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Cardiff City

Season 1972-73

Div. 2 v. Swindon Town



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— 1946-47**

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1912, 1920, 1922, 1923
1927, 1928, 1930, 1956
1959, 1964, 1965, 1967
1968, 1969, 1970, 1971**

**Welsh League
Champions
— 1966-67 1967-68
1969-70 1971-72**

**Football League Cup
Semi-finalists: 1965-66**

**European
Cup-winners' Cup
Semi-finalists: 1967-68**

CARDIFF CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

APRIL 7, 1973

Bluebirds Journal No. 19

Nine games to go, six of them at Ninian. Our heavy travel of recent weeks leaves us with two home games for every away fixture and it also leaves us with renewed confidence for the job ahead.

A draw against Preston North End at Deepdale was indeed a satisfactory result. A draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage a week later was all the more satisfactory, not merely because Fulham are higher in the table than Preston but because it was achieved for seven-eighths of the game with ten players.

Andy McCulloch, a player with an impeccable record for good conduct, was sent off the field as early as the twelfth minute of the match for his part in the protest which followed Fulham's equalising goal, one which should not have been given because of a Fulham foul on Gary Bell.

The incident is a clear illustration of how one's world can turn upside down in less than a quarter of an hour. In the first place, we were a goal to the good after 18 seconds when Andy scored surely the quickest goal seen anywhere in Britain this season.

A fairly rapid Fulham equaliser was a big enough blow but to lose one's top scorer into the bargain asked an awful lot of the ten other players. How magnificently they played, and there can be no finer tribute than to say that at the end it was Fulham who were hanging on for the draw.

In addition to the League programme, we have been busy concentrating on the regaining of the Welsh Cup and after our win at Chester in the semi-finals we play the second leg of the final here against Bangor City next Wednesday night (kick off 7.30). We are also through to the final of the new S. A. Brain Cup.



WHERE'S THE BALL ? It's up there somewhere, causing Burnley's goalkeeper Alan Stevenson a lot of anxiety early in the first half of our last home game. Willie Anderson (above) leaps to cross the ball high into the goalmouth: where Andy McCulloch and Stevenson (below) await its fall underneath the crossbar.



My First City Match



PHILIP DWYER
v. Orient
LEYTON STADIUM
OCTOBER 7, 1972

AT THE START OF THE SEASON I hoped that at some stage I would get my chance to play in the first team. I was pleasantly surprised when that chance presented itself only a couple of months after the kick off.

The Saturday before I made my debut, the team had lost at Queen's Park Rangers and there was some speculation that maybe I would be in for the Orient match which was the next fixture.

But when I was down to play in the reserves on the Wednesday against Bournemouth at home I didn't really think I would play against Orient.

SATISFACTORY POINT FROM 0-0 DRAW

So I was a bit surprised when my name was in the squad for the Orient game and more surprised still when I was told I would be playing.

I knew it was my chance and I was quite pleased with my own performance. We drew no-score and we were all reasonably satisfied at getting a point particularly so after we had played nearly the whole second half with ten men because Alan Foggon had been sent off shortly after half time.

I managed to keep my place for the next match which was home to Middlesbrough and ever since I've been taking each game as it comes. I had a sticky patch over Christmas but that's a long time ago now.

Phil, who was 19 in the same month as his debut match, played for Cardiff and Wales schoolboys and the Welsh amateur and professional Youth teams during his already busy career. He was also chosen for the Welsh Under 23 team against Scotland at the Vetch Field, Swansea last month and must have been unlucky not to have played.

That's him, above, in action during our League match against Aston Villa at Villa Park in January. And, to refresh his memory, these were the teams in his first City match:

Orient: Goddard; Arber, Hoadley; Walley, Harris, Allen; Fairbrother, Downing, Bullock, Queen, Bowyer. Substitute: Dyson.

Cardiff City: Irwin; DWYER, Bell; Phillips, Murray, Powell; Showers, Kellock Woodruff, Foggon, Reece. Substitute: Couch.

Attendance: 6,284.

Action



FRANK PARSONS

FIVE YEAR FOCUS

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.	Pts.	Pos.
1971-72 (Div. 2)	42	15	12	15	47	47	42	11th
1970-71 (Div. 2)	42	15	12	15	61	51	42	12th
1969-70 (Div. 2)	42	17	16	9	57	47	50	5th
1968-69 (Div. 3)	46	27	10	9	71	35	64	2nd
1967-68 (Div. 3)	46	16	17	13	74	51	49	10th

Leading Football League goalscorer in each of the last six seasons for Swindon Town

1971-72	Peter Noble	14	1968-69	Don Rogers	22
1970-71	Don Rogers	16	1967-68	Don Rogers	25
1969-70	Arthur Horsfield	18	1966-67	Don Rogers	25

DON ROGERS BADE FAREWELL to the County Ground last October by scoring twice in a narrow home win over Preston North End and while Swindon Town prospered in the matches which immediately followed his highly publicised transfer to Crystal Palace they have since slumped into relegation trouble.

At Swindon this has been a season which will be remembered by their supporters much more readily for the departure of Rogers and the switch of manager Dave Mackay to Nottingham Forest than it will be for any great results on the field of play.

UP AND DOWN

It has been an up and down season for the Wiltshire club right from the word go. By the start of October Swindon were in a little difficulty with eight points from thirteen games.

Rather suprisingly, Rogers' last match sparked off a revival of fortune. Even without The Don, Swindon went through eight matches without defeat, just as they had earlier gone eight matches without winning.

