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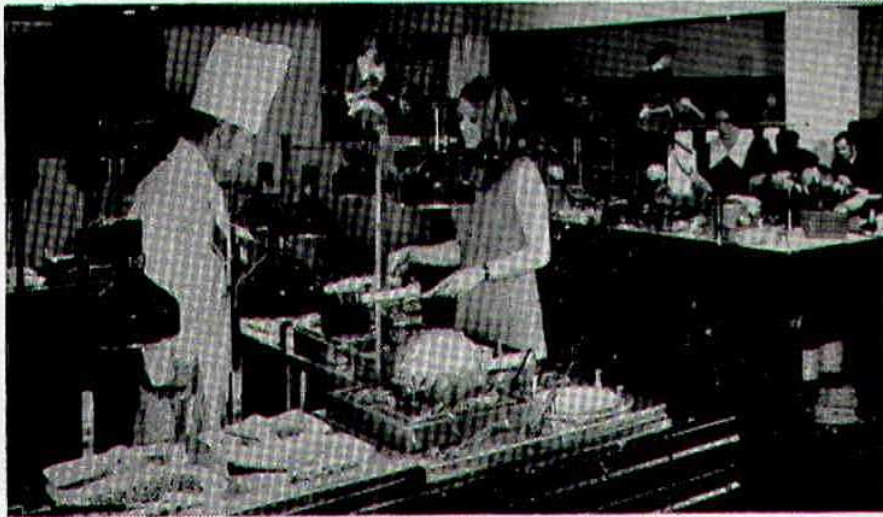
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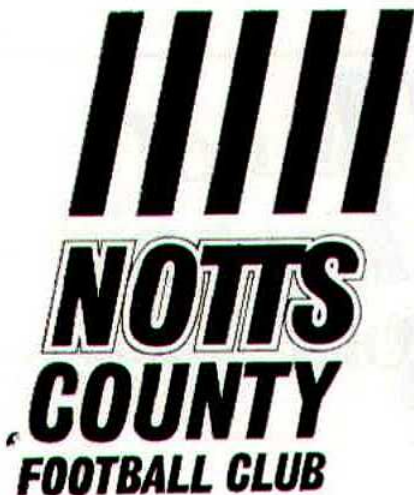
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IF SPIRIT and determination alone can guarantee soccer success then nobody surely doubts that Notts. County are on the threshold of another good campaign. These qualities were much in evidence on Tuesday evening in the 1-1 draw with Luton Town.

The comeback by the Notts. team, after being a goal in arrears, no doubt shocked Luton every bit as much as it delighted the home supporters, especially as it was crowned with a fine equalising goal by Les Bradd.

Les was keen to get off the scoring mark, and he could hardly have done so with a more beautifully-taken goal. All in all, then, a night when spectators got value for money.

But there were not many of those spectators around. A crowd of 8,509, giving an aggregate attendance for the first two Second Division games at Meadow Lane of over 23,000, is a long, long way below the club's expectations of the sort of support that would be forthcoming after two promotion successes in three seasons and the pleasure of welcoming back Division Two soccer.

More importantly, it's far less than the club needs in order to achieve any sort of financial stability, and it's for this reason that we hope that the early season gates will quickly show an upswing.

One of the really big attractions of the season looms in two weeks when strongly-fancied Aston Villa come to Meadow Lane . . . perhaps even a full-house occasion!



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OTHER ADMISSION PRICES

Admission prices for the new season are:

- Enclosure** (admittance only at Meadow Lane End) 50p. (Juveniles 25p).
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OUR NEXT MATCHES AT MEADOW LANE

Monday, 17th September
Midland Youth League
Notts. County v. Coventry City, 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th September
North Midland League
Notts. County v. Barnsley, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 29th September
Football League Division Two
Notts. County v. Aston Villa, 3.00 p.m.

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NOBODY REALLY rated Swindon Town as a promotion prospect before the season opened. Yet they have been standing proudly near the top of the table.

For months Swindon fans had been moaning the passing of Don Rogers, yet in David Moss — like Rogers, a Swindon discovery — they have a young player who looks an equally brighter prospect! Moss provides a perfect service for Republic of Ireland international striker Ray Treacy, who is once again among the Second Division's leading scorers. Treacy, a bustling centre-forward, began his League career with West Bromwich Albion, moved to Charlton in 1968 and in 1971/72 was their top scorer with 19 goals. Last season he topped Swindon's list with 14.

