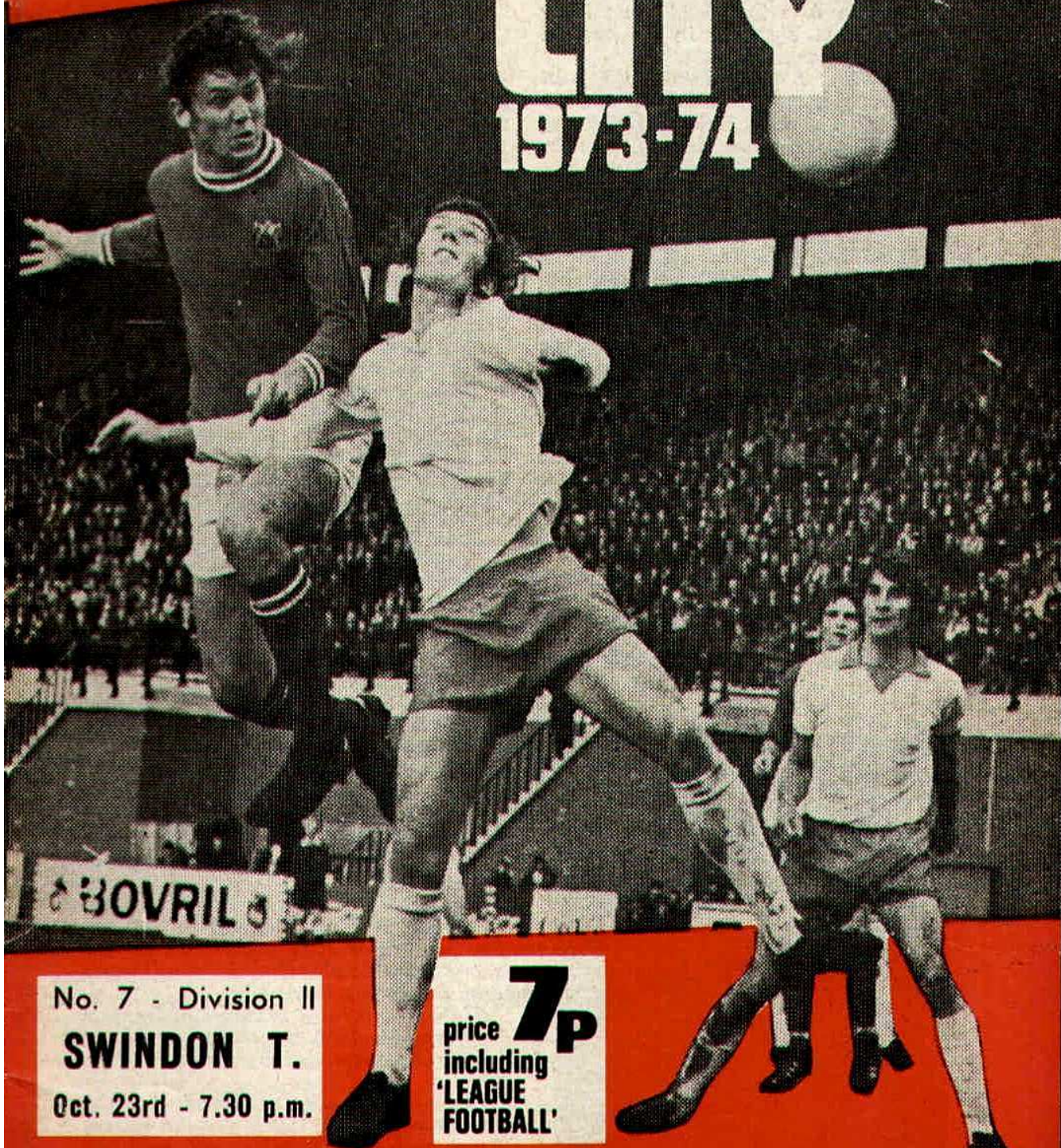


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SWINDON TOWN

Most Swindon Town followers will recall March 15, 1969, as the finest day in the club's history.

That's the date they beat the mighty Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley in the final of the Football League Cup.

One man at Ashton Gate tonight will have more cause than most to remember the game . . . City's Bobby Gould was on the losing Arsenal side, in fact he scored their goal.

The following season was Swindon's best ever in the Football League. They finished fifth in Division Two.