Five points from three away games on the trot is championship form and when Swindon did that during the late autumn their supporters must have visions of their team pushing high into the top half of the table.

A draw away to Nottingham Forest was followed by a 1-0 win at Luton which in turn preceded a 2-0 win against Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park. It was three months before Swindon's next League win and during that time the team had slumped back from the safety of the middle of the table.

TOP-SCORER TREACY

The nucleus of the team managed by former Chelsea, Spurs and Queen Park Rangers favourite Les Allen is based on the players who played their part in winning promotion from the Third Division in 1969.

Players like John Trollope, Rod Thomas, Joe Butler, Peter Noble, Peter Downsborough and Roger Smart have over 1,500 Swindon League appearances between them.

New names have been introduced to the side. Ray Treacy, the top scorer and an Eire international, came from Charlton Athletic at the start of the season with Arthur Horsfield moving in the other direction.

Mick McGovern followed him from another London club, Queen's Park Rangers while young players have been bought forward including Ken Stroud, Ron Howell and David Moss.

It will be to the more senior players that Swindon will look in their need. It's only a couple of years back that the same players were pushing for the First Division to follow up their wonderful Football League Cup victory over Arsenal at Wembley Stadium.

Unfortunately for Swindon that is now only a memory. The chips are down and their membership of the Second Division is at stake.

SWINDON TOWN

★ Star Choice: Rod Thomas

Ninian Park is almost like a second home for **ROD THOMAS**. Last week he made one of his many appearances here, playing in his 26th international match for Wales to help bring about the downfall of Poland.

Rod, who first played for Wales this month six years ago, comes from Glyncoirwg, but he has spent most of his time on the other side of the Bristol Channel, having moved to Gloucester with his family at a fairly early age.

Educated in Gloucester, he often found himself playing rugby for his school in the morning and then appearing for Gloucester City in the Southern League in the afternoon. It was while playing for Gloucester that Swindon spotted him, and offered him a professional contract in July, 1964. His League debut followed quickly and with it, international recognition.

In over 300 Cup and League matches for Swindon, he has gained national distinction for his performances in his club's beating of Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup final at Wembley and the winning of the inaugural Anglo-Italian Cup a year later.

Outside the game, Rod keeps himself busy by running his own newsagent's shop in Carterton, Oxfordshire.



Thomas with Luigi Riva: Wales v. Italy, 1968

And the rest of the team

Peter Downsbrough (Goalkeeper): Nearly eight years with the club. Signed from Halifax Town, he played in the 1968-69 promotion team, the League Cup final and the victorious Anglo-Italian team of 1969-70.

John Trollope (Full back): Wroughton-born he is a great Swindon servant. Bound to break Maurice Owen's appearance record of 554 matches sometime next season. Has shared in all the Swindon successes in recent years and is one of the longest-serving players in the League.

Frank Burrows (Centre half): A Scot from Larkhall, he was previously with Raith Rovers and Scunthorpe United. Became an immediate favourite with the Swindon crowd and, like several other players, has played in the finals of the League and Anglo-Italian Cups.

Ray Bunkell (Wing half): Tottenham-born and signed from the Spurs in June 1971. He is an England youth cap.

Joe Butler (Wing half): Signed from Newcastle United, his home-town team in August 1965. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply compensate for his shortage of inches.

Roger Smart (Midfield): Swindon-born and another with a long-service record behind him. Made his debut in the first team at the age of 17.

Ron Howell (Midfield): Born at Tottenham, joined Swindon from Kettering in the Southern League. His other clubs were Spurs, Millwall and Cambridge Utd.

Steve Peplow (Outside right): Born Liverpool, and a product of the successful Liverpool schoolboy side. Made three appearances in the Liverpool team in season 1969-70 and signed for Swindon after a period on loan from Anfield.

Terry Hubbard (Midfield): Comes from Sebastopol in Monmouthshire and has been picked in the Welsh Under 23 squad. Became a full time professional in 1969.

Peter Noble (Striker): Signed from Newcastle United in January 1968 and has served Swindon really well since by scoring over 60 goals in the League.

Ray Treacy (Striker): A native of Dublin, he has played for Eire as a schoolboy, youth, Under 23 and senior. Top scorer so far this season. His previous clubs have been West Brom and Charlton.

18 SECONDS !

That's how long it took Andy McCulloch to score the quickest goal of his career last Saturday. It could also conceivably be the quickest goal ever scored by any player in a Football League match for Cardiff City.

There have been quicker goals scored against us, notably that in 13 seconds by Ken Wagstaff for Hull City at Boothferry Park a few years ago but never, as far as we can recall, has anyone hit the back of the net for a Cardiff City team quite so early in the game as Andy did against Fulham at Craven Cottage last week.

Andy is fast becoming something of an expert when it comes to fast goals. In the Welsh Cup match at Aberystwyth in January he scored in 50 seconds, the first of seven City goals that afternoon.

As you will have gathered it was a somewhat eventful match for our top goalscorer. In the 12th minute of the match the referee, Dennis Turner of Cannock, ordered him off the field following a protest at the Fulham goal, awarded after Gary Bell had been pushed by the Fulham player, Jimmy Conway.

- *If any of our supporters can recall Cardiff City scoring a quicker goal than McCulloch's last week, then we'd be delighted to hear what you have to say on the subject. All you have to do is drop a line to the Editor, Bluebirds Journal, Ninian Park, Cardiff.*

18 GOALS !

That's how many our team scored in a recent Welsh League Premier Division game against Abergavenny Thursdays at Corinthian Park. Of the 18 Jimmy McInch, opposite, got the lion's share weighing in with seven of the best.