Swindon's other striker is Richard Legg, while probable first-choice for midfield positions are Terry Hubbard, Tom Jenkins and Mick McGovern. But Hubbard received a nasty injury last week and could be replaced by David Syrett or Ray Bunkell.

Swindon paid a club record £50,000 fee to Southampton for Jenkins last season. Once discarded by West Ham and Orient, he drifted into non-League football with Margate until given a come-back chance by Reading in 1969. Within weeks he was the subject of a £60,000 transfer to Southampton.

Youth Star

McGovern joined Swindon last season from Queen's Park Rangers, where he had won only occasional runs in the first-team. Bunkell won England youth honours when he was with Spurs though he didn't get a game in their League team. He satisfied his ambition for League soccer soon after joining Swindon in 1971.

Syrett is a Swindon product, still serving his apprenticeship. He played at Preston and against W.B.A. as substitute on each occasion.

At Preston his presence was needed due to an injury to Rod Thomas, the Welsh international full-back who has been playing centre-half this season. Rod had been Swindon's right-back for the past seven years. He joined them from Gloucester City and now has 29 full Welsh caps.

If Thomas is still absent, expect to see Kenneth Stroud deputising. Ken has less than a dozen League games to his credit so far but he receives superb support from Frank Burrows, a most experienced player. Frank first entered English football with Scunthorpe in 1965 after serving Raith Rovers. Swindon signed him in 1968 and only injuries have since kept him out of the side.

Welsh Caps

The flank defenders are likely to be Joe Butler and John Trollope. Butler, who was signed from Newcastle in 1965, has played in several positions for Swindon, proving one of their most valuable players over the years. He is one of the survivors of that wonderful occasion at Wembley in 1969 when Swindon crushed Arsenal 3-1 in the League Cup final.

Trollope has been on parade — apart from a short injury absence — continually for 12 seasons. He is now nearing 550 League appearances for the club and in one unbroken run he played 368 consecutive games.

Goalkeeper Jimmy Allan developed in the nursery team, won his debut two seasons ago and is now performing with all the aplomb of a veteran. So there could be still frustrating days ahead for Alan Spratley, a close-season signing from Queen's Park Rangers where the brilliance of Phil Parkes had limited him to only two League games in three years.

Swindon maintain close connections with Q.P.R. as manager Les Allen was once a player and manager of the London club. He was also, of course, a member of the fabulous Spurs' double-winnig team of 1960/61.

THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE

Goals for John Hickton, David Mills and Brian Taylor helped Middlesbrough to a fine 3-2 victory at Crystal Palace last Saturday and to their best start to their away programme in 27 years!

Not since 1946/47 — when football resumed on a proper basis after the war — have they succeeded in winning their first two away League games of the season. That victory left hapless Palace one of only two Football League clubs without a point. Shrewsbury Town was the other.

West Bromwich Albion destroyed themselves at Swindon where they went down 0-1 to a spectacular own-goal by David Shaw. Following a corner from the left, Ray Treacy jumped for the cross — but missed. The ball hit Shaw on the head as he charged back towards his own goal and rocketed into the roof of the net.

Albion had shown in their earlier play some slick, well-controlled football and always looked a cut above the ever-enthusiastic Swindon side. They would surely have recovered to win had they not, inexplicably, decided to turn their attentions upon carving up the opposition.

Albion players were involved in clashes on and off the ball; they had three players booked and another, Willie Johnston, sent off. They could thank the leniency of the referee for finishing with as many as ten men on the field. One can only hope this was not typical of their style, otherwise manager Don Howe's problem is not going to be so much gathering sufficient points to win promotion — but whether he will have enough first-team men free of suspension and available for selection.

Such performances — at a time when football is rapidly gaining a new image — can only do harm to the game. Yet home-spun Swindon carried on playing their own style of football and were unlucky not to add to the score.

Luton Town continue to astound the critics. More first-team players were sold to raise cash during the summer, yet still they come up trumps. After thrashing Carlisle 6-1, Harry Haslam's team visited 100 per cent Bristol City, went 2-0 up in four minutes and finally came away with a splendid 3-1 win. And, of course, they drew at Notts. on Tuesday.

Irishman Tom Finney scored again, taking his total to three goals in two full games for the Hatters.

