

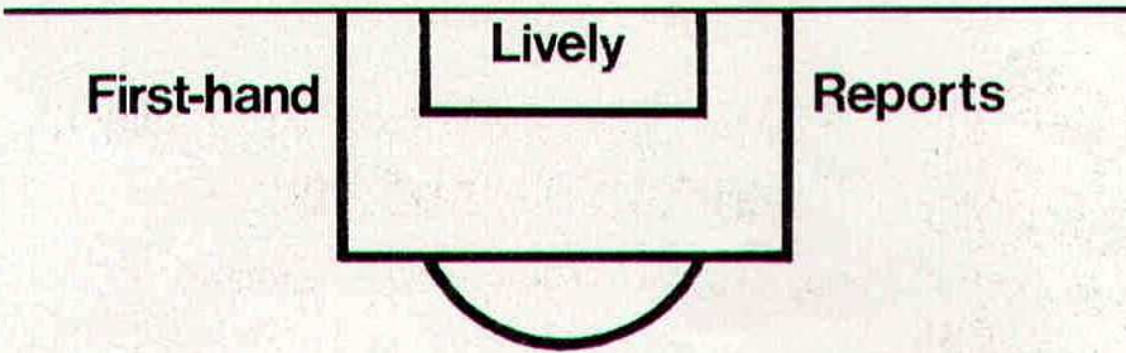
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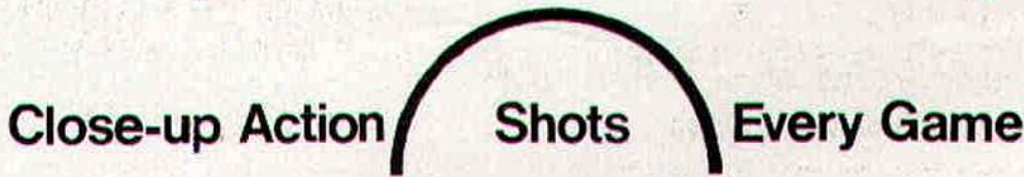
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This evening we entertain another fine club, and one which like ourselves has been striving to gain promotion to Division I. Their defeat at Aston Villa last Wednesday finally ended all their hopes and aspirations. Regarding Swindon, much of course depends (at the time of writing) on Blackpool's visit to Preston due to be played last night. At the moment we are not yet out of the running.

We last played Middlesbrough in a Division 3 game on Saturday, 3rd March, 1967. At the time we were riding high on F.A. Cup success. On the following Saturday we were due to visit Nottingham Forest in the 5th Round. (Remember, that tie needed three matches?)

The game itself was a splendid one, with Swindon gaining a fine victory by 4 goals to 1. The score at half-time was 1-0, an own goal, and in the second half Don Rogers scored three in succession, the first from a penalty. O'Rourke scored for the visitors with almost the last kick of the game. This result somewhat compensated for the defeat at Middlesbrough by 0-4 earlier in the season.

Swindon: Hicks; Thomas, Trollope; Morgan, Nurse, Harland; Rogers, Penman, Terry, Smart, Jones (B.).

Middlesbrough: Whigham; Hickton, Butler; Masson, Gates, Jones; Chadwick, Horsfield, O'Rourke, McMordie, Downing.

Attendance: 14,200.

Supporters will recognise the inside-right, and probably the right-back, now one of the best centre-forwards in the country.

We hope to welcome this evening a well known figure in English football. The chief of the real back-room boys behind the great England team, Harold Shepherdson, ex-player, and trainer for many years. We applaud his loyalty after all the glamour of International football. We congratulate him on his great work and wish him well. May he continue for many years both for England and Middlesbrough.

Whatever the final outcome, this has again been a wonderful season. Few, if any, after last year's happenings expected or even hoped for such success. Not only has the interest been maintained, due to promotion prospects, but the games have been so interesting, with plenty of excitement and incidents. Added to this, our progress in the F.A. Cup Competition to the 6th Round.

