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NEWS & VIEWS

Can it be a good omen? The last occasion on which we played Wrexham was on Saturday 22nd September 1962, the beginning of the season when Swindon won promotion to Division 2. It was their first season back in Division III, and they finished strongly in ninth position with 49 points. Just to prove how fortunes change so quickly in football the following season 1963-64 Wrexham was relegated to Division IV, and in 1965-66 even finished bottom of that league, and had to seek re-election. However, in 1969-70 Wrexham returned, and the next season proved to be one of the best ever, as they finished in fourth place. They also reached that position last season, and only just failed to gain promotion to Division II. At present Wrexham is in fifteenth position, with eleven points from eleven games, have won two and drawn one away game, so will prove stern opposition.

The game played in 1962 was a splendid encounter, which Swindon won by three goals to nil. The Swindon team was Turner, Wollen, Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruffe, Summerbee, Hunt, Smith, Smart, Jackson.

Wrexham — Keelan, Jones, E., McGowen, Barnes, K., Fox, Jones, T., Barnes, C., Griffiths, Ambler, Metcalf, Colbridge.

John Trollope is still with us, as fit as ever, and captain of the team, Maurice Owen is Youth Coach, Bobby Woodruffe plays for Newport and Michael Summerbee is hitting the high spots with Manchester City. Ernie Hunt is on Bristol City books, but does not make the first team. Jack Smith is trainer/coach at Bath City, for whom Roger Smart plays.

Goalkeeper, Kevin Keelan, is still giving magnificent displays for Norwich City, but the doyen of Wrexham is surely Arfon Griffiths. He had just returned from Arsenal back to his old club. Throughout the years he has retained his form and directs play from midfield. At thirty-three years of age, he recently gained his first Welsh Cap in an European Nations game.

We welcome on his return to the County Ground, Manager John Neal, one of Bert Head's first signings when he took over as Manager. He played many fine games at right-back until his transfer to Aston Villa, then managed by Joe Mercer. John was in the Villa team, which won the first League Cup Final, played on a two leg basis. Rotherham (for whom our friend Danny was coach) won 2-0 at home, but Villa won the second leg by 3 goals to nil and thus an aggregate of 3 goals to 2.

WREXHAM

RECOVER WELL

by Tony Pullein

Wrexham made quick amends for an unhappy opening to the season and they are now shooting up the table to make another challenge for promotion. They were thereabouts right to the end last season but ultimately had to settle for fourth place. The Welsh club also broke new ground by reaching the quarter-final of the F.A. Cup for the first time.

Manager John Neal placed a hearty vote of confidence in his players by refusing to go into the transfer market for new players and the scene was set for a confident opening to the new season.

Unaccountably, Wrexham managed to win only one of their opening six League games and were beaten at home in the League Cup by Fourth Division Crewe Alexandra!

A win at Aldershot, however, put them on the road to recovery. Wrexham then proceeded to rout Plymouth 5-1, score a 2-0 victory at Bournemouth and draw 3-3 at Brighton. Then last Saturday, after taking a 2-0 lead over Grimsby, they conceded late goals to lose 2-3!

Wrexham's team shows little chance from last season and we hope to see their two new internationals — Arfon Griffiths and David Smallman — on parade today.

"New" is probably not the ideal adjective to use in Griffiths' case for he has been in League soccer for 15 years though he was only this season chosen for his first full international.

Arfon, a former Welsh under-23 international, made his Wrexham debut in 1959 and a year later he was transferred to Arsenal for £14,000. But, by 1962, he

was back at Wrexham where he has since remained.

He had long ago given up hopes of ever winning a full cap when Wales' new team-manager Mike Smith picked him for the recent European Championship game against Austria in Vienna. He obliged by scoring the goal which gave Wales a half-time lead but they eventually lost 1-2.

Smallman didn't play in Vienna but he was introduced to the Welsh team for last season's British Championship, appearing in all three matches. He made his League debut only two years ago but certainly made a big impression last season when he finished Wrexham's top scorer with 14 goals.

This season he is again leading the way with eight.

Smallman is likely to be partnered in attack by either Geoff Davies or Bill Ashcroft.

Davies, who was top scorer for non-League Wigan Athletic for three years, made his League bow with Chester two seasons ago and transferred to Wrexham last term. Ashcroft, a local discovery, came into the team four seasons back and was level-top scorer, with Smallman, on the 14-goal mark two seasons ago.

The midfield usually incorporates Griffiths, Graham Whittle, Brian Tinnion and Michael Thomas. Whittle and Thomas are both Wrexham discoveries who have been in the team for some three years. Thomas recently scored a hat-trick in the 5-1 win over Plymouth while Whittle hit two goals in each of successive away games at Brighton and Bournemouth.