By last weekend Finney numbered among the Second Division's top scorers, with our own Kevin Randall top of the list:

	League		
	League	Cup	Total
Randall (Notts. Co.)	2	2	4
Byrom (Bolton)	2	1	3
Finney (Luton)	3	—	3
McCulloch (Cardiff)	1	2	3
McKenzie (Nottm. F.)	3	—	3
Owen (Carlisle)	1	2	3
Treacy (Swindon)	2	1	3

Blackpool's unhappy winger Micky Burns obliged with the goal which beat Millwall at Bloomfield Road.

Shock result of the day was Orient's 3-0 win at Fulham. When Bullock gave them a first-half lead it was much against the run of the play. Yet in the end Orient were full value for their win, even though the margin flattered them.



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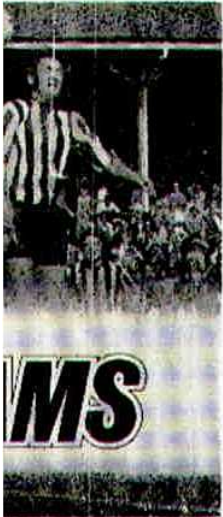


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Date	Opponents	Ground
1973		
Aug. 25	Crystal Palace	A
28	Doncaster R. (Lge. Cup 1st Rd.)	H
Sept. 1	Sunderland	H
8	Carlisle United	A
11	Luton Town	H
15	Swindon Town	H
19	Oxford United	A
22	Portsmouth	A
29	Aston Villa	H
Oct. 2	Oxford United	H
6	Blackpool	A
	League Cup (2nd Round)	
13	Fulham	H
20	Preston North End	H
24	Luton Town	A
27	Sheffield Wednesday	A
31	League Cup (3rd Round)	
Nov. 3	Millwall	H
10	West Bromwich Albion	A
17	Bolton Wanderers	A
21	League Cup (4th Round)	
24	Middlesbrough (1)	H
Dec. 1	Bristol City	A
8	Orient	H
15	Hull City (2)	H
19	League Cup (5th Round)	
22	Aston Villa	A
26	Nottingham Forest	H
29	Carlisle United	H
1974		
Jan. 1	Sunderland	A
5	F.A. Cup (3rd Round)	
12	Swindon Town	A
16	League Cup (Semi-Final)	
19	Crystal Palace	H
23	League Cup (Semi-Final)	
26	F.A. Cup (4th Round)	
Feb. 2	Hull City	A
9	Portsmouth	H
16	Fulham (5)	A
23	Blackpool	H
Mar. 2	Nottm. Forest (Lge. Cup Final)	A
9	Sheffield Wednesday (6)	H
16	Preston North End	A
23	West Bromwich Albion	H
30	Millwall (F.A. Cup Semi-Final)	A
April 6	Middlesbrough	A
10	Cardiff City	A
13	Bolton Wanderers	H
15	Cardiff City	H
20	Orient	A
27	Bristol City	H
May 4	F.A. Cup Final	

4—1	Stubbs, Randall (2), Vinter ...	20,841
3—4	Randall (2), Stubbs	7,735
1—4	Carter	15,335
0—3		6,027
1—1	Bradd	8,509

NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Ground
1973		
Aug. 28	Sunderland	A 1—2
Sept. 5	Sunderland	H 2—0
12	Mansfield Town	A
19	Barnsley	H
25	Hull City	A
Oct. 10	Halifax Town	A
17	York City	A
24	Scunthorpe United	H
31	Lincoln City	A
Nov. 7	Chesterfield Town	A
14	Middlesbrough	A
20	Rotherham United	A
28	Grimsby Town	H
Dec. 4	Doncaster (Cup, 1st Round)	A
11	Grimsby Town	A
19	Hull City	H
1974		
Jan. 2	Bradford City	H
9	Mansfield Town	H
15	Doncaster Rovers	A
30	Halifax Town	H
Feb. 6	Barnsley	A
13	Bradford City	A
27	Doncaster Rovers	H
Mar. 5	Scunthorpe United	A
13	York City	H
20	Chesterfield Town	H
27	Lincoln City	H
April 3	Rotherham United	H
9	Middlesbrough	H

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THE BALL AT THE FEET OF...



Few players in the world of football, and hardly any associated with Notts. County either in past or present times, have had a more rapid rise to stardom than Keyworth-born Brian Stubbs.