Let us not forget, too, the gatemens, a loyal band of men whose job at times Those who run the Fund Raising Competitions, Mr. Selwood, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Woodman, and their willing helpers. The Supporters' Club, and their various competitions and activities.

Let us not forget, too, the gatemens, a loyal band of men whose job at times is most difficult, thousands clamouring to get in and mostly arriving just before the commencement of the game. (For instance, last Tuesday's game.) Thanks to the Chief Gate Steward, Mr. W. Harris, who organises and deploys his men like a most efficient general. This season his task has not been easy. A word of thanks to our own uniformed Stewards — sometimes an unpleasant and difficult job carried out in a most quiet and polite

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Supporters' Club Notes

These Notes, being written in advance of yesterday's match between Preston North End and Blackpool, must still reflect the hopes of all of us that Blackpool may still slip in the last two matches, and leave our lads with the chance of bringing Division 1 football to the County Ground.

The news that Swindon Town has been selected to be one of the six clubs to take part in the May competition with leading Italian clubs is also a clear indication of the impact made on English football as a whole, and the two home games should also be worth attendances of at least our average gate this season. European football is already acknowledged by the top English clubs as being of paramount importance. Now that we, at Swindon, have got our toe in the European door, as it were, it is up to us to do our best to open the door even wider.

As reported in our last Notes, a new Tote competition is now under way. Basically, it is a venture by the Management Committee of the Social Club, and the entire proceeds will be invested in a Development Reserve earmarked for the capital outlay which must be involved during the provision of permanent Supporters' Club premises in the new stand. To this end, all members, and in particular Social Club members, are asked to give a few minutes of their time, each week, assisting in distribution of Tote tickets.

The present Social Club is temporary, and the Corporation, which has been most helpful, has made it quite clear that occupation of the temporary Clubhouse must end as soon as the new stand accommodation is available. Accordingly, it is up to us, the Supporters' Club members who expect to benefit from the new accommodation, to do our utmost to provide the required finances. Any member, or members, who think otherwise are living in a fools' paradise. In its initial stages, the Tote is under the guidance of Mr. Bill Ranger, and members are asked to contact him, or whoever is helping him, in the Social Club. A special table is being provided in the main hall of the Social Club, so please do your bit to assist. The Tote draw will be made every Sunday night, after Bingo, with a £10 prize as starter. This will, we hope, be increased week by week, as it catches on. Any Committee member will also be pleased to give information to any of you wishing to help.

Face in the crowd – is it you?



In all future editions of this Season's programme we shall publish a photograph of a small section of the crowd at a previous match, one member of which will be clearly indicated by means of a circle. This person will be entitled to a free seat at the next match on producing the programme at the office.

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Goalkeeper

WILLIE WHIGHAM

Boasts an excellent record for consistency since he crossed the border from Falkirk in October 1966. Not recognised as a spectator's goalkeeper. Uses his experience and positional sense to good advantage. Commands confidence and respect from his co-defenders. Born in Airdrie. Height 6ft. 2ins. Weight 11st. 3lbs.

Full-backs

STEPHEN HOWIE

A promising Tynesider whose signature was eagerly sought by several clubs. Selected Middlesbrough because of the Club's proud reputation of grooming young stars. Turned professional in December 1968. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 10lbs.

GORDON JONES

One of the many talented full-backs off the Ayresome Park assembly belt. England Youth and Under-23 international. Since his debut, at 17, against Southampton in 1961, is now approaching 400 first-team appearances, an astonishing record for a "veteran" of 26. Holds his postponed testimonial match this season. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st.

ALAN MOODY

A local product, who joined the Boro' after starring for Middlesbrough Boys and winning England Schoolboy recognition. Had the satisfying experience of making his first-team debut last season on his 18th birthday. Turned professional in January 1968. Height 6ft. Weight 10st. 4lbs.

