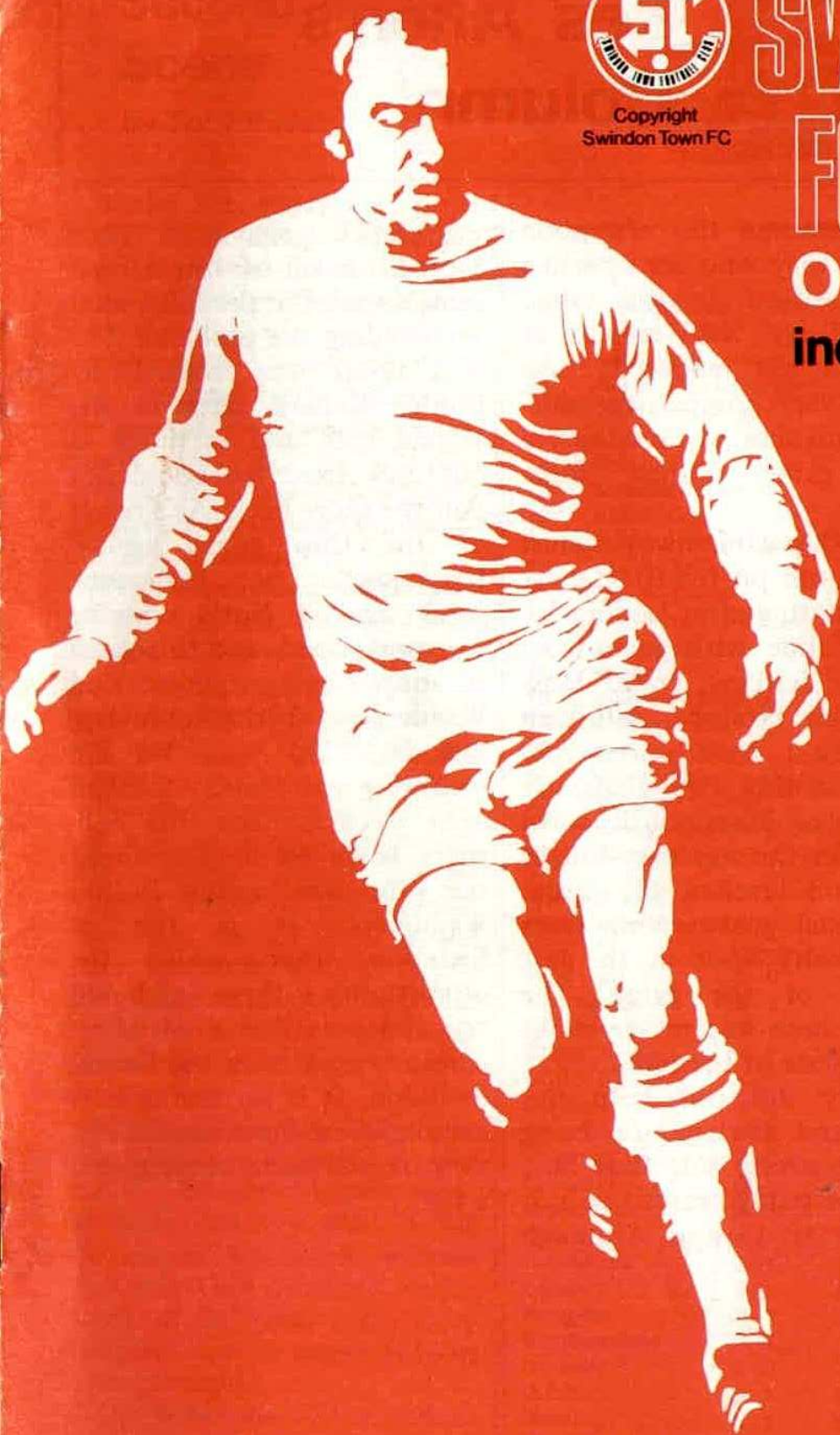




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## Les Allen's Column

A welcome this afternoon to Hull City who are now in a mid position in the table. Since Terry Neill arrived at Hull he has moulded them into a very competitive side, and I am sure we can enjoy a good game against them today.