Chris Rutherford, our England Youth triallist forward, followed with four, Gil Reece three, Nigel Rees and Roger Hoy and Tony Villars one each.

The victory is thought to be the biggest for many years by a team of ours in the Welsh League and it certainly works wonders for our goal average, a factor which may yet prove decisive as we are in position to overhaul Pembroke and catch Bridgend Town, the leaders.

The seven-goal performance from McInch turns out to be an amazing coincidence. A year ago almost to the very day, he scored six times in another Welsh League game, an 8-0 win over Merthyr Tydfil.

The rout of Abergavenny is very probably a new record. The only match which springs to mind with a similar result was a Welsh Cup game in 1961 when Knighton Town came to Ninian Park to be overwhelmed by 16 goals without scoring any in reply.



1953-54: SIX-MINUTE HAT-TRICK!

This was the season when Cardiff City signed Trevor Ford from Sunderland for a fee of £30,000 which made him the most expensive centre forward in the Football League. It was also the season when Ken Chisholm performed an amazing feat.

In the home match against Charlton Athletic on Saturday October 31 he not only scored a hat-trick inside six minutes but each of the three goals with his head! Charlton were a goal down just after half time when Chisholm delivered his first blow. Two minutes later he headed a second goal and before the crowd had stopped cheering, lo and behold he did it again.

Chisholm finished as joint leading goal-scorer, sharing the top place with Wilf Grant while Ford scored three times. His first goal was in his first home match on December 12 and it was enough to give the City a win over Middlesbrough, one of the relegated clubs.

During the opening weeks of the season Ford had played at Ninian Park against the City, appearing for Sunderland in a match which was drawn one each.

Although the Club's final position was in mid-table and although Port Vale brought an early end to interest in the F. A. Cup competition, the season was a memorable one for many reasons... and not merely because of Chisholm and Ford.

RAMSEY CONCEDES PENALTY

There was the defeat of Tottenham Hotspur, losing at Ninian for the first time since 1930. The match was decided by a penalty late in the first half which Wilf Grant converted after a Tottenham player had been penalised for handling the ball. The offender, by the way, was one Alf Ramsey.

Gates of around 40,000 were not unusual although everyone must have wished he had stayed at home on Saturday November 14.

That was the day when Manchester United won 6-1 at Ninian with two goals in the first ten minutes, by Viollet and Rowley, two more in the last ten minutes, by Viollet and Blanchflower and two in between netted by Berry and Taylor.

The following are the details of Cardiff City in the First Division of the Football League for season 1953-54:

APPEARANCES: S. Montgomery 40, W. Grant 38, W. G. Baker 37, D. Sullivan 33, R. Howells 30, G. Edwards 29, M. Tiddy 25, R. Stiffall 23, T. Northcott 23, C. Nugent 22, A. Sherwood 21, T. Ford 20, K. Chisholm 18, C. Rutter 15, A. Harrington 14, J. Mansell 13, G. Vearncombe 12, D. Blair 12, C. M. Gale 9, R. Williams 8, P. Thomas 5, F. E. Dudley 4, J. Frowen 3, W. K. Thomas 3, J. W. Rainford 3, K. Hollyman 2, K. Oakley 2, C. Baker 1, H. Parfitt 1.

GOALS: K. Chisholm 12, W. Grant 12, G. Edwards 4, M. Tiddy 4, T. Ford 3, T. Northcott 3, G. Nugent 3, D. Sullivan 3, J. W. Rainford 1, P. Thomas 1, F. E. Dudley 1, A. Sherwood 1, Own Goals 3.

LEAGUE RESULTS: Home: Arsenal (0-3), Villa (2-1), Blackpool (0-1), Bolton (1-1), Burnley (1-0), Charlton (5-0), Chelsea (0-0), Huddersfield (2-1), Liverpool (3-1), Man. City (0-3), Man. Utd. (1-6), Middlesbrough (1-0), Newcastle (2-1), Portsmouth (3-2), Preston (2-1), Sheffield Utd. (2-0), Sheffield Wed. (2-2), Sunderland (1-1), Surs (1-0), West Brom. (2-0), Wolves (1-3).

Away: Arsenal (1-1), Villa (2-1), Blackpool (1-4), Bolton (0-3), Burnley (0-3), Charlton (2-3), Chelsea (0-2), Huddersfield (0-2), Liverpool (1-0), Man. City (1-1), Man. Utd. (3-2), Middlesbrough (0-0), Newcastle (0-4), Portsmouth (1-1), Preston (2-1), Sheffield Utd. (1-0), Sheffield Wed. (1-2), Sunderland (0-5), Spurs (1-0), West Brom. (1-6), Wolves (1-3).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 1953-54

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	42	25	7	10	96	56	57
West. Brom.	42	22	9	11	86	63	53
Huddersfield	42	20	11	11	78	61	51
Man. Utd.	42	18	12	12	73	58	48
Bolton W.	42	18	12	12	75	60	48
Blackpool	42	19	10	13	80	69	48
Burnley	42	21	4	17	78	67	46
Chelsea	42	16	12	14	74	68	44
Charlton Ath.	42	19	6	17	75	77	44
Cardiff City	42	18	8	16	51	71	44
Preston N.E.	42	19	5	18	87	58	43
Arsenal	42	15	13	14	75	73	43
Aston Villa	42	16	9	17	70	68	41
Portsmouth	42	14	11	17	81	89	39
Newcastle Utd.	42	14	10	18	72	77	38
Tottenham	42	16	5	21	65	76	37
Man. City	42	14	9	19	62	77	37
Sunderland	42	14	8	20	81	89	36
Sheff. Wed.	42	15	6	21	70	91	36
Sheff. Utd.	42	11	11	20	69	90	33
Middlesbro'	42	10	10	22	60	91	30
Liverpool	42	9	10	23	68	97	28

What happened to those Deepdale Spot Kicks . . .