ALEX SMITH

Not many people realise that he is one of the longest-serving players on the books. Signed in December 1961. Noted for his old-fashioned style of play. Powerful in the tackle. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 8lbs.

Half-backs

WILLIAM GATES

A player who burst on the scene as a 16-year-old first-team debutant. Has weathered fluctuating fortunes at Ayresome Park since signing in September 1961. Played different defensive roles to suit the needs of the team, while off the field, is preparing for the security of the Accountancy profession. From Ferryhill. Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st. 4lbs.

BRIAN MYTON

A player who came up through the ranks to make his first-team debut, at Bristol City (League Cup) and Cardiff City (League), at the age of 17 last season. Well-built youngster with confidence to go forward. Signed in September 1967. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 3lbs.

GEORGE SMITH

A Geordie who returned to the North-East via Barrow and Portsmouth. A near £50,000 signing from "Pompey" last January, he holds the record of being the Club's top buy. A tremendous worker, he likes the freedom of expression in attack. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 8lbs.

FRANK SPRAGGON

After a patient wait in the background, has emerged as an excellent back-four player. Tackles well, gives little away. Showed fighting spirit to win back his place last season. From Marley Hill in County Durham. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 12st. 2lbs.

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Forwards

HARRY CHARLTON

An up-and-coming player signed in the face of competition. From Redheugh Boys' Club, Gateshead. Born on Tyneside. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 9st. 4lbs.

DERRICK DOWNING

A courageous forward who is more than useful at grabbing a goal or two. Thrives on work and is prepared to take knocks. From Doncaster, he joined the Boro' from Frickley Colliery in February 1965. Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 10st. 4lbs.

JOHN HICKTON

A versatile player — full-back, centre-half or forward — and an expert from the penalty spot. The Club's top marksman over the past seasons, being No. 1 in the Second Division in the 1967/68 campaign. A bargain buy at £20,000 from Sheffield Wednesday in September 1966. Height 6ft. Weight 12st.

JOSEPH LAIDLAW

A stocky centre-forward who plays resolutely and has an eye for goal. Occasional first-team appearances to his name. A Tyneside signing, born in Swalwell. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 12lbs.

WILLIAM MADDREN

A local youth, who had the satisfaction of scoring a fine goal on his first-team debut last season, the final home game with Bury. From Billingham, he joined the Club in June 1968 from Port Clarence Juniors. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st.

PETER MARTIN

Middlesbrough's newest professional, signing in May of last year. Played as an amateur last season, scoring 5 goals in 4 outings for the Intermediate side. Born at South Shields. Signed from Chilton Amateurs, Hull. Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 11st.

ALEX McMORDIE

After going to Manchester United on trial with George Best as a schoolboy — and returning home by virtually the next boat — he joined the Boro' in September 1964. Achieved an ambition in playing with Best in the Northern Ireland team last season, when he emerged as a hit in the International Championship. From Belfast. Height 5ft. 6ins. Weight 9st. 4lbs.

DAVID MILLS

A highly-rated schoolboy, he plumped for Middlesbrough when he had an impressive list of clubs to choose from. Made his first-team debut, at 17, in final match of last season at Birmingham City. Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st.

KENNETH SOLAN

An inside-forward who joined his home-town club in November 1966. Helped out Hartlepool "on loan" for a period last season — and scored the winning goal in his debut against Orient. Previously a part-timer. Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 10st. 6lbs.

STANLEY WEBB

A well-built, go-ahead forward, who turned down a University career for full-time professional football. An impressive record on goals-per-match basis. Signed in July 1967. Height 6ft. Weight 12st.

HUGH McILMOYLE

Signed from Carlisle United in September 1969 for a Club record fee of £55,000. Previously with Leicester City, Rotherham United, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bristol City. Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 11st. 6lbs.