When Tinnion joined Wrexham in 1969, after four seasons as a Workington regular, the £14,000 fee was then a Wrexham record. He has since spent a short loan spell at Chester.

Goalkeeper Brian Lloyd is a former Welsh under-23 international who began his League career with Stockport in 1967/68. Southend signed him in 1969 and he moved on to Wrexham two years later.

Unless there are any injuries or suspensions, the back four should be Joe Jones, Micky Evans, Eddie May and David Fogg.

Jones and Fogg both developed in Wrexham's junior teams but Evans was signed from Wolves in 1966 and he later won Welsh under-23 honours.

May began his League career with Southend in 1964/65 and he made over 100 first-team appearances before signing for Wrexham in 1968.

Wrexham F.C., founded in 1873, initially played at Acton Park only a short distance from their present headquarters, The Racecourse, so known because horse and trap races took place there before the turn of the century. Today it is the only League ground with a public house within its boundaries!

The club played in the now-defunct North Wales Alliance and shortly before the first war moved up to the Birmingham League. In 1921 they became founder-members of Division III (North) but for most of their early days in the League they were confined to the bottom half of the table.

Between 1929 and 1933 they twice finished third and once second, missing promotion by only two points to Hull City. After the war, in 1948 and 1953, they again finished third but they have still to attain Second Division status.

When the two sections of the Third Division were fused to form the new Third and Fourth Divisions in 1958, Wrexham scraped into the higher league on goal-average. But only two years later they were relegated. They regained their place in 1962 only to suffer the drop again within another two years. Their worst season was 1965/66 when they landed bottom of Division IV and had to apply for re-election for the first time in their history.

Since getting his side back into Division III in 1970, Mr. Neal has been quietly building for a further step up in status.

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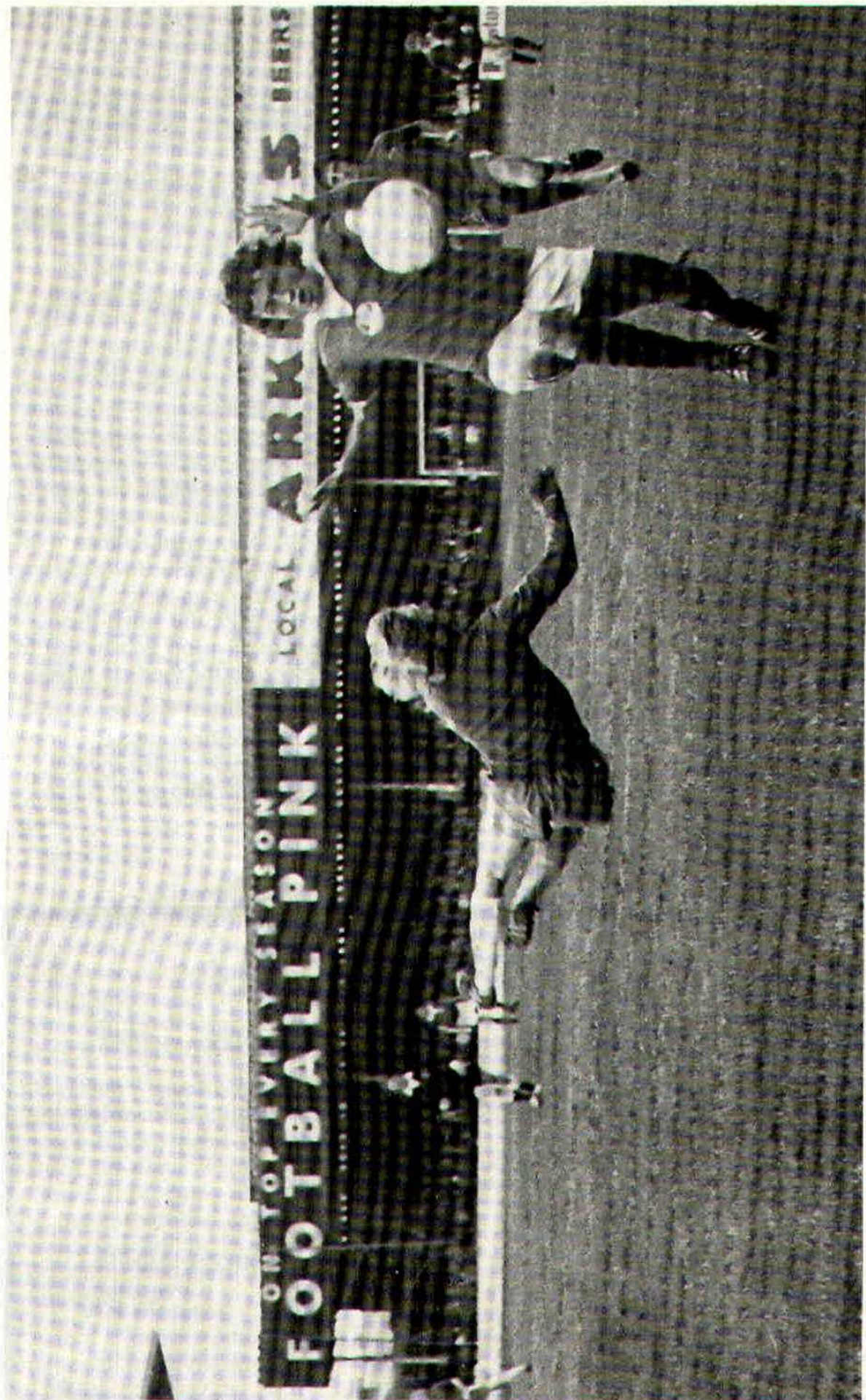
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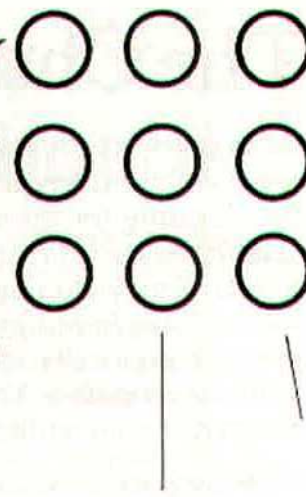
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Syrett losing out on this one