Formed in 1881, Swindon became a professional club in 1894 and joined the Football League in 1920-21 season. They played in Division Three (South) until the Third and Fourth Division were established in 1958 and they were then in Division Three.

Their first success came in 1962-63 when they were promoted as runners-up to Northampton Town. Two seasons later they were relegated along with Swansea.

THE CLUB

Promotion came again in 1968-69, the season they won the League Cup. They finished second in Division Three to Watford.

Since the war they have had six managers including Bert Head, Danny Williams, Fred Ford and Dave Mackay.

Swindon established two club transfer records last season. They collected £150,000 when Don Rogers went to Crystal Palace in October and immediately paid Southampton £50,000 for Tommy Jenkins.

Prior to that the biggest fee they had received was £40,000 when Ernie Hunt went to Wolves in September 1965 and the largest sum paid out was £40,000 to Charlton Athletic for Ray Treacy in June 1972. Hunt is now with Coventry City.

THE MANAGER



LES ALLEN took over as manager of Swindon Town after his former Tottenham Hotspur playing colleague Dave Mackay had left to join Nottingham Forest in November last year.

Mr. Allen had been chief scout for the club before the departure of Mr. Mackay and Des Anderson, who took over as caretaker manager for a spell.

He played in every game in Tottenham's remarkable Football League and F.A. Cup double winning campaign of 1960-61.

He signed for Spurs from Chelsea in December 1959 in exchange for Johnny Brooks. Played in 119 Football League games for the club before joining Queen's Park Rangers in July 1965.

He was appointed manager of Rangers in December 1968 but three years later, left to be succeeded by coach Gordon Jago.

Since taking over as Swindon's chief he has collected £35,000 for the sale of Peter Noble to Burnley and paid out almost £40,000 for Charlie Tuson, Mick McGovern, Alan Spratley and Ray Clarke.



JOHN TROLLOPE (left) and FRANK BURROWS—two of Swindon's long - serving and most dependable defenders.

THE PLAYERS

Swindon already seem involved in another foot of the table battle for survival in the Second Division.

They come to Ashton Gate without an away win to their credit, although they have drawn at Orient (0-0) and Preston (1-1). They have lost at Luton (2-1), Nottingham Forest (2-0) and Notts County (2-0).

Inverness-born goalkeeper JIMMY ALLAN was understudy to PETER DOWNSBOROUGH last season. But Downsborough is in dispute with the club after a walk out. Allan is keeping £10,000 summer signing ALAN SPRATLEY out of the side.

Welsh international full-back ROD THOMAS has been the subject of a great deal of transfer talk for more than a season. He recently relinquished the captaincy. Needs only a handful of games to complete 300 League appearances for the side.

JOHN TROLLOPE has a massive total of close to 550 Football League games to his credit . . . all of them with Swindon. Signed as a professional in August 1960.

KEN STROUD, a former apprentice, had played fewer than ten games at the start of this season but he established himself as a regular.

Centre half FRANK BURROWS took over as captain from Thomas. He started his career with Raith Rovers and played over 100 games for Scunthorpe United before joining Swindon.

He has now played almost 200 League games with Swindon and was recently appointed youth coach. The £13,000 paid out for him has proved to be one of the club's best investments.

JOE BUTLER is another long service player with close to 300 League games for the club. He can play in either midfield or at full back. Was formerly with Newcastle United.

DAVID MOSS has considerably less experience, his appearances before this season totalling only 21. He was spotted playing junior soccer and signed pro in 1969.



SWINDON TOWN line-up, 1973-74: Back row, left to right: Kenny Stroud, Terry Hubbard, Jimmy Allan, Alan Spratley, Chris Porter, Richard Legg. Centre row: Mick Collins, Ron Potter, John Trollope, Frank Burrows, Ray Clarke, Tommy Jenkins, Rod Thomas. Front row: David Moss, Mick McGovern, Ray Bunkell, Les Allen (Manager), Charlie Tuson, Ray Treacy, Joe Butler.

One of manager Les Allen's first signings was his former Queen's Park Rangers player MICK MCGOVERN. McGovern, who spent a month on loan with Watford last season, cost £10,000.

RAY TREACY—a regular in the Eire international team—cost a then record fee of £40,000 when he was signed from Charlton Athletic in June 1972.