Division I I

Fixture List

August

9 Blackburn Rovers	(A)	0—2
13 Cardiff City	(A)	2—2
16 Carlisle United	(H)	2—2
19 Cardiff City	(H)	2—1
23 Aston Villa	(A)	2—0
30 Charlton Athletic	(H)	5—0

September

2 League Cup (2) Swansea	(A)	3—1
6 Blackpool	(A)	2—3
13 Oxford United	(H)	0—0
16 Middlesbrough	(A)	0—0
20 Queen's Park Rangers	(A)	0—2
24 League Cup (3) Oxford	(A)	0—1
27 Leicester City	(H)	1—1
30 Millwall	(H)	2—1

October

4 Bolton Wanderers	(A)	1—0
7 Carlisle United	(A)	2—2
11 Sheffield United	(H)	2—1
18 Hull City	(H)	1—0
25 Portsmouth	(A)	1—3

November

1 Norwich City	(H)	2—0
8 Birmingham City	(A)	0—2
15 Watford	(A)	0—0
22 Huddersfield Town	(H)	2—1
29 Preston North End	(A)	1—3

December

6 Bristol City	(H)	1—1
13 Oxford United	(A)	0—0
26 Aston Villa	(H)	1—1
27 Charlton Athletic	(A)	1—1

1970

January

3 F.A. Cup Blackburn		4—0
10 Queen's Park Rangers	(H)	0—0
17 Leicester City	(A)	2—0
24 F.A. Cup (4) Chester	(H)	4—2
31 Bolton Wanderers	(H)	3—2

February

7 F.A. Cup (5) Scunthorpe	(H)	3—1
9 Sheffield United	(A)	2—1
21 F.A. Cup (6) Leeds	(H)	0—2
28 Hull City	(A)	1—1

March

3 Portsmouth	(H)	3—1
14 Preston North End	(H)	1—0
21 Bristol City	(A)	3—3
24 Huddersfield Town	(A)	1—1
28 Watford	(H)	1—0
30 Norwich City	(A)	0—1
31 Birmingham City	(H)	4—1