AND WHY THE REFEREE SAID: "TAKE IT AGAIN"

FOR THE FIRST TIME, in recent years at any rate, a Cardiff City team had to face a twice-taken penalty in a Football League match, an event which took place early in the first half of the match against Preston North End.

The photographs of the incident, published by courtesy of the Lancashire Evening Post, tell their own remarkable story of how our goal stayed intact despite Preston having two attempts from the spot.

ORDERED

The referee, Mr. Ken Burns of Stourbridge, explained later that he had ordered the penalty to be retaken because Leighton Phillips had encroached into the penalty area as David Wilson of Preston ran up to take his penalty.

These are the facts behind each photograph:-

● **PENALTY No. 1 (top) Bill Irwin** goes the right way but he has no need to worry. Wilson's shot is going wide of his upright to the accompaniment of groans from the Preston supporters.

● **PENALTY No. 2 (below) Again Irwin** is moving slightly to his right, far enough to block a very powerful shot struck by Alex Bruce who had swapped places with Wilson.

BLOCKED

The ball came back to Bruce, and was blocked again by Irwin to make sure of saving his first penalty for the club. After that we were never in any fear of losing the match.

The result means that we can now look back on several seasons of undefeated visits to Deepdale. Our last four matches there have brought a total of seven points.

Other players in the photographs alongside are (top, from left) Don Murray, Wilson, partly hidden by Irwin, Mel Holden and Tony Morley, white-shirted players with hands on hips.

In the bottom photograph the players are from left: John Bird (Preston), John McMahon (Preston), Irwin, Billy Kellock, Andy McCulloch (all City), Bruce (Preston), Don Murray (City), and Dave Connor (Preston).



Going places with Cardiff City

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. CARDIFF CITY

at Hillsborough, next Sat. (3 p.m.)

Follow signs Newport A48. Join Motorway M4. Leave at junction 24 & join A449 continue to A40 for Monmouth (By-Pass) & Ross (By-Pass). Follow signs to Motorway M50 & later join M5 northbound. At junction 8 branch left M6. Leave motorway at junction 7 following signs into Walsall (By-Pass) A461 to Lichfield then follow signs The North, Rugby A51. In 1½ m. follow signs A515 for Ashbourne. Continue to Newhaven, turn right A524 through Youlgreave. Shortly turn right A6 to Rowsley then left B6012 to Baslow. Turn left again A621 into Sheffield. Follow signs Barnsley A61 & forward along Penistone Road for 2½ miles to the ground.

185 miles

For details of coach bookings for all away matches telephone Mr. R. JAMES Jnr. at Nelson 295 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. any night except Sunday.

SUNDERLAND v. CARDIFF CITY at Roker Park

Monday, April 23, 1973 (3 p.m.)

Follow signs Newport A48 & later join Motorway M4. Leave at junction 24 & join A449 continue to A40 to Monmouth (By-Pass) & Ross (By-Pass). Follow signs to Motorway M50 & later join M5 northbound. At junction 8 branch left M6. Leave Motorway at junction 7 following signs to Walsall (By-Pass) A461, A5 & A38 to Burton (By-Pass). Continue to outskirts of Derby where turn right into Ring Road A511 (SP Nottingham) later turn right A52 & shortly join Motorway M1 Northbound. Continue for M18. At end join A1(M) to Wetherby. Continue to junction with A690 & follow signs to Sunderland. Follow signs South Shields A19 cross bridge then turn right A183, 1 mile further turn left into Givens St. At end bear right then left into Roker Baths Road for the ground.

319 miles

ROUTE INFORMATION KINDLY SUPPLIED BY THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

MATCH FOOTBALLS

We express sincere appreciation to the undermentioned Companies and friends of the Club who have generously donated the footballs used in our matches.

12 Aug.	Luton Town	Mr. & Mrs. BRYN JONES, Royston Private Hotel, Llandovery, Carmar.
26 Aug.	Blackpool	CARDIFF GOLF RANGE, Pontcanna, Cardiff
30 Aug.	Millwall	AIR INDIA, Queens Court, Queens Street, Cardiff
9 Sept.	Aston Villa	CARDIFF SHEET METAL & ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
23 Sept.	Bristol City	NEW TITO'S CLUB, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff
27 Sept.	Brighton H. A.	CAMBRIAN HIDE & SKIN CO. LTD., Sheepskin Products, 2 Pellett Street, Cardiff
14 Oct.	Middlesbro'	JOHN WILLIAMS OF CARDIFF LTD., East Moors Road, Cardiff
28 Oct.	Preston N. E.	MOBIL OIL CO., LTD.
11 Nov.	Notts. Forest	WELSH BREWERS LTD., Crawshay Street, Cardiff
25 Nov.	Fulham	RED DRAGON (TRAVEL) LTD., Church Street, Cardiff
9 Dec.	Sheffield Wed.	ROBT. BAXENDALE LTD., Queen Street, Cardiff
29 Dec.	Portsmouth	GEORGE WIMPEY & CO., LTD., Newport Road, Cardiff
19 Jan.	Oxford Utd.	ATKIN TRADE SPECIALISTS LTD., Brynley Road, Off Penarth Road, Cardiff
7 Feb.	Bolton W.	W. D. BARON, Manager, National Westminster Bank, Docks.
10 Feb.	Carlisle Utd.	HUTCHINS MOTORS LTD., 210 City Road, Cardiff
3 Mar.	Orient	PROVINCIAL PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO., LTD.
17 Mar.	Burnley	J. J. MEAT PRODUCTS LTD., 1 Adam Street, Cardiff
7 Apr.	Swindon T.	HARLECH MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS LTD., Aberdare House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff
18 Apr.	Q.P.R.	W. C. DURBIN & SON, Insurance Brokers, Pryce Street, Mountain Ash
21 Apr.	Huddersfield T.	CARDIFF PACKAGING CO.
2 May	Sunderland	JAMES KEIR LTD., 8 Royal Arcade, Cardiff
8 May	Hull City	ASTEY'S LIMITED, Caterers, Restaurateurs and Hoteliers