Third Division Scene

by Tony Pullein



Colchester United's magnificent run puts them in line for promotion to the Second Division for the first time in their history. The team, which only this year gained promotion from Division Four, has been beaten only twice this season. They have also knocked First Division Carlisle and Second Division Oxford out of the League Cup.

Yet the entire cost of Manager Jim Smith's team was £19,500!

Two of his chief goalscorers were rescued from non-League Boston United, Smith's former club. Bobby Svarc, once with Leicester and Lincoln, was given his comeback chance two seasons ago, but John Froggatt has only this season got his chance, at the age of 28.

Froggatt played a couple of League games for Notts County back in 1964/65 and then drifted out to Ilkeston, Buxton and Boston. He scored 119 goals for Boston, joined Colchester this summer and has now scored four goals for his new club.

Grimsby's run of away failures looked certain to continue at Wrexham when Welsh international David Smallman put the home side 2-0 ahead on the hour. But, in a sensational finish, Keith Brown scored twice and Phil Hubbard grabbed another to give the Fishermen their first away victory.

Huddersfield, bottom of the table at one stage, seem to have found new confidence since the signing of Alistair MacLeod and

Brian O'Neil from Southampton. MacLeod, who is only on loan at the moment, scored in his first match, to give Huddersfield their first away win (2-1) of the season at Grimsby.

O'Neil, a former England under-23 international and Football League player, celebrated his debut in the 1-0 win over Watford. Huddersfield paid £40,000 for O'Neil who is the sort of player who can give them drive and stability in midfield — qualities largely lacking since the hey-day of Irish international Jimmy Nicholson.

Just when Crystal Palace had finally looked like striking the sort of form consistently that manager Malcolm Allison had been seeking, they suffered two four-goal batterings in a week. Chesterfield, no high-scoring side, won 4-1 at Selhurst Park then Bournemouth whacked them 4-0 at Dean Court last Saturday. It was Bournemouth's biggest victory since February 1973.

Peter Eastoe didn't get on the scoring mark on Saturday so the two goals which Alan Buckley hit on Friday night for Walsall made him level top Third Division scorer at the weekend:

	League	League Cup	TOTAL
Eastoe (Swindon)	11	-	11
Buckley (Walsall)	10	1	11
McNeil (Hereford)	8	1	9
Smallman (Wrexham)	7	1	8

The Chairmans Column

Success on the football field is something every club in the country is looking for, not only for the sake of success but what it means ultimately behind the scenes. Every club has its measures of this and we have found over the years that this is so especially with clubs with household names such as the Arsenal, Spurs, Everton, Aston Villa etc. etc.

When success passed these clubs by in years gone by, they continued to fight back without the emotions behind the scenes that we see today. This is caused partly by the media of the press and television, but chiefly I feel because of the very high finance involved today compared with the yesterdays.

Support of the non-successful sides drop away, the directors are faced with the same high overheads and sometimes are left holding the "baby" of products born during their successful years. Chelsea is one of the latest clubs to be affected in this way. Inevitably the cry is for the managers head, and the roundabout starts to turn with big inducement being offered to entice the man they need. The one thing needed in my opinion at this stage of a clubs fight for success is support from its followers, and we at Swindon need it as much as anybody. It is, therefore, very gratifying to us at the County Ground to feel that there is a movement towards this end.

It is great when we arrive at our away club to be greeted by our loyal supporters, and when we arrived at Halifax last week we were greeted by the sight of two coaches that had made the trip up. Granted one of the coaches had made the journey for the speedway supporters, but it was a dual purpose for many of them.