He was the club's top scorer last season with 13 goals in the Second Division. He started his career with West Bromwich Albion.

Chippenham born striker RICHARD LEGG played only six times last season, four of them as a substitute. But he has been a regular member of the side this term. He is also an all-round cricketer of some promise and plays for Gloucestershire's Second XI and Under 25 sides.

TOMMY JENKINS played for Orient and Reading before moving to Southampton in December 1969 for £60,000.

Dave Mackay spent a third of the £150,000 fee he collected from Crystal Palace for Don Rogers to sign Jenkins in November, only a few days before he left to join Nottingham Forest. Jenkins now seems to be fully recovered from injury which dogged him last season.

RON POTTER played with West Bromwich Albion before joining Swindon in November 1970, while RAY BUNKELL was with Tottenham Hotspur before his Swindon move in June 1971.

Both came on free transfer and Bunkell was interviewed by ALAN DICKS at Ashton Gate with a view to joining City, before he decided to choose Swindon instead.

Swindon's latest signing is MICK COLLINS from Wolverhampton.

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SWINDON TOWN

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- 1 Len BOND
- 2 Trevor TAINTON
- 3 Brian DRYSDALE
- 4 Gerry SWEENEY
- 5 Gary COLLIER
- 6 Geoff MERRICK (Capt.)
- 7 Clive WHITEHEAD
- 8 Tom RITCHIE
- 9 Bobby GOULD
- 10 Gerry GOW
- 11 Keith FEAR
- 12 Donnie GILLIES

- 1 Jimmy ALLAN
- 2 Rod THOMAS
- 3 John TROLLOPE
- 4 Joe BUTLER
- 5 Frank BURROWS (Capt.)
- 6 Kenny STROUD
- 7 David MOSS
- 8 Mick McGOVERN
- 9 Ray TREACY
- 10 Richard LEGG
- 11 Tommy JENKINS
- 12 Mick COLLINS

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Has refereed in Italy, Iceland, West Germany, Malta and Spain and been in charge of League Cup and Texaco Cup semi-finals. He continues to referee in the Athenian League and officiates in more than 60 games a season.

A married man, he works as an audio and digital tape application design engineer and his interests are walking, tennis and gardening. He says: "Referees should enjoy the games they take charge of no matter what class they are in".

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PETER GODSIFF reports on

ONE thing I admire above everything at football matches is skill—either collectively in a magnificent build-up or individually when one player shows a supreme moment of ability which stays in the memory for a long time afterwards.

Stan Bowles, the Queen's Park Rangers forward, thrilled me on Sunday with a delightful side-step to score against Wolves in the televised Big Match programme.

I am sure I would have enjoyed seeing players of the calibre of Ferenc Puskas, Francisco Gento and Jose Augusto playing for the Rest of Europe against Old England in the Goaldiggers charity match last week. But the match, scheduled for Ashton Gate, was transferred to Leicester City because of the clash with the Scunthorpe League Cup replay here.

Incidentally, I am assured by Jimmy Hill that Bristol will be first for consideration if the Goaldiggers stage similar matches next season, so we might yet see some of the all-time greats playing at Ashton Gate.

Keith Fear is another player who is capable of producing a magic moment on the field. His chipped goal against Scunthorpe was worth going a long way to see. He is a crowd-pleasing player able to produce the unexpected.

He may not be in the game very much—something which he is certainly trying to rectify—but he can never be ignored.

Now there is another Fear on the full-time staff—Keith's younger brother Vivian who will be 18 tomorrow. He was upgraded from his apprentice ranks last week.

For those fans who do not watch reserve or youth team matches, Vivian is just like Keith in his ability and approach to the game.

"I know I've got to be more consistent and I'm working at it," he told me the other day. And Keith has been saying the same thing about himself for a long time.

The other significant staff change in the past few days was the temporary transfer of reserve striker Eddie Woods to Scunthorpe United.

He will play for the Fourth Division club for a month first of all and manager Alan Dicks is prepared to release him for a second month if the player and club agree.

Eddie, who told me that he believes he has outgrown the reserve-team after more than two years in the Combination side, is now anxious to get a taste of regular first-team football. Since following John Emanuel from Welsh League club Ferndale, he has played in one full game and made two brief substitute appearances in senior football.