April

4 Millwall	(A)	1—3
7 Blackpool	(H)	1—1
14 Middlesbrough	(H)
20 Blackburn Rovers	(H)

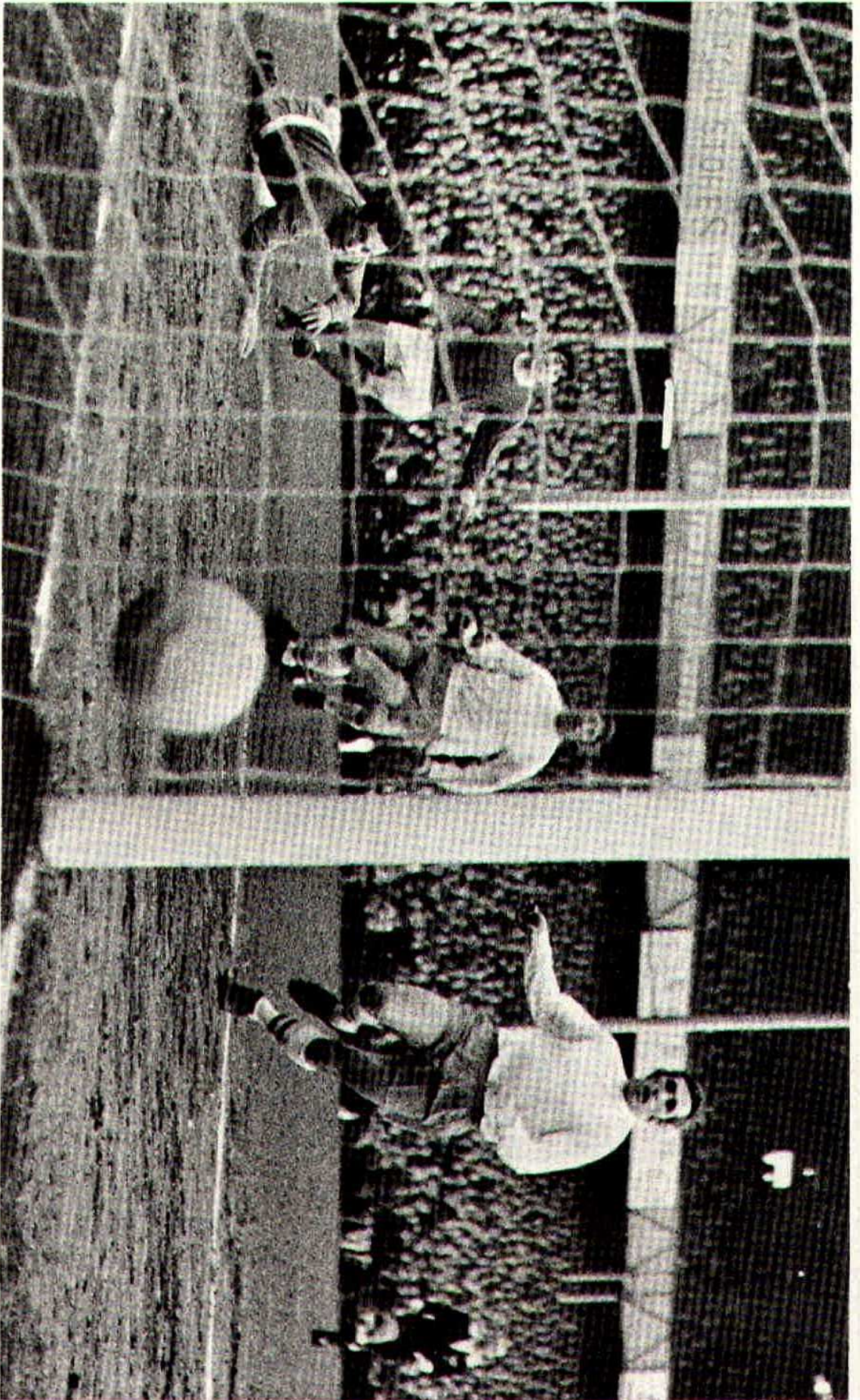
Appearances

Name	Div. II	Appearances		
		League Cup	F.A. Cup	Cup Winners Cup
Downsborough	40	2	4	2
Thomas	40	2	4	2
Trollope	40	2	4	2
Butler	40	2	4	2
Burrows	36	2	4	1
Harland	39	2	4	2
Smith	26 (1)	2	4	2
Horsfield	38	2	4	2
Smart	40	2	4	2
Noble	37	2	3	2
Rogers	32	2	4	2
Jones	9 (3)		1 (1)	(1)
Blick	1 (4)			1
Heath	16 (1)			
Down	(1)			
Penman	1		(1)	
Dawson	3			

(Playing as substitute in brackets)

Goalscorers

Name	Div. II	Goals		
		League Cup	F.A. Cup	Cup Winners Cup
Horsfield	17		4	3
Noble	12	3	1	1
Jones	5		1	1
Rogers	9		1	
Smith	2		1	
Burrows	2			
Trollope	3			
Thomas	1			
Smart	2		1	
Butler	1		1	
Opponents	2			



Arthur Horsfield scoring Swindon's goal against Blackpool.

Photograph by R. Marsh.

Division I I (up to and including Saturday, 11th April, 1970)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Huddersfield Town	41	23	12	6	65	36	58
Blackpool	40	19	13	8	53	43	51
Swindon Town	40	16	16	8	56	44	48
Leicester City	40	18	12	10	60	47	48
Middlesbrough	41	19	10	12	52	45	48
Sheffield United	40	21	5	14	68	36	47
Cardiff City	40	17	12	11	59	40	46
Queen's Park Rangers	40	17	11	12	63	52	45
Blackburn Rovers	40	19	7	14	51	47	45
Millwall	41	15	13	13	56	56	43
Carlisle United	41	14	12	15	56	54	40
Hull City	41	15	10	16	69	67	40
Norwich City	40	15	10	15	42	45	40
Bristol City	41	13	13	15	53	48	39
Oxford United	40	11	15	14	32	37	37
Bolton Wanderers	42	12	12	18	54	61	36
Portsmouth	41	13	8	20	63	77	34
Birmingham City	41	11	11	19	51	72	33
Watford	40	9	12	19	42	53	30
Charlton Athletic	41	6	17	18	33	75	29
Preston North End	40	8	12	20	42	48	28
Aston Villa	41	7	13	23	35	62	27