Graham Drew, our Commercial Manager, is going to have a difficult task in choosing the Best Supporter of the Club, when we greet so many regular supporters wherever we go North or South. In fact we have one lad who lives in Brighton

and even Halifax was not too far for him last week, and one lady supporter regularly travels in from Nottingham.

Our penalty taking competition has had to be revised following a complaint from the English Schools Football Association that our competition was not in keeping with their requirements that any such competition must involve teams rather than individual players. This has meant that the competition has been re-organised as an Inter-School contest, each school providing a team of three boys, each member of their team to take three kicks, the winning team qualifying for the next round. This re-organisation may disappoint the lads whom have already been successful, but at least they will have the opportunity again of showing their ability to score from the spot.

Talking of young players our Midland Youth team who played against Leicester on Tuesday last and lost 1-0 playing at Leicester, was comprised of seven sixteen year olds, one fifteen, two seventeen and one eighteen year old. They are more than holding their own in this competition, and have been drawn against Bognor Regis away in the F.A. Youth Cup. I am sure that we have a youth team of which we shall be proud because eight of these lads can still play in the youth side in a couple of years time. We hope, of course, to reach the final of the Youth Competition as we did a few years ago.

We shall be holding our Annual Club Dinner and Dance we hope during December, and expect to announce the date and venue very soon now. This is a very popular event in the Club's calendar. Our problem is finding a venue large enough to accommodate everyone who would like to attend.

Our Forum being held in the Rendezvous Club on Monday, 4th November will be asking you for your opinions and queries, so send them in to our Club Secretary, Bob Jefferies as soon as you can.

The man in the middle



KENNETH SALMON (Barnet)

Promoted to the full list for the 1974-75 season after serving on The League line and supplementary list. Began refereeing in 1963 in Hertfordshire and graduated through local leagues on to the Herts. County and Isthmian Leagues. Reserve linesman for the England v Wales World Cup qualifying match at Wembley in 1973 and on the line for last season's League Cup semi-final, Norwich City v Wolves. (first leg) and the England v Wales amateur international in 1970. Married with three children, he works as a road safety organiser in local government. Interested in junior soccer and philately.

QUIZ

1. Name three brothers who played for Swindon.
2. Which previous Swindon manager is assistant to a Division I club?
3. Two Swindon goalkeepers gained International Honours. One Irish, one Scottish.
4. Which goalkeeper was frequently ribbed about being colour blind?

Answers

1. Roy, Leslie and Ken Onslow.
2. Mr. Maurice Lindley - Leeds United.
3. Norman Uprichard, Frank Haffey.
4. Sam Burton. Whenever Swindon had to change colours, he often threw the ball to an opponent in red.

Key of the board

A	Birmingham v Newcastle
B	Carlisle v Derby
C	Everton v Chelsea
D	Leeds v Wolverhampton
E	Leicester v Sheffield United
F	Manchester City v Luton
G	Middlesbrough v Coventry
H	Q.P. Rangers v Liverpool
I	Stoke v Burnley
J	Tottenham H. v Arsenal
K	West Ham United v Ipswich
L	Blackpool v Manchester United
M	Bolton v Cardiff
N	Bristol Rovers v Millwall
O	Fulham v Bristol City
P	Norwich v Portsmouth
Q	Notts Co. v Oxford United
R	Oldham v York City
S	Sheffield Wed. v Hull City
T	Southampton v Orient
A	Sunderland v Aston Villa
B	West Brom Albion v Nottm. Forest
C	Aldershot v Bury
D	Blackburn v Port Vale
E	Brighton v Preston N.E.
F	Charlton v Chesterfield
G	Crystal Palace v Walsall
H	Grimsby v Gillingham
I	Hereford v Halifax
J	Plymouth v Peterborough
K	Tranmere v Huddersfield
L	Watford v Bournemouth
M	Chester v Crewe
N	Doncaster v Darlington
O	Lincoln v Workington
P	Mansfield v Reading
Q	Rotherham v Southport
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On our visit to Halifax last week end the danger of taking only a squad of twelve players to an away match was made all too clear to us. Ron Potter was taken ill during Friday night and had to spend the day in bed rather than on the field. Fortunately I had anticipated this problem some weeks ago and decided that thirteen palyers will travel to all away games in the future. If I had not done so we should have been required to race to the north of England on Saturday morning with a replacement with all the associated problems of whether he would arrive on time, the player feeling the effects of a long car journey etc. I am glad to say that Ron is now feeling much better.

Our results are definitely showing an improvement and we are now just a few points away from the league leaders. I cannot emphasise enough how much your vocal support is encouraging the players so please keep it up and if you enjoy this afternoon's game then please bring a friend to the next match. Without also financial support we cannot do our job as it should be done. Whilst mentioning financial support can I bring to your notice that ball donors are still required for this season. A number of loyal supporters have very kindly donated a ball for every match played to date and others have agreed to do so for future matches but we still require one or two to complete the list. It is a fact that we are required to have a new ball for every match so you can imagine that this is a very expensive item for a whole season and if you can help in this way please let me know – we shall be most grateful.