THE CITY SCENE



Three disillusioned young men sat in the Aston Villa directors box last Saturday with mixed feelings about the game they were watching. For JOHN EMANUEL (left), DAVID RODGERS and RAY CASHLEY would have given almost anything to be out on the field.

They represent the club's senior injury list at the moment and for Ray and John the return to full fitness is likely to take some time. Ray's dislocated shoulder injury could keep him out for another month.

And John's broken jaw is so tender that the specialist has banned him from taking part in any training activities that might lead to another facial blow. He will be out for another fortnight.

David is the luckiest of the trio—if you call seven stitches, a brokenjaw and a couple of leg injuries already this season as lucky—for he is now fit to return.

I expect him to get a game on Saturday. But that match against West Bromwich last month has certainly proved a bad memory for three of the small first-team squad at Ashton Gate.

Bobby Gould believes that the club's critics who felt that injuries would completely disrupt the team should think again after the last three matches.

"The lads who have come in have done a great job," he told me. "So much for the suggestions that we would struggle."

And one player who has been in tremendous form is Trevor Tainton. "He was magnificent at Millwall and against Scunthorpe," he enthused. "I take my hat off to him for playing so brilliantly in his new position."

Trevor, (pictured right), not surprisingly, is happy with the way he has settled in at right-back. "As long as I'm involved in the play, I don't mind what position I'm in," he told me.

"It's handy having someone like myself able to play in a couple of positions. I enjoy the freedom of my new role and I am encouraged to go forward and attack although I mustn't forget my defensive duties."

And manager Alan Dicks observed: "Trevor has an exciting attacking flair. His control and ability to beat defenders is a great asset to the team."



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“Villa game: All that is best in football”

IT'S been quite a week for football news. England's World Cup defeat, Brian Clough's resignation, our League Cup replay win over Scunthorpe followed by an excellent draw at Aston Villa on Saturday have kept the newspapers pretty busy.

On the domestic front, everyone at Ashton Gate is still talking about that pulsating match on Saturday which featured all that was best in football.

It was competitive and everyone felt that it was one of the best this season. I am sure that all the fans at Villa Park went home satisfied with the quality of the entertainment.

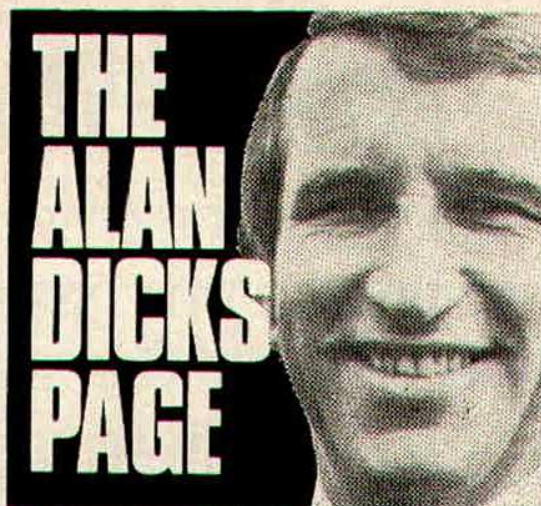
There were many attempts on goal, good passing movements, good individual skills from players and very positive challenging by most players. You need physical challenges in games with two players battling fairly and squarely for possession.

We had all that and the most pleasing factor for me was the way the players of both sides got up quickly when they were fouled and did not try any of the play-acting tactics to bring ill-feeling into a game.

There is nothing worse than feigned injuries and this was one of the topics brought up at a meeting of all Football League managers at a special meeting organised by the Football Association in London last Wednesday on the afternoon of the England-Poland international.

New F.A. secretary Ted Croker and all members of the F.A. Disciplinary Committee met for informal discussions about discipline. There was no gamesmanship at Villa Park and this contributed to the entertainment of this particular match.

The crowd of nearly 27,000 was the biggest we have played before this season. The atmosphere was tremendous and it would be marvellous to have a 27,000



crowd at Ashton Gate, all firmly behind the team.

When Ray Graydon cracked in his unstoppable equaliser just after half-time the crowd really backed Villa and the players responded well. We had to defend hard and I was pleased with the way the lads stuck to their task and still came out playing good football.

This is what crowd support is all about. Such fervour creates a white-hot atmosphere and usually the players respond with a good game. There is something soul-detroying going to a massive well-equipped ground and finding nobody there to watch. Conversely, a big crowd can lift players.