HOW WE STAND . . .

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II

	P	W	Home					W	D	Away			Pts
			D	L	For	Agst	L			For	Agst		
1. Burnley	36	10	6	2	36	18	9	7	2	23	16	51	
2. Queen's Park Rangers ...	35	13	4	1	48	13	6	8	3	23	22	50	
3. Blackpool	37	10	6	3	33	17	6	4	8	19	29	42	
4. Sheffield Wednesday ...	37	13	3	3	39	20	3	6	9	17	28	41	
5. Aston Villa	36	10	5	4	24	16	5	6	6	19	26	41	
6. Fulham	36	10	5	4	30	16	4	6	7	22	26	39	
7. Oxford United	36	12	1	4	31	14	4	5	10	15	23	38	
8. Bristol City	37	6	7	4	23	15	7	5	8	29	32	38	
9. Luton Town	35	5	8	5	23	22	9	2	6	19	19	38	
10. Middlesbrough	37	10	5	3	22	12	3	7	9	13	27	38	
11. Nottingham Forest ...	36	11	5	3	30	15	2	6	9	12	25	37	
12. Millwall	36	11	3	3	29	14	3	4	12	21	29	35	
13. Sunderland	32	8	6	2	27	13	4	4	8	20	27	34	
14. Hull City	34	8	6	3	34	18	3	5	9	20	33	33	
15. Carlisle United	36	10	4	4	38	20	1	5	12	8	23	31	
16. Swindon Town	37	7	8	4	26	22	2	5	11	17	35	31	
17. Portsmouth	36	5	6	7	18	20	5	4	9	20	32	30	
18. Preston North End ...	36	5	6	6	16	22	5	4	10	17	35	30	
19. Orient	35	8	5	4	25	15	1	6	11	13	29	29	
20. Huddersfield Town ...	36	6	9	4	19	18	1	6	10	14	29	29	
21. Cardiff City	34	10	1	5	26	16	0	6	12	9	33	27	
22. Brighton & Hove Albion ...	36	6	6	6	27	27	1	4	3	13	46	24	

... In The Football Combination

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		F.	A.	Pts.
					F.	A.			
Ipswich Town	34	23	6	5	75	27	52		
Arsenal	35	22	7	6	69	28	51		
Tottenham	32	17	12	3	60	26	46		
Oxford Utd.	34	15	12	7	46	33	42		
Birmingham C.	34	17	7	10	52	35	41		
Q. P. R.	34	16	6	12	50	36	38		
Cardiff City	33	14	9	10	42	37	37		
Chelsea	32	14	9	9	30	29	37		
Southampton	36	14	7	15	50	53	35		
Fulham	34	11	11	12	42	34	33		
Bristol Rovers	34	13	6	15	50	44	32		
Crystal Palace	31	13	6	12	39	37	32		
Bristol City	33	12	7	14	39	52	31		
Norwich City	35	11	8	16	41	51	30		
Leicester City	33	9	9	15	32	49	27		
Plymouth	33	10	7	16	32	52	27		
Swindon Town	34	9	7	18	37	56	25		
Reading	32	10	5	17	31	54	25		
Bournemouth	31	7	8	16	31	39	22		
Swansea City	32	9	4	19	49	70	22		
West Ham	34	4	7	23	17	68	15		

and THE WELSH LEAGUE Premier Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		F.	A.	Pts.
					F.	A.			
Bridgend	27	21	4	2	73	23	46		
Pembroke	23	17	1	5	58	29	35		
Cardiff City	21	17	0	4	75	30	34		
Cwmbran	28	13	4	11	48	40	30		
Llanelli	22	12	4	6	43	30	28		
Ammanford	26	12	4	10	40	39	28		
Haverfordwest	22	11	5	6	46	41	27		
Ton Pentre	24	10	6	8	53	30	26		
Newport	23	9	8	6	38	37	26		
Swansea City	27	9	8	10	36	42	26		
Caerleon	24	8	5	11	43	53	21		
Ferndale	22	7	6	9	34	34	20		
Cardiff Cor.	23	8	3	12	38	40	19		
Cardiff Univ	24	6	6	12	30	37	18		
Briton Ferry	24	4	8	12	32	45	16		
Ebbw Vale	22	4	6	12	26	47	14		
Merthyr T.	25	4	4	17	31	58	12		
Abergavenny	26	2	2	22	12	106	6		

WELSH CUP FINAL -2nd LEG. AT NINIAN PARK, CARDIFF.

CARDIFF CITY v. BANGOR CITY

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The British Programme Collectors Club know a good programme when they see one. For that reason they have placed the Bluebirds Journal, Cardiff City's official match-day magazine, among the top 20 programmes in the Football League.