On Tuesday last the players and staff were inoculated against influenza. The last thing we want in the middle of a season is an epidemic of this nature and each year we protect the players in this way. The inoculation is not as frightening as it once was, no needles are used now as it is carried out by means of a gun type of instrument quite painlessly.

On the 4th November we shall be holding a forum in the Rendezvous Club and this is to be recorded for subsequent trans-

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profile on John McLaughlin



John was born in Enfield, London and whilst at School played for Middlesex Schoolboys and London Schoolboys. As a youth he played for the England Youth team in the World Cup Youth Tournament in Italy, in 1973.

John joined Colchester United from School as an Apprentice Professional and signed pro for that Club at the age of 17. He joined the 'Town' in 1973. He is married and he and his wife Anna who was born in Italy but has lived for some years in London, now resides in Swindon with their old english sheepdog Tango. John likes to play chess and his taste in music is for such artists as Elton John, James Taylor and Carly Simon.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
		F	A
1974			
Aug. 17	Bury	H 0	2
20	League Cup 1		
	Portsmouth	H 0	1
24	Port Vale	A 2	2
31	Blackburn Rovers	H 2	0
Sept. 3	Tranmere Rovers	H 0	0
7	Crystal Palace	A 2	6
14	Plymouth Argyle	H 2	0
17	Aldershot	H 3	2
21	Charlton Athletic	A 3	3
24	Walsall	A 0	2
28	Watford	H 2	2
Oct. Oct. 5	Chesterfield	A 2	0
	Southend United	H 2	0
12	Halifax Town	A 0	0
19	Wrexham	H	
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	
26	Huddersfield Town	A	
Nov. 2	Grimsby Town	H	
5	Chesterfield	H	
9	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
13	League Cup 4		
16	Gillingham	H	
23	F.A. Cup 1		
30	Colchester United	H	
Dec 4	League Cup 5		
7	Hereford United	A	
14	F.A. Cup 2		
21	Peterborough United	H	
26	Plymouth Argyle	A	
28	AFC Bournemouth	H	
1975			
Jan. 4	Aldershot (3)	A	
11	Hereford United	H	
15	League Cup SF		
18	Colchester United	A	
22	League Cup SF		
25	Preston North End	A	
Feb. 1	Brighton & Hove A.	H	
8	Grimsby Town	A	
15	Preston North End (5)	H	
22	Gillingham	A	
Mar. 1	Blackburn Rovers (LCF)	A	
8	Walsall (6)	H	
15	Watford	A	
18	Bury	A	
22	Crystal Palace	H	
28			
29	Peterborough United	A	
31	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Apr. 1	Charlton Athletic	H	
5	Huddersfield Town (SF)	H	

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
		F	A
5	Huddersfield Town (SF)	H	
11	Southend United	A	
19	Halifax Town	H	
22	Port Vale	H	
26	Wrexham	A	
May 3	F.A. Cup Final		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT		
		F	A	
1974				
Aug. 17	Ipswich Town	A	0	5
20	Bristol Rovers	A	Postponed	
24	Oxford United	H	0	4
27	Bristol Rovers	H	0	1
31	Arsenal	A	0	1
Sept. 7	Q.P.R.	H	0	3
14	West Ham United	A	0	5
18	Oxford United	A	0	1
21	Crystal Palace	H	0	3
28	Bournemouth	A	2	2
Oct. 9	Reading	A	Postponed	
12	Cardiff City	H	1	0
19	Chelsea	A		
22	Southampton	H		
26	Swansea City	H		
Nov. 2	Bristol City	A		
9	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
16	Luton Town	A		
23(1)	Norwich City	H		
30	Birmingham City	A		
Dec. 7	Leicester City	H		
14(2)	Ipswich Town	H		
17	Fulham	A		
28	Swansea City	A		
Jan. 1	Plymouth Argyle	H		
1975				
4 (3)				
11	Leicester City	A		
18	Birmingham City	H		
25 (4)	West Ham United	H		
Feb. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
8	Luton Town	H		
15(5)	Norwich City	A		
22	Bristol City	H		
26	Crystal Palace	A		
Mar. 1	Arsenal	H		
8(6)	Q.P.R.	A		
15	Fulham	H		
29	Bournemouth	H		
31	Plymouth Argyle	A		
Apr. 7	Cardiff City (SF)	A		
12	Reading	H		
22	Southampton	A		
26	Chelsea	H		
May. 3	F.A. Cup Final			

FOR THE RECORD

2nd October Division III

CHESTERFIELD 0

Tingay, Tiler, Burton, Bellamy, Winstanley, Barlow, Darling, Moss, Kowalski, Wilson, Shanahan, (s) Holmes.