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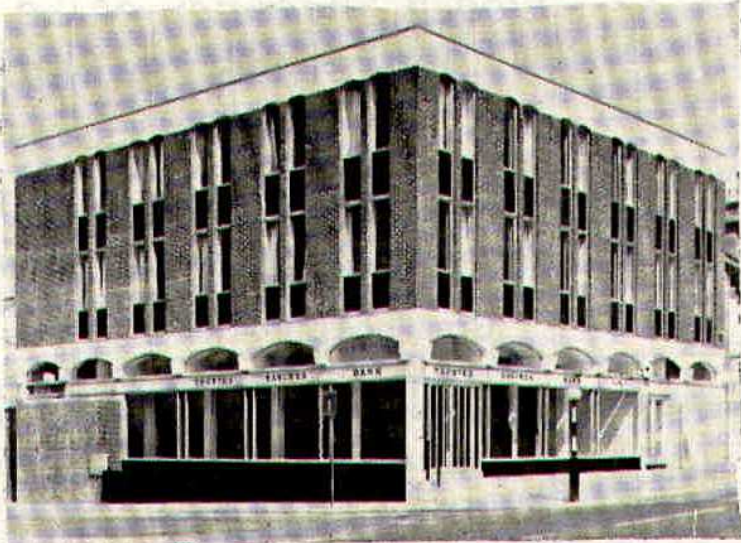
Recently completed 20 years as a referee. His 1,000th game was at Portsmouth v. Millwall (14th March). A referee since 1950, he has graduated through the Port Talbot League, Welsh League, Football Combination, Football League linesman (11 seasons), Football League referee (3 seasons). On the F.I.F.A. list for the past three years he refereed the Liverpool v. Dundalk European Fairs Cup match this season.

A schoolmaster, married with a son aged 19, Mr. Lewis is Secretary of the Port Talbot Schools F.A. and has been a member of the Port Talbot Referees Society for 20 years.

Last game at Swindon was on 30th September, 1969, Swindon Town v. Millwall.

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manner — especially that of the real gentleman on the Official Entrance. Thanks to those who entertain our visitors, also our groundsman and “handy man”.

I fully appreciate what all these people mean to the Club, because at one period I was fortunate enough to be behind the scenes and realise the value of their work.

Many others could be included — the men who run the Junior teams — that much maligned body of men, the Directors, plenty of work, little thanks, and no credit.

Finally, thanks to our printers, the Borough Press, and especially Mr. Lewington. They have co-operated and borne with us in rush jobs on programmes and tickets. Frankly, I don't know what we should do without them.

No doubt I have missed many who work for the Club, my sincere apologies to them, but nevertheless many thanks.

May you all continue the good works next season. Incidentally, talking of next season, we hope to follow other clubs and obtain donors of match balls. Any kind persons interested please write to Mr. L. Collings, c/o S.T.F.C., County Ground, Swindon. Thank you!

J.D.

Forthcoming Matches on This Ground

SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1970

Football Combination

SWINDON TOWN v. FULHAM

Kick-off 3 p.m.