The character of our players shone through because we absorbed considerable pressure in the second half. We held them up well and a couple of chances near the end might have brought us the winner.

It was a big day for Clive Whitehead in his home city. He shaped up well in the first half and had one very good spell when he caused a lot of problems. But he didn't get much of the ball in the second half so Donnie Gillies went on to liven things up.

It was a tactical move and Clive has his chance again tonight. Trevor Tainton, who has looked a very good player in his switch to right-back, also stays in this position. He expended a lot of energy in the first-half at Villa but ran out of steam in the last 20 minutes. But he has made an outstanding return to full-back.

Although we are looking for our first double of the season tonight against Swindon, it will not be an easy task. Although Swindon are in the lower half of the table, the Second Division is an evenly-matched competition this season with many surprise results. But if we show the effort we displayed at Villa we should win.

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Supporters' Club Page

WHAT has a football club got to do to get the support it deserves? It is a question worth asking tonight because the success of the team this season has brought third place in the Second Division table—yet the average attendance so far for home games is less than 13,000.

The many City supporters who travelled to Aston Villa last Saturday saw at first-hand the enthusiasm of Villa fans and an example of the consistently high attendances at Villa Park. There is no doubt the noisy support is a great encouragement to the team and the high gates enable the club to pay their way and budget for the future.

Why can't that happen in Bristol? Alan Dicks has produced a fine young team capable of equalling or bettering all other sides in the division and there is a real chance of promotion this season.

But it must be disheartening for the directors, the management and, above all the players, to see so many empty places on the terraces.

Bobby Gould asked in the Green 'Un last Saturday: "Where are the Bristol crowds?" If this message gets through to so-called fans who are not at Ashton Gate tonight, I am sure the football club would welcome an answer.

To those who are here tonight I say: Come again on Saturday for the Blackpool match and bring a friend or a carload of friends and swell the gate to the biggest of the season.

If we want First Division football in Bristol we must be prepared to give our full backing to the team and the club. Let's all pull together and make sure this golden opportunity doesn't pass us by.

The horse race night scheduled for the clubroom this Thursday has now been postponed until Wednesday, December 5th. In future all race nights will be on Wednesdays.

The directors have kindly agreed to sponsor one of the races and will be in attendance on December 5th. Other sponsors are now being sought and if you can help, please contact me.

Christmas draw tickets (3p each in books of 10) are going out to all members in the next few days. If each member sells one book, the draw will be a huge success. So please do your best. The first prize is £100 and there are dozens of other prizes.

—ARTHUR FOWLER

Half-time scoreboard

A	ASTON VILLA CRYSTAL PALACE
B	CARLISLE UNITED MIDDLESBROUGH
C	NOTTINGHAM FOREST HULL CITY
D	SUNDERLAND PORTSMOUTH
E	HALIFAX TOWN GRIMSBY TOWN
F	SHREWSBURY TOWN TRANMERE ROVERS
G	WALSALL YORK CITY
H	BARNSELY DONCASTER ROVERS
J	NEWPORT COUNTY NORTHAMPTON TOWN
K	ROTHERHAM UNITED BRADFORD CITY
L	SCUNTHORPE UNITED GILLINGHAM
M	SWANSEA CITY CREWE ALEXANDRA