SWINDON 2 (Eastoe 2)

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Prophet, Moss, Syrett, Eastoe, MacLean, Jenkins, (s) Butler.

2nd October MIDLAND YOUTH

SWINDON 1

Lawrence, Hooman, Cowley, Chalklin, Thompson, Tanner, Brankworth T., Algar, Gilligan, Farr, Gardner, (s) Brinkworth R.

NOTTS FOREST 0

5th October Division III

SWINDON 2

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Prophet, Syrett, Butler, Eastoe, MacLean, Jenkins, (s) Moss.

SOUTHEND UNITED 0

Cawston, Worthington D., Worthington R., Elliot, Townsend, Moody, Johnson, Brace, Guthrie, Silvester, Taylor, (s) Ford.

8th October MIDLAND YOUTH

WEST BROMWICH ALBION 3

SWINDON 0

Lawrence, Hooman, Cowley, Tanner, Thompson, Algar, Gardner, Chalklin, Farr, Gilligan, Brinkworth, R. (s) Fisher.

12th October Division III

HALIFAX 0

Smith, Lockett, Collins, McHale, Phelan, Blair, Jones, Downes, Ford, Gwyther, Moir, (s) Quinn.

SWINDON 0

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Prophet, Syrett, Butler, Eastoe, MacLean, Moss, (s) McLaughlin.

12th October FOOTBALL COMBINATION

SWINDON TOWN 1

Allan, Chalklin, Tanner, Gill, Broom, Munks, Gilligan, Young, Farr, McGovern, Gilligan, (s) Slattery.

CARDIFF CITY 0

DIVISION 3

Blackburn	11	6	0	0	11	3	2	2	1	5	5	18
Peterboro	12	4	2	0	7	2	3	1	2	7	9	17
Walsall	13	5	2	0	16	2	1	2	3	7	11	16
Colchester	12	4	1	1	11	5	2	3	1	8	6	16
Preston	13	5	1	1	14	6	1	2	3	6	9	15
Southend	14	6	0	2	15	6	1	1	4	1	6	15
Swindon	13	4	2	1	11	6	1	3	2	9	13	15
C. Palace	12	5	0	1	15	7	2	0	4	3	10	14
Watford	13	3	3	0	10	6	1	3	3	7	11	14
Bury	13	3	2	1	8	3	2	1	4	5	11	13
Charlton	12	4	2	0	14	7	1	1	4	5	11	13
Hereford	13	4	1	2	13	4	1	1	4	5	12	12
Port Vale	12	3	2	0	11	5	0	4	3	5	10	12
Bournemouth	10	3	1	1	8	2	2	0	3	4	7	11
Wrexham	11	2	2	1	12	7	2	1	3	9	11	11
Chesterfield	12	3	1	2	8	6	2	0	4	9	13	11
Plymouth	13	5	1	0	12	4	0	0	7	5	17	11
Grimsby	12	3	1	3	13	10	1	1	3	5	10	10
Tranmere	12	3	1	1	7	3	0	2	5	5	12	9
Brighton	13	3	3	0	9	5	0	0	7	3	17	9
Huddersfield	10	3	0	2	7	4	1	0	4	2	8	8
Aldershot	13	4	0	3	12	10	0	1	5	2	12	8
Halifax	13	1	3	2	7	8	0	3	4	6	15	8
Gillingham	12	1	3	2	6	7	0	2	4	5	13	7

Aldershot: One point deducted for playing ineligible player.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	12	9	2	2	23	8	20
Ipswich Town	11	8	1	2	26	9	17
Luton Town	13	7	3	3	27	13	17
Bristol City	12	6	2	4	25	16	14
Crystal Palace	11	6	2	3	21	16	14
Norwich City	11	5	3	3	18	10	13
Southampton	11	5	3	3	26	18	13
Plymouth Argyle	10	6	1	3	15	12	13
Cardiff City	11	6	1	4	23	19	13
Oxford United	13	6	1	6	16	17	13
A.F.C. Bournemouth	12	5	3	4	16	19	13
Leicester City	13	4	4	5	12	12	12
Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	2	4	16	18	12
Bristol Rovers	11	5	2	4	9	14	12
Queens Park Rangers	11	4	3	4	16	17	11
Arsenal	13	4	3	6	10	13	11
Birmingham City	13	2	5	6	7	13	9
Fulham	11	2	3	6	8	16	7
Swansea City	12	1	4	7	11	23	6
West Ham United	11	2	1	8	13	18	5
Swindon Town	10	2	1	7	4	24	5
Reading	9	1	0	9	9	28	2

HOME ATTENDANCES

Opponents	Attendances	League Average
Bury	6441	6441
Portsmouth (L.Cup)	4779	-
Blackburn Rovers	4951	5696
Tranmere Rovers	5511	5634
Plymouth Argyle	5496	5599
Aldershot	5733	5626
Watford	6326	5743
Southend	6690	5878



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The Evening Advertiser

Danny's Desk continued

mission on Swindon Viewpoint. We ask the members to come along on that evening and ask questions; as I always say we have nothing to hide and shall be pleased to set your mind at rest regarding any problem in connection with this football club.