MONDAY, 20th APRIL, 1970

Division II

SWINDON TOWN v. BLACKBURN

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1970

Football Combination Cup

SWINDON TOWN v. BRISTOL ROVERS

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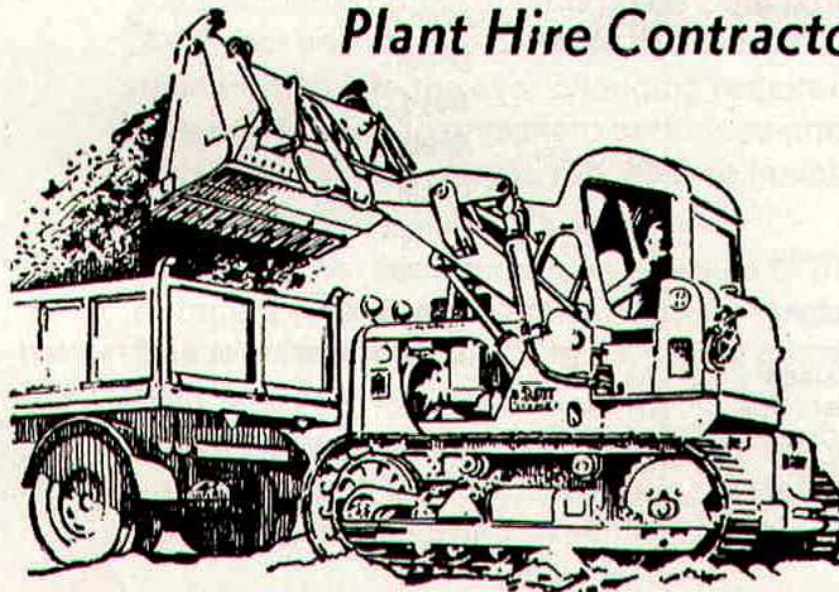
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Football Combination

Fixture List

1969

August

9	Southampton	(H)	2—2
16	Swansea Town	(A)	0—1
23	Queen's Park Rangers	(H)	1—4

September

4	Oxford United	(A)	2—0
6	Bristol City	(H)	1—2
17	Cardiff City	(A)	3—2
20	Arsenal	(H)	1—2
27	Luton Town	(A)	0—2

October

4	Reading	(H)	1—2
7	Bristol Rovers	(A)	P
11	Ipswich Town	(A)	1—0
21	Bristol City	(A)	2—7
25	Crystal Palace	(H)	1—0

November

8	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	3—1
15	Crystal Palace	(H)	1—2
22	Swansea Town	(A)	1—1
29	Tottenham Hotspur	(H)	1—4

December

8	Peterborough United	(A)	0—2
13	Leicester City	(H)	0—2
17	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	1—1
20	West Ham United	(A)	3—1
27	Swansea Town	(H)	0—2

1970

January

27	Arsenal	(A)	0—5
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February

3	Arsenal	(H)	0—4
10	Bristol Rovers	(H)	P
17	Walsall	(A)	P
24	Northampton	(A)	4—1

March

11	Crystal Palace	(A)	P
16	Birmingham City	(H)	0—4
18	Norwich City	(A)	2—2
21	Bristol Rovers	(A)	1—0
24	Chelsea	(H)	4—1
28	Walsall	(A)	0—2

April

2	Cardiff City	(H)	2—0
13	Crystal Palace	(A)
20	Bristol Rovers	(H)

	Appearances	Goalscorers
	Foot.	Foot.
	Comb.	Comb.
	Cup	Cup

Name	Foot. Comb.	Foot. Comb.	Foot. Comb.	Foot. Comb.
Price	1			
Dawson	10	5		
Fry	15	5		
Desmeules	10	4		
Blick	21	7		
Handrick	21	(1) 8	2	
Heath	6	3		
Penman	15	3	2	
Down	17	6	6	
Dangerfield	18	(1) 7	14	1
Moss	7	(1) 2		1
Bailey	16	(2) 7	1	
Grzadowski	4			
Hubbard	20	5		
Jones (R)	14	6		
Allen (K)	11	4		
Jones (C)	4	3		
Wetson	1	1		1
Claypole	16	4		
Porter	6	4	4	1
Allen K. R.	2	2		
Smith		1		1
Boyd		1		
Grubb	1			
Dakin	1			
Stroud	1	(1)		
Marsh	1			
Opponents			1	

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