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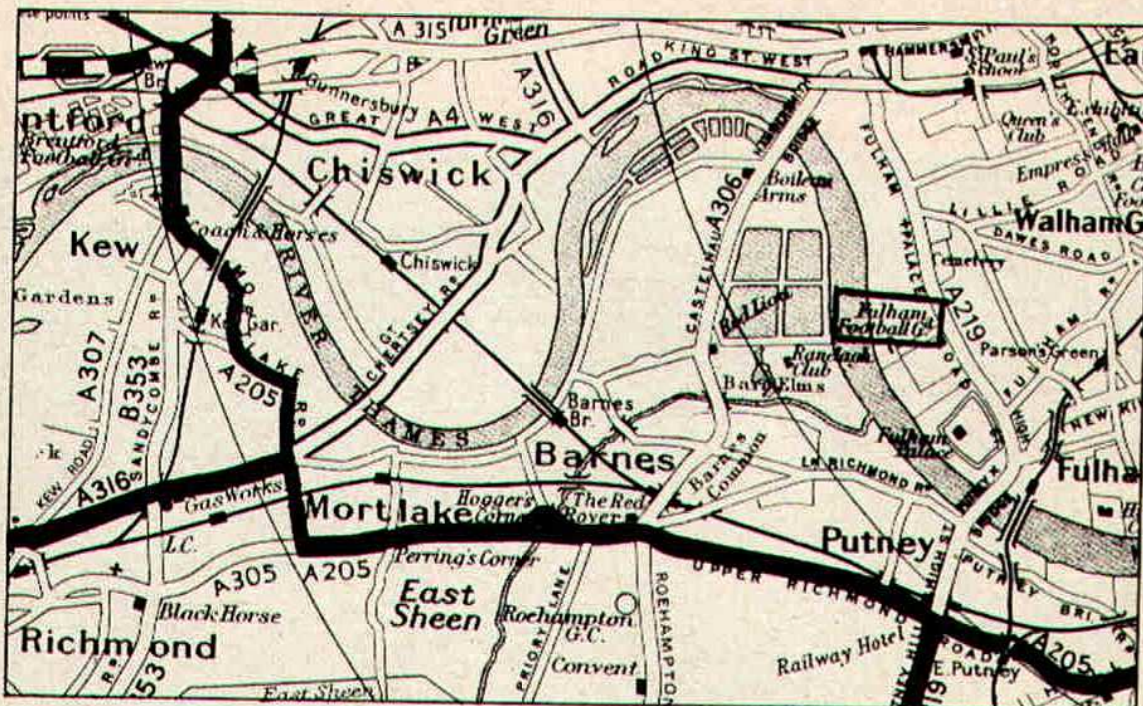
CITY IN CAMERA



Action from Millwall. Right—CLIVE WHITEHEAD beats HARRY CRIPPS. Above—BARRY KITCHENER in duels with GERRY SWEENEY and DONNIE GILLIES. Pictures—RICHARD HUDD.

ACTION AT ASHTON





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Football Combination games . . . goals

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
1973					
Aug. 25	Norwich City	A	1-2	Woods	—
.. 28	Bournemouth	H	1-3	Woods	916
Sept. 1	Reading	H	2-0	Harding, Griffin	606
.. 4	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-4	Woods	—
.. 8	Southampton	A	0-0		—
.. 12	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-0	Gillies	725
.. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-1		1,000
.. 19	Bournemouth	A	0-6		—
.. 22	Chelsea	A	1-2	Griffin	—
.. 29	Birmingham City	H	0-2		618
Oct. 6	Luton Town	A	1-3	Durrell	—
.. 13	Leicester City	H	1-3	Fear (V.)	600
.. 27	Crystal Palace	A			
Nov. 3	Fulham	H			
.. 10	Arsenal	A			
.. 17	Queens Park Rangers	A			
.. 24	Ipswich Town	H			
Dec. 1	Bristol Rovers	A			
.. 8	West Ham United	H			
.. 11	Chelsea	H			
.. 22	Cardiff City	A			
.. 29	Norwich City	H			
1974					
Jan. 2	Reading	A			
.. 5	Swansea City	H			
.. 12	Tottenham Hotspur	A			
.. 19	Southampton	H			
.. 22	Oxford	H			
.. 26	Swansea City	A			
Feb. 2	Birmingham City	A			
.. 9	Luton Town	H			
.. 12	Cardiff City	H			
.. 16	Leicester City	A			
.. 27	Oxford United	A			
Mar. 9	Crystal Palace	H			
.. 16	Swindon Town	A			
.. 23	Arsenal	H			
.. 30	Fulham	A			
April 6	Ipswich Town	A			
.. 13	Queens Park Rangers	H			
.. 20	West Ham United	A			
.. 27	Bristol Rovers	H			
	Swindon (H) to be arranged.				

Appearances: Woods 12, Durrell 11, Whitehead 11, Bond 10, Harding 10, Bain 10, Rogers 10, Crowley 8, Griffin 7, Fear (V.) 7, Peachey 6, McNeil 5, Williamson 5, Gillies 4, Collier 3, Lee 3, Ross 3, Wimhurst 2, Wardle 2, Perrott 2, Wilson 1.

Scorers: Woods 3, Griffin 2, Gillies 1, Harding 1, Fear (V.) 1, Durrell 1.