Our injury problem is looking much healthier if you will excuse the pun. Kenny Stroud is the only person on the list at the moment and he is recovering well from his operation and has resumed light training. At the time of writing Tommy Jenkins is experiencing some pain from a groin injury but I hope that he will be fit for today.



QUIZ

1. Who was the Swindon Manager who played in a Pre-War Cup Final?
2. Give the year and the Club.
3. A General Manager of a Division I club is the son of a former Swindon manager.
4. Name the Swindon manager.
5. Mr. Wallace, from Swindon recently refereed the Cup Final. Name a previous Swindon referee in charge of a Cup Final.

Answers

1. Ted Bizard.
2. 1923 Bolton Wanderers.
3. John Harris - Sheffield United.
4. Neil Harris 1939.
5. Capt. W.E. Russell M.C. in the era of such personalities as Capt. Prince Cox, Jack Howcroft, Cecil Reeves.

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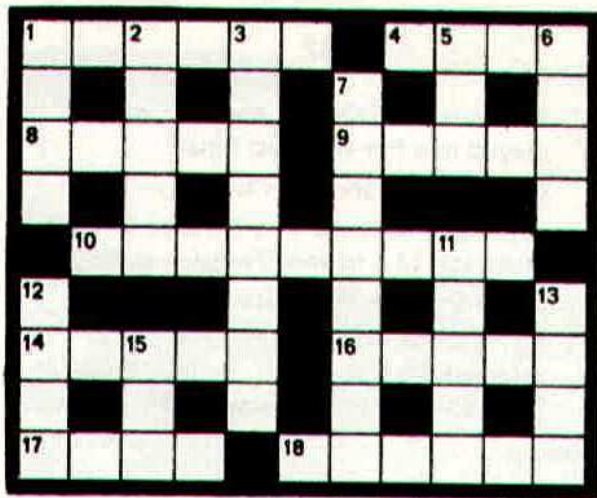
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compiled by Bill Shepherd

CLUES – Across

1. Athletic Socts squad (6)
4. Lambert or Lyons (4)
8. Cardiff International (5)
9. One of the Newtons (5)
10. Trotters' translation of Rovers (9)
14. Ex-international now Dunstables leader (5)
16. Boothferry beast (5)
17. The Gunners shot in and secured this ex-Manchester marksman (4)
18. Noel Cantwell wrote a book called "---- We Stand" (6)

CLUES – Down

1. See 13 down
2. East Germany side: Stahl - - - (5)
3. East Scotland side (8)
5. Bowyer or Branfoot (3)
6. He recently went from half-back to hot seat at Hull (4)
7. One club and two managers (8)
11. & 12 down. Position 'The General' used to play in (5,4)
13. & 1 down. He served as manager with both Bristol clubs (4,4)
15. Ditchburn or Drake (3)

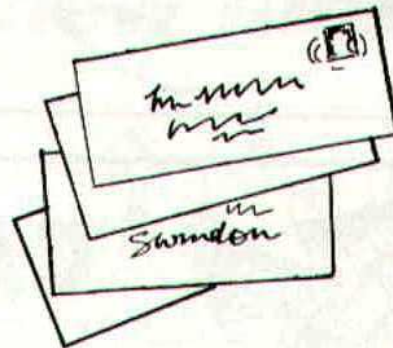
SOLUTIONS TO X WORD PUZZLE IN SOUTHEND PROGRAMME.

SOLUTIONS - Across

1. Rodney Marsh (Man. City), 7. Dresden, 9. Tony
10. Sky (Blue), 12. Star, 14. & 6 down Stewart
Henderson, 17. Derek Dougan (Wolves)

SOLUTIONS - Down

1. Ron Tilsed (Hereford) 2. Dunn, 3. End 4. Mee
(Arsenal), 5. Reds, 6. See 14 across, 8. Roker
(Sun'land), 11. Wear(Siders), 13. Tagg, 15. AIK
16. two



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If you would like to nominate anyone for the next twelve months please fill out the form below giving the persons name and address and why you think they qualify for this award. The winner will retain the trophy for twelve months and a small shield which will be a permanent reminder.