Our Cup game away against Portsmouth proved to be most disappointing after leading 3-1 at half time with goals from Tommy Jenkins, David Moss and John Trollope. Although we should have never conceded another two goals, we must give Portsmouth some credit for the way they fought back and levelled the score, their final goal coming from the penalty spot in the last minute of the game. The Replay here was rather spoilt by the state of the pitch which certainly did not help our team, and Portsmouth being the big strong side that they are it certainly seemed to suit them better than us. Although

we played some very good football most of our efforts came to grief in the thick mud surrounding the goal area. The only goal was scored by Bobby Kellard later in the second half, and as much as our lads tried we could not pull the score back. As a result of the Cup game against Portsmouth our following game against Notts country was postponed, and this game is now being played on Wednesday, 20th February, kick-off 2.30 p.m. We are venturing into Sunday football next week on the 3rd February when we have arranged our game here against Bolton Wanderers. It is felt at Swindon that while the opportunity is there we should try and see what kind of reaction we get from the fans in Swindon. It is no telling how successful or unsuccessful this venture will be until we give it a try.





## Second Division Scene

by Tony Pullein



## Robins Year-by-Year

Part 14 — Season 1933/34

Bolton Wanderers, one of the Sunday soccer pioneers when they staged their third round F.A. Cup tie against Stoke City, have made it clear they are not interested in playing regular Sunday football. Said chairman Bill Isherwood: 'Because of the unusual circumstances we had to consider anything. But it is not our policy to play on Sundays when the country gets back to normal.'

Welsh international striker Wyn Davies, who joined Blackpool from Manchester United for £45,000 in the summer, has seen a specialist about the knee injury which has kept him out of the side for two months.

Former England under-23 striker Jack Whitham is giving himself one last come-back chance. The ex-Sheffield Wednesday and Liverpool player was released from Anfield when specialists said he would never play again. But he joined Cardiff City on trial and was due to play his first game for the reserves recently.

Charlie Aitken has now beaten Aston Villa's club record for the most League appearances previously held by Billy Walker who played 480 games between 1919 and 1934. Walker's scoring record of 213—shared by Harry Hampton—is in no danger of being beaten, though.

The Welsh under-23 side which drew 0-0 with England contained four Second Division players—our own Terry Hubbard, plus Dwyer, Villars and Showers of Cardiff City. Burnley's Leighton James was the only regular First Division player in the team.

### Final Table DIVISION III (South) — 1933/34

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Points
1. Norwich City	42	25	11	6	88	49	61
2. Coventry City	42	21	12	9	100	54	54
3. Reading	42	21	12	9	82	50	54
4. Queen's Park Rangers	42	24	6	12	70	51	54
5. Charlton Athletic	42	22	8	12	83	56	52
6. Luton Town	42	21	10	11	83	61	52
7. Bristol Rovers	42	20	11	11	77	47	51
8. Swindon Town	42	17	11	14	64	68	45
9. Exeter City	42	16	11	15	68	57	43
10. Brighton and Hove Albion	42	15	13	14	68	60	43
11. Leyton Orient	42	16	10	16	75	69	42
12. Crystal Palace	42	16	9	17	71	67	41
13. Northampton Town	42	14	12	16	71	78	40
14. Aldershot	42	13	12	17	52	71	38
15. Watford	42	15	7	20	71	63	37
16. Southend United	42	12	10	20	51	74	34
17. Gillingham	42	11	11	20	75	96	33
18. Newport County	42	8	17	17	49	70	33
19. Bristol City	42	10	13	19	58	85	33
20. Torquay United	42	13	7	22	53	93	33
21. Bournemouth and B.A.	42	9	9	24	60	102	27
22. Cardiff City	42	9	6	27	57	105	24

### Football League Division III (South)

	Home	Away
Aldershot	1-0	2-1
Bournemouth	3-2	1-1
Brighton	1-1	0-3
Bristol City	4-2	2-2
Bristol Rovers	1-0	0-3
Cardiff	6-3	1-0
Charlton	1-3	0-1
Clapton Orient	3-0	0-1
Coventry	0-1	1-5
Crystal Palace	3-2	0-0
Exeter	1-1	2-2
Gillingham	3-1	3-3
Luton	3-1	3-2
Newport	1-1	2-1
Northampton	1-1	2-2
Norwich	0-0	2-3
Q.P.R.	3-1	0-1
Reading	3-1	0-2
Southend	1-4	1-4
Torquay	2-0	0-2
Watford	1-0	0-4

### F.A. Cup

Rd. 1 — Ilford	(a)	4-2
Rd. 2 — Dartford	(h)	1-0
Rd. 3 — Brighton	(a)	1-3

### Men Who Played

#### League appearances:

Armstrong, T. H. 31; Briggs, A. L. 42; Blakemore, C. 26; Bowl, H. T. 2; Cousins, H. 41; Duckworth, T. C. 17; Fisher, F. 30; Flanagan, W. J. A. 32; Frater, D. S. 1; Herod, E. R. B. 41; Haddleton, A. 7; Harris, B. 25; Helsby, T. 34; Hicks, G. W. 4; Kirkwood, D. 7; Lambie, A. 22; Merrick, C. 27; Nixon, T. 28; Peters, F. 35; Turner, R. F. 4; Timbrell, H. J. 6.