It was only in July, 1968, that he signed professional forms for the club, but he has already figured prominently in two promotion-winning sides and is now one of the key back four men of the Second Division side.

Brian's 200th League and Cup game for Notts. is just round the corner, and he will hope to celebrate that milestone with the sort of star performance that he gave on the season's opening day at Crystal Palace.

Brian is an all-round sportsman, for he plays cricket for his local club, Keyworth, in the summer, thus retaining his links with the Nottinghamshire area where he played his first serious football in the local United side in the Spartan League.

The best wishes of all Magpies are extended to Brian and his wife on their marriage during the summer.

Brian Stubbs



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NOTTS. COUNTY v. ASTON VILLA
At Meadow Lane
Saturday, 29th September
Kick-off 3 p.m.

SIX POINTS from their first four League games put Aston Villa firmly in line for another promotion drive this season. They celebrated their return to Division Two last season — following a two-year stint in the Third Division — by finishing in third place. Now the aim is to do at least as well and to return in triumph to the place where such a great club belongs: the First Division.

Manager Vic Crowe strengthened his squad with two summer signings. Welsh international midfield player Trevor Hockey arrived after a brief stay at Norwich; this extending his list of clubs to seven, including Forest.

Sammy Morgan, a Northern Ireland international striker, was the second major signing. Last season he was Port Vale's level top scorer as they chased promotion from Division Three.

Morgan was signed as replacement for veteran Andy Lochhead, who has now moved on to Oldham, but he was absent for Villa's opening games when a combination of Alun Evans, Ray Graydon, Geoff Vowden and Brian Little got the vote for front positions.

Villa ran up 2-0 victories in each of their first two home games against Preston and Oxford and drew away — 1-1 at Millwall and 0-0 at Palace. Their scoring in these games was well diversified, Charlie Aitken, Trevor Hockey, Brian Little, Geoff Vowden and Bruce Rioch scoring one each.

Though these are early days, Aston Villa look certain to be among the top clubs again and their visit to Meadow Lane on Saturday, September 29th, should provide stimulating opposition.





YOUR PAGE Means What It Says ! (It's for news – and views – from our supporters' organisations and from YOU.

Send your comments on The Magpies to Programme Editor, Notts. County F.C., Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN for the special train which — for the first time — is being hired from British Rail to take Notts. supporters to an away match.

Arrangements are being made by the F.C. Supporters' Club for the train to run to the game at Portsmouth on 22nd September.

The price is £1.70 return and refreshments will be available.

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"Junior Magpies" Under-16's have once again commenced their fixtures. For further information please refer to Paul Reynolds or Neal Hook. This season we also hope to run an Under-13's team, anyone interested should contact Mr. Tom Lord. Home games will be played on the Victoria Embankment on Sunday afternoons, as previously. Under-16's made a great start on Sunday, September 2nd, by beating Aspley All Blues, 9-1. The captain is once again Philip Adcock.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB Enquiries and applications for membership should be made to the Supporters' room at the rear of the Meadow Lane stand.

CLUB SHOP Open on match days at the rear of the Meadow Lane end stand; plenty of souvenirs on sale.

FUND RAISING 'Golden Goal' tickets on sale at ground on first team match days. For details of other Fund Raising schemes and activities contact the Pools Office (**back of Main Stand**) Meadow Lane, Nottingham.

STAND SEATING Seating for home League games available 14 days in advance of each fixture from the Secretary's Office to personal or postal applicants. Prices: Main Stand 80p and 70p, Meadow Lane Stand 70p.

' NO TRANSFERS ' Transfers from one part of the ground to another or from standing parts of the ground to seating accommodation are now discontinued at Meadow Lane.

BALL DONATIONS Match ball donors always welcome. Any individual or organisation wanting further details, please contact Secretary, Notts. County F.C.

CLUB TIES On sale at the Secretary's Office, the Official Notts. County Football Club tie, in maroon, blue or green, price £1.15 Get yours today!

CAR PARKING Space around ground limited, no street parking. Club's official Car Park (price 10p) is on Iremonger Road (score board end). There is also space at Cattle Market.

TOILETS Ladies facilities rear of Meadow Lane Stand, at Sutton Street entrances and back of Main Stand. Gents rear of Meadow Lane Stand, at Sutton Street entrances, back of Main Stand and Popular side of ground.

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