | Tranmere Rovers | 19,714 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 22 | Rotherham United | 23,515 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 25 | Gillingham | 17,489 | (H) | 1-0 |
| March 1 | Northampton Town | 17,081 | (H) | 1-0 |
| 5 | Gillingham | 6,104 | (A) | 0-2 |
| 8 | Stockport County | 6,550 | (A) | 1-2 |
| 15 | Arsenal (Wembley) | 100,000 | (A) | 3-1 |
| 22 | Plymouth Argyle | | (A) | 1-2 |
| 25 | Barnsley | 17,199 | (H) | 2-0 |
| 29 | Watford | 28,898 | (H) | 0-1 |
| April 4 | Crewe Alexandra | 9,053 | (A) | 2-1 |
| 5 | Shrewsbury Town | | (A) | 1-1 |
| 8 | Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic | 22,465 | (H) | 3-0 |
| 12 | Bristol Rovers | | (H) | |
| 15 | Crewe Alexandra | | (H) | |
| 19 | Walsall | | (A) | |
| 22 | Mansfield Town | | (H) | |
| | Barrow (To be rearranged) | | (H) | |
| | Rotherham (To be rearranged) | | (A) | |

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Last Saturday, the Swindon Borough League entertained a team and supporters from Arminia Kloserhardt, in West Germany. After the match a party of about 50, which included the German visitors, officials and players of the Borough League, and their ladies, moved on to the Supporters' Social Club for a meal, and stayed on for the usual Saturday Party Night.

Today, the Social Club Football Section entertains a team and friends from Cymysflog, near Tredegar, in South Wales. This follows two visits from the Jubilee Thistle Club from New Tredegar, who have enjoyed their visits so much that they recommended a visit to their neighbours. The teams will have played a friendly match this morning, and are all here for the match this afternoon. An evening meal will be served in the Social Club this evening and the party will stay for the evening's entertainment.

Congratulations to the lads for securing three out of four away points at Easter. At the time of writing (Monday) Tuesday's match was still to come, so the exact situation at the present moment was not known. However, the final run in to

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

the end of the season will not be easy, and the lads will need all the encouragement you can give them.

A reminder that Dance tickets for the Supporters' Club Annual Dinner and Dance are now available at 5/- each. The dance follows the Dinner at McIlroy's Ballroom on Wednesday, 23rd April, from 9.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. By kind permission of Mr. E. Lane, Chairman of Swindon Town F.C. and the Board of Directors, the Football League Cup will be on display during Dinner and the Dance. Here is a first class chance to get a really close view of this glittering trophy.

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SATURDAY, 19th APRIL, 1969

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Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland;
Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Noble, Smith.

Attendance: 9,053.

Referee: Mr. D. Laing (Preston).

Saturday, 5th April, 1969.

Drew with SHREWSBURY TOWN (Away) 1—1.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland;
Heath, Dawson, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Sub. Penman.

Scorer: Harland.

Attendance:

Referee: Mr. C. Thomas (Glamorgan).

Tuesday, 8th April, 1969.

Beat BOURNEMOUTH & B.A. (Home) 3—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows, Harland;
Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

Scorers: Smart, Rogers, Smith.

Attendance: 22,465.

Referee: Mr. L. Callaghan (Merthyr Tydfil).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 5th April, 1969.

Beat NORWICH CITY (Home) 1—0.

Team: Jones; Desmeules, Allen; Handrick, Blick, Hubbard; Mascia,
Bailey, Smith, Dangerfield, Fry.

Scorer: Mascia.

Referee: Mr. A. H. Munday (Stroud).



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