#### League scorers:

Armstrong 21, Peters 16, Fisher 13, Blakemore 8, Timbrell and Flanagan each 2, Barrie (Q.P.R.) and Farrow (Bournemouth) each 1.

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# Hull's promotion hopes hit

by Tony Pullein



**Back Row:** Left to Right. Chris Galvin, Stuart Blampey, John Kaye (Captain), John Hawley, Don Beardsley (now with Grimsby), Ray Greenwood.

**Middle Row:** Left to Right. Jeff Hemmerman, Stuart Croft, Mel Green, Ian McKechnie, Jeff Wealands, Phil Holme, Steve Deere, Paul O'Riley

**Front Row:** Left to Right. Frankie Banks, Roger deVries, Jimmy McGill, Terry Neill (Manager), Ken Wagstaff, Stuart Pearson, Malcolm Lord.

Hull City recovered from a poor start to join the promotion hopefuls as the half-way mark of the season approached. But a run of seven League games without a win has hit their hopes badly and it now seems rather unlikely that they will create club history by gaining First Division status for the first time this year.

The recent signing of Dennis Burnett from Millwall has done much to sharpen things in midfield where the new player has been

linking up with Chris Galvin and Malcolm Lord. Hull paid a club record £60,000 fee to sign Burnett who, until this season, had missed only one game in six seasons with the Lions, whom he joined from West Ham in 1967.

A £40,000 fee secured Galvin's transfer from Leeds United this summer. At Elland Road he had been overshadowed by the big stars but now he is settling down to regular League football. Lord made his debut in 1966/67 and has been

on regular duty for the past five seasons.

When Galvin was out of the team, young John Hawley was recalled to play in midfield.

Ken Wagstaff has been back to something like his old scoring form this season, ably assisted in Hull's front line by Stuart Pearson and Roy Greenwood.

Wagstaff, top scorer with eight goals, now has more than 250 League goals to his credit and he is currently the competition's



second-highest scorer. His early efforts went to Mansfield's credit and, since joining Hull in 1964 he has on five occasions been top scorer.

Pearson, a local discovery, has been top scorer for the past two seasons though he hit a lean spell earlier this season. He is Hull's penalty taker. Greenwood, another former Hull apprentice to make the grade, made his debut in 1971/72 and gained a regular place last season.

Goalkeeper Jeff Wealands was a £10,000 signing from Darlington two seasons ago. Wolves was his first professional club but he didn't get into their first-team. He spent a period on loan to Northampton but it wasn't until the opening day of 1971/72, after joining Darlington, that he played in League football.

Jimmy McGill, usually a midfielder player, has been playing in defence, while John Kaye has been injured. Normally, the defence had been lining up with Frank Banks, Steve Deere, Kaye and Roger DeVries. Stuart Blampey has also been appearing in the back four.

Banks joined Hull from Southend in 1966. He spent his first season in the reserves but after winning a first-team place he has remained more or less a permanent member of the side ever since. Deere, a one-time Norwich amateur, joined Hull from Scunthorpe this summer and his performances at centre-back have enabled player-manager Terry Neill finally to relinquish his playing duties.

Kaye, was once a top striker with Scunthorpe, West Bromwich paid £45,000 for him in 1964 and he was the Throstles' top scorer in 1965/66. Soon afterwards he switched to midfield and now he has moved back into defence. Hull paid Albion £28,000 for his transfer two seasons ago.

DeVries came from the juniors to make his first appearance in the senior team in 1970/71.

McGill cost Hull £53,000 when they signed him from Huddersfield in October 1971. He began his career with Arsenal, making little headway until moving to Huddersfield in September 1967 but then he blossomed as a midfield player. McGill lost his place when Hull signed Dennis Burnett and he was then placed on the transfer list.

Blampey made his senior debut for Hull in 1969/70 and, at the beginning of this season, he was holding a regular place for the first time.