Out of a total of 92 different publications, the Collectors Club has ranked the Journal 16th in their ratings list. In a letter to Ninian Park, the Club's secretary Mr. A. Lovett had this to say:

"The fact that your club programme is featured in this Top 20 speaks highly of your efforts, as competition for these places has increased considerably over the past four to five seasons.

The British Programme Club was first established in 1961 and its function is to assist programme collectors in all parts of the world to acquire new and old items.

A limited membership is necessary to ensure a good service, this limit at present being 300. Programmes of the current season are resold to club members only at reduced prices.

Annually our members are asked to vote on the best produced programmes of the current season. Votes come from all parts of Great Britain."

Competition was so tough that two First Division clubs, Leeds United and Newcastle United, failed to receive a single vote. A total of 29 clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions failed to record a vote.

The British Programme Collectors' Club Top 20 for 1972-73 is:

1 Aston Villa; 2 West Bromwich Albion; 3 West Ham United; 4 Chelsea; 5 Wolves; 6 Everton; 7 Birmingham City; 8 Hull City; 9 Luton Town; 10 Queen's Park Rangers; 11 Burnley; 12 Coventry City; 13 Leicester City; 14 Arsenal; 15 Bournemouth; 16 Cardiff City; 17 Fulham; 18 Tottenham Hotspur; 19 Manchester City; 20 Millwall.

Runners-up were Crystal Palace, Sheffield United, Manchester United and Watford. Programme prices vary, Luton and Hull charging 10p, Everton and Birmingham 8p, Chelsea and West Ham 5p.

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ROBERT PERKIN (Littleworth, Stafford) began his refereeing career 20 years ago in local leagues and gradually progressed through the Midland Intermediate League to become a linesman on the Central League in 1962.

Five years later he became a Central League referee and was promoted to the Football League's referee's list at the beginning of last season when he served on the line.

A married man, with one daughter, Mr. Perkin works as a press shop toolsetter. Among his interests are motoring and dancing, something which doubtless helps keep him on his toes when he's out in the middle either of a ballroom or a football pitch

Robson goes it alone at the top

Bryan Robson scored again for West Ham United last Saturday and must be the favourite to finish this season as the leading scorer in the First Division, in spite of the strong challenge from John Richards of Wolves.

Last season Francis Lee topped the First Division scoring chart with 33 goals, 13 of them penalties. By comparison Robson has scored only one of his 25 goals from the penalty spot but it is rather unusual that his total does not include a hat-trick

The complete lists are presented below. Please bear in mind when studying the figures that only those goals scored in Football League matches are counted.

division one

Bryan Robson (West Ham United)	25
John Richards (Wolverhampton W.)	21
Bob Latchford (Birmingham City)	17
Malcolm Macdonald (Newcastle United)	17
Allan Clarke (Leeds United)	16
Don Rogers (Crystal Palace)	16
Billy Dearden (Sheffield United)	14
John Tudor (Newcastle United)	13
Martin Chivers (Tottenham Hotspur)	13
John Toshack (Liverpool)	13
Derek Dougan (Wolverhampton W.)	12
Mike Channon (Southampton)	12
Martin Peters (Tottenham Hotspur)	12
Jimmy Greenhof (Stoke City)	12
Brian Alderson (Coventry City)	12
John Radford (Arsenal)	12
Rodney Marsh (Manchester City)	12
Peter Lorimer (Leeds United)	11
Tony Brown (West Bromwich Albion)	11
Kevin Hector (Derby County)	11

division two

Don Givens (Queen's Park Rangers)	21
Stuart Pearson (Hull City)	16
Gordon Bolland (Millwall)	16
Alan Gowling (Huddersfield Town)	16
Brian Joicey (Sheffield Wednesday)	15
Stan Bowles (Queen's Park Rangers)	14
Alf Wood (Millwall)	13
Paul Fletcher (Burnley)	12
Steve Earle (Fulham)	12
John Galley (Nottingham Forest)	12
Bobby Owen (Carlisle United)	12
Ray Treacy (Swindon Town)	12
ANDY McCULLOCH (Cardiff City)	11
Martin Dobson (Burnley)	11
Joe Laidlaw (Carlisle United)	11
Gerry Gow (Bristol City)	11
Bobby Gould (Bristol City)	11
John Mitchell (Fulham)	11
Hugh Curran (Oxford United)	11
David Sunley (Sheffield Wednesday)	11

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GROSS RECEIPTS FOR A 15,000 gate here at Ninian Park amount to, around £5,000. A recent First Division game in Italy, watched by a crowd of less than 12,000, reported total receipts of £23,714!

The latest issue of the Anglo-Italian Football News issues some facts which, by comparison, make our admission charges in Football League matches chickenfeed.

Take the game between Milan and Juventus. A crowd of 80,797 saw the match and paid £154,338 to do so. Which works out at very nearly an average of £2 per head.

These astronomical figures are a weekly occurrence in Italy in spite of the fact that it is Italian football which suffers most of all from a shortage of goals . . . or that's what we are led to believe.

Goals might not be all that plentiful in the Football League this season. However, no club has scored as few as Palermo who managed no more than 8 in their first 21 matches.

And what about Sampdoria? In the same number of matches they scored nine and conceded 16 but it certainly seems that the lack of goals is not frightening off the spectators.

So much for what is happening through the gate in Italy. On to domestic matters and next Saturday's matches in the top two divisions of the league are:

Division One: Arsenal v. Spurs; Coventry City v. Derby County; Crystal Palace v. Ipswich Town; Leicester City v. Birmingham City; Liverpool v. West Brom; Manchester City v. Sheffield Utd; Norwich City v. Chelsea; Southampton v. Newcastle Utd; Stoke City v. Manchester Utd; West Ham Utd. v. Leeds Utd; Wolves v. Everton.