CITY FIRST-TEAM FACTS

Date 1973	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
Aug. 25	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-0	Gould	13,665
Sept. 1	Orient	A	1-0	Rodgers	7,216
" 8	Luton Town	H	1-3	Gould (pen.)	12,208
" 11	Swindon Town	A	1-0	Gould	13,991
" 15	Preston North End	A	1-1	Fear	10,790
" 18	Hull City	H	3-1	Ritchie, Cashley, Gould	10,711
" 22	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2-0	Gould, Fear	13,829
" 29	Middlesbrough	A	0-2		17,049
Oct. 2	Hull City	A	1-2	Rodgers	7,235
" 6	West Bromwich A	H	1-1	Gould	14,326
" 9	Scunthorpe (F.L. Cup 2nd round)	A	0-0		4,418
" 13	Millwall	A	2-0	Gould, Whitehead	7,592
" 16	Scunthorpe (replay)	H	2-1	Fear, Sweeney	7,837
" 20	Aston Villa	A	2-2	Fear, Ritchie	26,918
" 23	Swindon Town	H			
" 27	Blackpool	H			
" 30	Coventry City (F.L. Cup 3rd round)	H			
Nov. 3	Fulham	A			
" 10	Crystal Palace	H			
" 17	Sunderland	H			
" 21	(F.L. Cup 4th Round)				
" 24	Carlisle United (1)	A			
Dec. 1	Notts County	H			
" 8	Portsmouth	A			
" 15	Cardiff City (2)	A			
" 19	(F.L. Cup 5th Round)				
" 22	Middlesbrough	H			
" 26	Oxford United	A			
" 29	Luton Town	A			
1974					
Jan. 1	Orient	H			
" 5	(F.A. Cup 3rd Round)				
" 12	Preston North End	H			
" 16	(F.L. Cup Semi-Final)				
" 19	Bolton Wanderers	A			
" 23	(F.L. Cup Semi-Final)				
" 26	(F.A. Cup 4th Round)				
Feb. 2	Cardiff City	H			
" 9	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
" 16	Millwall (5)	H			
" 23	West Bromwich A.	A			
Mar. 2	Oxford United (L.C.F.)	H			
" 9	Blackpool (6)	A			
" 16	Aston Villa	H			
" 23	Crystal Palace	A			
" 30	Fulham (S.F.)	H			
April 6	Carlisle United	H			
" 12	Nottingham Forest	H			
" 13	Sunderland	A			
" 16	Nottingham Forest	A			
" 20	Portsmouth	H			
" 27	Notts County	A			
May 4	F.A. Cup Final				

Appearances: Sweeney 14, Merrick 14, Tainton 14, Ritchie 14, Gould 14, Gow 14, Fear 12(1), Drysdale 11(1), Rodgers 10, Emanuel 10, Cashley 10, Collier 7, Bond 4, Whitehead 3, Gillies 3(6), Woods (1).

Substitute appearances in brackets.

Scorers: Gould 7, Fear 4, Rodgers 2, Ritchie 2, Sweeney 1, Whitehead 1, Cashley 1.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Middlesbrough	12	7	4	1	12	6	18
Notts County	12	7	2	3	18	14	16
BRISTOL CITY	12	6	3	3	16	12	15
Luton	10	6	2	2	21	14	14
Aston Villa	12	4	6	2	17	10	14
Orient	12	4	6	2	17	12	14
Preston	12	5	4	3	14	10	14
Nottingham Forest	17	4	5	3	18	11	13
Fulham	12	4	5	3	8	8	13
Sunderland	10	4	4	2	14	8	12
Hull City	12	4	4	4	12	12	12
Carlisle	12	5	2	5	13	16	12
Sheffield Wednesday	12	5	1	6	16	16	11
Portsmouth	12	4	3	5	16	19	11
Blackpool	12	3	4	5	10	14	10
West Bromwich	12	2	6	4	12	17	10
Bolton	10	4	1	5	8	7	9
Cardiff	10	2	5	3	13	15	9
Swindon	12	3	3	6	8	13	9
Millwall	12	4	1	7	12	17	9
Oxford United	12	2	4	6	6	15	8
Crystal Palace	12	0	3	9	9	24	3