Hull City have recovered splendidly from an incredibly poor start to the season, when they scored only two goals in their opening seven games.

Hull City manager Terry Neill—he is also Northern Ireland's team manager—didn't expect to face these problems for his side had given a promising performance in the pre-season Watney Cup. The Tigers defeated Mansfield and Bristol Rovers both away from home, before going down to Stoke City in the final.

When manager Terry Neill left Arsenal to take up his present appointment in 1970, he was the Gunners' longest-serving player, having completed over 250 first-team appearances for them. He was spotted playing for Bangor in Northern Ireland and Arsenal signed him in December 1959 when he was 17. He was only 20 when he was appointed club captain—the youngest in Arsenal's history. And he became a regular member of his country's full and under-23 international elevens. In April 1964 he captained his country for the first time against Wales and has on many subsequent occasions had this honour.

Three seasons ago he created a

record when he became the first manager to play for Ireland.

The First Division has been Hull City's chief ambition for a long while now. They very nearly made it in 1910—in only their fifth campaign in the Football League, they needed only to draw their last game at Oldham to guarantee promotion. The snag was, Oldham needed both points to finish ahead of Hull! And they got them with a 3-0 win.

In 1905, when they gained surprise election to Division Two upon its expansion to 20 clubs, the club moved to its Anlaby Road headquarters where it was to remain until being bombed out during the second war.

It was ironical that Hull's greatest-ever F.A. Cup run should coincide with their first relegation to Division Three in 1930. While they were knocking out First Division giants Manchester City and Newcastle—and Second Division champions-to-be Blackpool—in the F.A. Cup, they suffered a succession of heavy League defeats (one by 1-7 at West Bromwich).

They even took the mighty Arsenal to a replay in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, before losing narrowly 0-1, but that didn't help save their League status.

Three years later they won the Third Division (North) championship but, three years later again, they were down once more. They regained their Second Division place in 1949 but fell back again in 1956.

Two years later, when the lower divisions were re-organised, Hull became members of the new national Third Division—and, as runners up to Plymouth Argyle, stepped up again into Division Two.

After one calamitous campaign, though, they were back in Division Three again, remaining until their most recent promotion in 1966.





Frank Burrows joins the attack in an effort to net an equaliser during the F.A. Cup replay against Portsmouth.

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Division II  
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Peter Eastoe goes up with Portsmouth goalkeeper Milkins after a series of corners had not produced a goal. Here he is just foiled by a good save.

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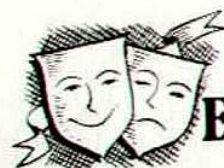
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- A Arsenal v. Aston Villa
- B Fulham v. Leicester
- C Hereford v. Bristol City
- D Liverpool v. Carlisle
- E Luton v. Bradford City
- F Manchester United v. Ipswich
- G Newcastle v. Scunthorpe
- H Oldham v. Burnley
- I Peterborough v. Leeds
- J Q.P. Rangers v. Birmingham
- K Southampton v. Bolton
- L Wrexham v. Middlesbrough
- M Wolverhampton v. Norwich
- N Cardiff v. Notts County
- O Blackburn v. Shrewsbury
- P Cambridge United v. Brighton
- Q Charlton v. Huddersfield
- R Grimsby v. Rochdale
- S Plymouth v. York City
- T Port Vale v. Tranmere

## The man in the middle

### Ronald Challis

(Tonbridge, Kent). Went on The League line in 1962 after serving as a referee in the Southern League. Promoted to the League referee's list in 1968. Was a linesman for a Fairs Cup match and refereed a quarter-final game in the 1970 F.A. Challenge Trophy. He took up refereeing while serving in the R.A.F. in Singapore. Chairman of the Tonbridge branch of the Referee's Association since 1961 he is also secretary of the London and S.E. Counties section of the Association of F.L. Referees and Linesmen. Married, with two sons, he works as a magazine production officer.



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### **Swindon Town**

- 1 Allan
- 2 McLaughlin
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Munks
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Stroud
- 7 Moss
- 8 Hubbard
- 9 Eastoe
- 10 Butler
- 11 Jenkins

### **Hull City**

- 1 Wealands
- 2 Banks
- 3 McGill
- 4 Blampey
- 5 Deere
- 6 Burnett
- 7 Hawley
- 8 Lord
- 9 Pearson
- 10 Wagstaff
- 11 Greenwood
- 12 deVries

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