Division Two: Aston Villa v. Bristol City; Blackpool v. Preston North End; Brighton v. Orient; Carlisle Utd. v. Hull City; Fulham v. Oxford Utd; Huddersfield Town v. Burnley; Nottingham Forest v. Middlesbrough; Queen's Park Rangers v. Luton Town; SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. CARDIFF CITY; Sunderland v. Portsmouth; Swindon Town v. Millwall.

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APPEARANCES:

AGGREGATE: D. Murray 462, P. King 460, D. Carver 269, G. Bell 244, L. Phillips 154, R. Woodruff 150, B. Irwin 79, B. Kellock 45, P. Dwyer 30, J. Vincent 27, N. Rees 27, A. McCulloch 26, R. Morgan 24, D. Showers 22, F. Parsons 20, G. Reece 20, D. Powell 19, F. Pethard 18, T. Villars 13, P. Morgan 11, K. Jones 10, R. Hoy 10, W. Anderson 8, A. Couch 7, A. Larmour 6, J. Impey 2.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: D. Murray 354, P. King 349, D. Carver 211, G. Bell 186, L. Phillips 118, R. Woodruff 112, B. Irwin 60, B. Kellock 32, P. Dwyer 23, N. Rees 20, J. Vincent 20, A. McCulloch 19, R. Morgan 18, F. Parsons 17, F. Pethard 17, D. Showers 17, G. Reece 16, D. Powell 16, T. Villars 11, R. Hoy 9, P. Morgan 9, W. Anderson 7, A. Couch 6, A. Larmour 4, J. Impey 1.

CONSECUTIVE FIRST TEAM GAMES: L. Phillips 55, B. Irwin 34, P. Dwyer 30, A. McCulloch 25.

AS SUBSTITUTES: L. Phillips 16, R. Woodruff 12, N. Rees 9, A. Couch 5, T. Villars 4, G. Bell 4, P. King 3, B. Kellock 2, J. McInch 2, D. Showers 2, A. Larmour 1.

THIS SEASON (all first team games, maximum 42): L. Phillips 42, G. Bell 41, B. Irwin 37, D. Murray 34, B. Kellock 33, P. Dwyer 29, J. Vincent 27, R. Woodruff 26, A. McCulloch 25, D. Showers 21, G. Reece 20, D. Powell 18, P. Morgan 11, D. Carver 9, R. Morgan 8, W. Anderson 7, T. Villars 6, A. Larmour 6, F. Pethard 6, F. Parsons 5, N. Rees 4, A. Couch 3, J. Impey 2, R. Hoy 2, P. King 2.

GOALSCORERS:

AGGREGATE: P. King 106, R. Woodruff 28, A. McCulloch 15, L. Phillips 11, G. Bell 10, D. Murray 7, B. Kellock 5, G. Reece 3, D. Showers 3, J. Vincent 3, N. Rees 2, D. Carver 2.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: P. King 67, R. Woodruff 19, A. McCulloch 10, G. Bell 8, L. Phillips 7, D. Murray 5, B. Kellock 2, D. Carver 1, D. Showers 1, N. Rees 1, J. Vincent 1, G. Reece 1.

SWINDON TOWN—FACTS AND FIGURES PLUS ALL RESULTS FOR 1972-73

CAREER SCORING (for Swindon only): P. Noble 62, R. Smart 42, J. Trollope 17, J. Butler 13, R. Treacy 11, S. Peplow 11, R. Thomas 6, F. Burrows 5, C. Porter 4, R. Bunkell 2, R. Howell 1, M. McGovern 1.

LEAGUE RESULTS 1972-73:

Home: Q.P.R. (2-2), Bristol C. (2-1), Sheffield Wednesday (1-0), Blackpool (0-0), Portsmouth (1-1), Luton Town (0-2), Preston (3-2), Brighton (2-2), Huddersfield (1-1), Orient (3-1), Fulham (2-2), Sunderland (1-1), Villa (1-3), Oxford (1-3), Cardiff City (3-0), Burnley (0-1), Carlisle (2-0), Nottingham Forest (0-0).

Away: Sheffield Wednesday (1-2), Carlisle (0-3), Sunderland (2-3), Villa (1-2), Huddersfield (1-1), Hull (2-3), Burnley (1-2), Nottingham Forest (2-2), Luton Town (1-0), Middlesbrough (2-0), Millwall (1-1), Oxford (0-1), Portsmouth (1-1), Bristol C. (0-3), Blackpool (0-2), Q.P.R. (0-5), Preston (1-1), Brighton (1-3).

Summary of Cardiff City v. Swindon Town in Football League matches:

	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Points
Cardiff City v. Swindon at Ninian Park	14	7	3	4	25	14	17
Cardiff City v. Swindon at County Ground	15	2	2	11	25	44	6
Total City v. Swindon playing record	29	9	5	15	50	58	23