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FROM OUR TEAM STATISTICIAN

Dr B E Cooper

Twenty goals in thirteen matches, eleven goals in thirteen matches scored by Peter Eastoe; nine different players have scored so far this season; only 4 teams in the football league (none in division 3) have scored more goals away from home than Swindon; Swindon are the only team to beat Blackburn Rovers. These are some of the statistics describing the teams performance so far in Division 3. The facts listed have been selected in true electioneering fashion to show the best side of the Town's performance. To correct the balance we should also state that nineteen goals have been conceded including the six goal disaster in the wind at Crystal Palace.

Having proved quite unconvincingly that I am a completely unbiased statistical observer, let me look in more detail at some of the facts listed above. Firstly, the goals scored at matches so far this season. Twenty goals scored and nineteen let in. The town has failed to score on four occasions and rather strangely has not yet scored only one goal in a match. Two goals seems to be the most usual score with three scored in two matches. Thus the twenty goals are spread fairly evenly over the 13 matches. The goals against are not quite so evenly spread. Six at Crystal Palace and three quick goals at Charlton account for half of those scored against. It is interesting to note that no goals were let in during the last three matches. The ardent fan will say that this now represents the current situation which is likely to continue. Those less committed will say it is a temporary improvement. Being unable to conceal my bias I much prefer the first conclusion.

The fact that no less than nine different players have scored goals in the 13 matches so far shows an attacking attitude in all players. One goal being particularly interesting in this respect was that scored by Frank Burrows when Danny Williams made the fascinating selection including three centre backs against Watford. Colin Phrophett and Frank making a temporary change of position allowed Frank to appear unnoticed in the attack to score a good goal. Among the nine players who have scored is Peter Eastoe. However, in order to keep you reading this article I will save the best bit until last.

The Town's away record makes interesting comparison with other teams in the football league. Only Burnley in Division 1 and the top three clubs in Division IV have scored more goals away from home. Three teams, Swindon, Wrexham and Chesterfield have scored nine goals away from home in the third division. Nine goals in six away matches is certainly attacking football and clearly represents a vital change from last season.

A further fact that may have escaped notice is that Blackburn Rovers have lost only one of their eleven matches so far and with 18 points from 11 matches are well positioned at the top of Division III. That's right — another specially selected fact — Swindon are the one team to beat them.

So much for statistics of performance. What about those other statistics — the gate. Since the lowest gate against Plymouth the attendance has been rising at the rate of about 500 per home match. Let us hope this continues. It is worth recording here a remark overheard in a pub at Wantage on Sunday after the Southend match. The remark was "I really enjoyed my football at the County Ground yesterday". That is, after all, what it is all about.

Now for those foolish fellows called statisticians. I have to confess to being one of that breed which seems to believe it can forecast. What can be predicted about the likely outcome of the remaining matches? If I could predict the results of individual matches I would be able to earn a good living at the expense of the football pools. So that's out. However, forecasting the number of points that we are likely to get from a sequence of matches is within the bounds of possibility. I have, therefore, developed a method of forecasting the likely number of points from future matches. The method is unbelievably complicated and requires hours and hours to compute. However, at great personal sacrifice and devotion I have performed the necessary computation. The result is — well, let me first remind you that Danny Williams is reported as saying that the third team to be promoted this season from the third division could have as few as 50 points. The forecast is — but perhaps unless we score a few more goals to balance those scored

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ARKELLS 

From our Team Statistician (continued)

against and improve our goal average, we had better say 51 points instead of 50. The forecast produced is 50.7 points at the end of the season. What is .7 of a point? These statistician fellows are always talking about averages of 2.4 children per family and 4.7 individuals per house and so on. Not wishing to be any different from my colleagues I have produced .7 of a point. I am prepared to bet that not even Peter Eastoe can earn us .7 of a point. More seriously, however, the forecast is saying that if we continue playing as shown in matches so far we can expect somewhere in the region of 50 to 51 points at the end of the season. Thus if Danny is right we have a chance of promotion.

The forecast method also predicts that we can expect 9.1 points from the 8 matches up to the end of November. If we get 9 points we are on target for 50 to 51 points at the end of the season. If we get more than 10 this will indicate an improvement and the next time the forecast is computed it will be more than 50.7.

Peter Eastoe. Ah yes, I said I would keep the best until last. Eleven goals in thirteen matches hardly needs comment. It is interesting, however, to note that Peter normally scores goals in pairs but has yet to score a hat-trick. Surely this can only be a matter of time.

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- 2 Dixon
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Hubbard
- 5 Burrows
- 6 Prophett
- 7 Moss
- 8 Butler
- 9 Eastoe
- 10 MacLean
- 11 Jenkins
- 12 McLaughlin

Division
Three

WREXHAM

- 1 Lloyd
- 2 Jones
- 3 Fogg
- 4 Evans
- 5 May
- 6 Thomas
- 7 Tinnion
- 8 Whittle
- 9 Davies
- 10 Smallman
- 11 Griffiths
- 12 Ashcroft

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