Figures in brackets indicate rounds of the F.A. Cup

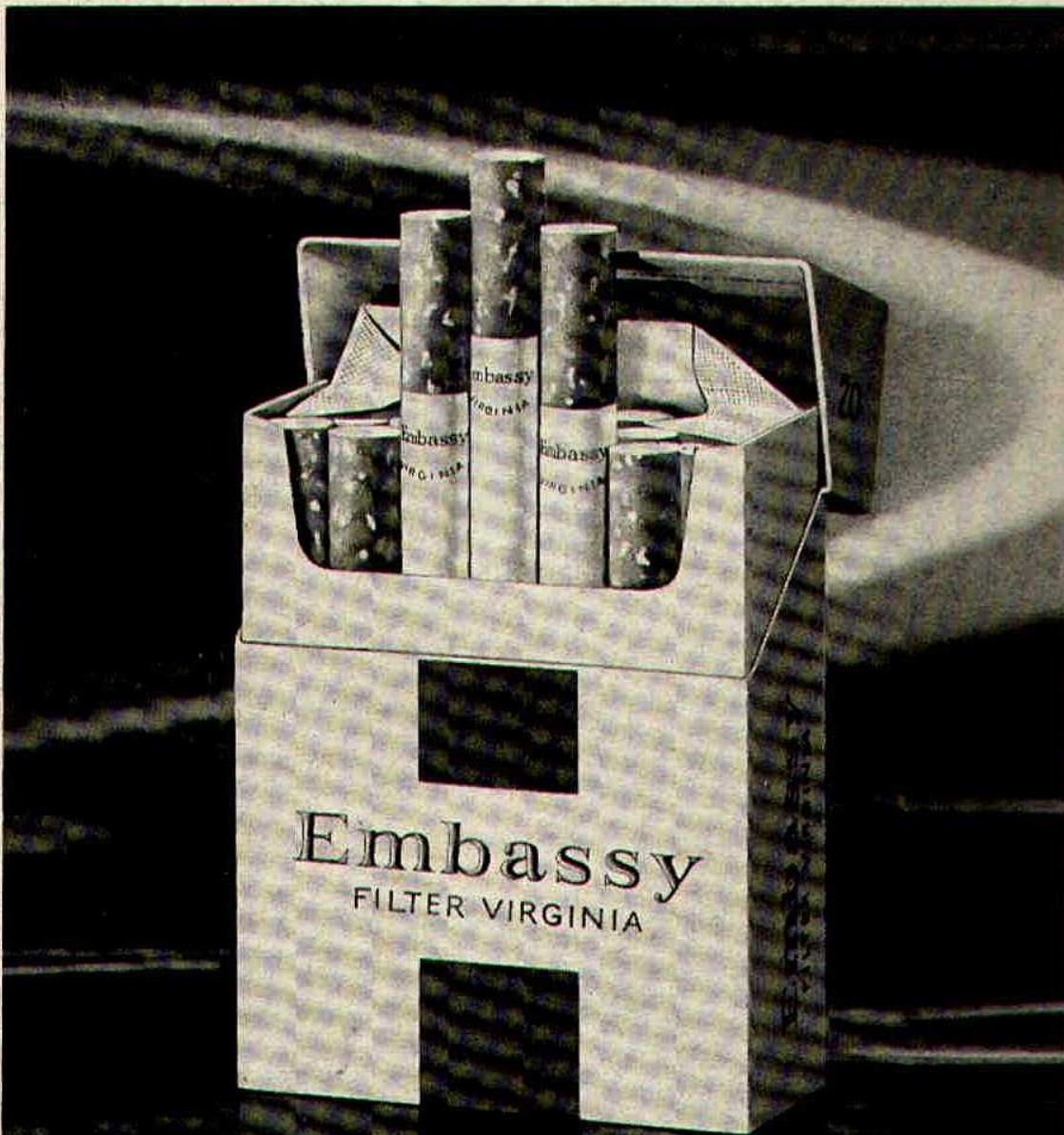
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WATNEY CUP

Aug. 11—Peterborough A. 2-1; (Gould 2 — 9,138).

Aug. 15—Stoke City A. 1-4; (Ritchie — 13,812).

Appearances: Cashley 2, Sweeney 2, Emanuel 2, Rodgers 2, Merrick 2, Tainton 2, Ritchie 2, Gould 2, Gow 2, Fear 2, Drysdale 1, Collier 1 (1), Gillies (2), Whitehead (1).



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