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — SECOND DIVISION

Date 1972	Opponents	Grd.	Result		Scorers	Acc. Pts.	L.G. Pos.	Attend.	Rec. £	
Aug. 12	Luton Town	H	2	1	W	Bell*, Warboys	2	—	16365	5243
19	Portsmouth	A	1	3	L	Showers	2	—	14067	5194
26	Blackpool	H	1	2	L	Bell*	2	17	12401	3837
30	(W) Millwall	H	1	0	W	Clark	4	14	10116	2687
Sept. 2	Oxford United	A	1	2	L	Rees	4	15	8082	2621
9	Aston Villa	H	0	2	L		4	19	16707	5415
16	Carlisle United	A	0	4	L		4	21	5911	1661
19	(T) Notts. Forest	A	1	2	L	Gibson	4	21	6414	1667
23	Bristol City	H	1	3	L	Bell*	4	22	14204	4647
27	(W) Brighton	H	1	1	D	Foggon	5	22	9351	2365
30	Q.P.R.	A	0	3	L		5	22	11182	4379
Oct. 7	Orient	A	0	0	D		6	22	6284	2129
14	Middlesbrough	H	2	0	W	Vincent, Bell*	8	22	10430	3036
21	Burnley	A	0	3	L		8	22	13410	4081
28	Preston N. E.	H	3	0	W	McCulloch, Woodruff 2	10	22	12108	3686
Nov. 4	Brighton	A	2	2	D	Murray, Kellock	11	21	16387	5459
11	Notts. Forest	H	2	1	W	McCulloch, Woodruff	13	21	12750	3878
18	Huddersfield T.	A	1	2	L	Reece	13	22	5886	1738
25	Fulham	H	3	1	W	McCulloch 2, Woodruff	15	21	9690	2783
Dec. 9	Sheff. Wed.	H	4	1	W	Phillips 2, Woodruff 2	17	20	9909	2906
16	Hull City	A	1	1	D	Kellock	18	19	5875	1218
26	(T) Bristol City	A	0	1	L		18	20	20490	7628
29	(F) Portsmouth	H	0	2	L		18	20	12382	4011
1973 Jan. 19	(F) Oxford Utd.	H	2	0	W	McCulloch 2	20	20	6991	1964
27	Aston Villa	A	0	2	L		20	21	25856	7430
Feb. 10	Carlisle Utd.	H	1	0	W	McCulloch	22	21	7819	2082
17	Luton Town	A	1	1	D	Woodruff	23	19	10442	3958
27	(T) Swindon Town	A	0	3	L		23	21	9770	2911
Mar. 3	Orient	H	3	1	W	McCulloch 2, Bell*	25	19	8436	2379
7	(W) Blackpool	A	0	1	L		25	20	5303	1559
10	Middlesbrough	A	0	2	L		25	21	7686	1304
17	Burnley	H	0	1	L		25	21	11960	3410
24	Preston N. E.	A	0	0	D		26	21	6889	1326
31	Fulham	A	1	1	D	McCulloch	27	21	6262	
April 7	Swindon T.	H								
14	Sheff. Wed.	A								
18	(W) Q.P.R.	H								
21	Huddersfield T.	H								
23	(M) Sunderland	A								
28	Millwall	A								
May 2	(W)Sunderland	H								
8	(T) Hull City	H								
F.A. Cup Jan. 13	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	3	2	W	Kellock, McCulloch, Phillips	—	—	6397	
Feb. 3	Bolton Wands.	A	2	2	D	Kellock, Phillips	—	—	24729	
7	Bolton Wands.	H	1	1	D	McCulloch	—	—	14849	
12	Bolton Wands.	N	0	1	L		—	—	6361	

* Denotes penalty

Bluebirds Club: What's On . . .

The Player of the Year Award

DANCE AND TOP CLASS CABARET. WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th.

An award will be presented at the Bluebirds Club next month to Cardiff City's "Player of the Year". This will be the first time that such a trophy has been put forward and the winners name will be announced at a dance and top class cabaret evening at the club on Wednesday May 9th.

The "Player of the Year" award will be judged by three journalists who report on our matches — Peter Jackson (*South Wales Echo*), Clive Phillips (*Western Mail*) and Michael Boon (*Sunday Express*).

Who is going to be the first winner of the trophy? Come along to find out for yourself and enjoy what is going to be one of the big Bluebirds nights of the year.

A limited number of tickets are available for the "Player of the Year" dance. They can be obtained from Mr. Norman Leworthy at the Bluebirds Club.

But you'd better be quick . . .

Don't forget, dancing and bar facilities are available in the Bluebirds Club until 12.30 a.m. And look at these forthcoming events at the club:

APRIL 11th Presenting "OLD TYME MUSIC HALL" straight from the North of England. A complete 3 hour show. Bar facilities 12.30 a.m.
Tickets 40p.

MAY 16th Straight from Televisions Top Comedy Show "THE COMEDIANS" we present "Jim Bowen and Supporting Artists. 3 hour show.
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Wed., April 11th: Welsh Cup Final (2nd Leg) CITY v. BANGOR (7.30)

Thurs., April 12th: Football Combination CITY v. SWINDON (3.0)

Wed., April 18th: Football League Div. II CITY v. Q.P.R. (7.30)

TODAY'S LINE UP

CARDIFF CITY

(Royal Blue, White)

Bill IRWIN	1
Philip DWYER	2
Gary BELL	3
Alan COUCH	4
Don MURRAY	5
Leighton PHILLIPS	6
Billy KELLOCK	7
Andy McCULLOCH	8
Derek SHOWERS ^{Bobby} WOODRUFF	9
Bobby WOODRUFF ^{John} VINCENT	10
Willie ANDERSON	11
Dave POWELL ^{Derek} SHOWERS	12

v.

SWINDON TOWN

(White, red)

Peter DOWNSBOROUGH
Rod THOMAS
Joe BUTLER
Ken STROUD Ray BUNKELL
Frank BURROWS
Ron POTTER
Ron HOWELL
Ray BUNKELL Ken STROUD
Ray TREACY
Peter NOBLE
Tommy JENKINS
Richard LEE David MOSS

Referee:
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