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## NEWS & VIEWS

In this seasons programmes, we frequently refer to meeting up with old friends in Division 3 matches. Today in this First Round F.A. Cup we welcome probably our oldest, and closest friends Reading Football Club.

The two clubs were friends and rivals in Southern League days and, of course, became founder members of Division 3 (South) in 1920. Many can still remember those stirring "Local Derbies", and how our opponents in their dark blue and white striped shirts, and dark blue shorts, appeared such strong sturdy players. Many names come to mind of those games between the wars. Messer, a big strong centre half. Tommy Tait, W. McConnell, J.T. Palethorpe. Later years we recall such players as Marks - goalkeeper, Brice - centre half, Blackman - centre forward, Dick Spiers.

Writing of personalities, mention must be made of that charming gentleman Jimmy Carter, for many years the Chairman.

The last games between the two clubs were in season 1968-69. The home fixture was played on Tuesday, 27th August 1968, before a gate of 16,765. The match itself was poor and scrappy, and produced a 0-0 draw. The return game on 9th October, played before an

even bigger attendance resulted in a Swindon win by the only goal scored.

Swindon - Downsborough, Thomas, Butler, Smart, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Noble, Jones, Smith, Rogers.

Reading - Brown, Bacuzzi, Thornhill, Dean, Meldrum, Allen, Chapman, Yard, Collins, Sainty, Harris.

Most of the Swindon team are still in football, but only Butler and Burrows, remain with the club.

The clubs have met on two previous occasions in the First Round of the cup. In 1957-8, when Reading won one goal to nil. It was the year of a 'flu' epidemic and Swindon had been badly hit by illness. The teams met again in 1962, the result a win for Swindon by 4 goals to 2.

This was, of course, the year when we gained promotion to Division 2 for the first time. When the match was played on 3rd November 1962, Swindon occupied ninth position in the League table, with 19 points from 18 games, 6 points less than Northampton in first place. Strange to relate Carlisle was bottom of the league and Crystal Palace, one place higher. How fortunes in football change.

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# Reading Emphasis on Attack

by Tony Pullein

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The first round of the F.A. Cup has added impetus for us as we are drawn against our closest rivals Reading who, while not setting the Fourth Division alight this season, are hot on the promotion trial. So today's Cup clash will come as a refreshing diversion and recall the many past meetings we have enjoyed in the Football League.

Manager Charlie Hurley has only a limited squad of professionals so, consequently, the team has now got a settled look about it. The most exciting aspect of the current Reading side is its accent on attack, spear-headed by two of the Fourth Division's most successful strikers — Dick Habbin and Robin Friday.

Habbin was playing for Cambridge United in the Southern League — some while before that club's elevation to League status — when spotted by a Reading scout. He was Reading's top scorer in 1970/71 and he has already scored 14 times this season. That includes a hat-trick against Rotherham in the League Cup.

Friday was still an amateur when introduced to Reading's first-team last January but he made a sensational start, scoring four goals in his first five games and was very quickly offered a professional contract. He, too, has a hat-trick to his credit this season — against Southport — and his tally so far is ten.

Les Chappel, Reading's top scorer for the past two seasons, hasn't always been able to get into the side this term. Last season he scored 28 goals — including three hat-tricks and a four-goal hit against Torquay. Initially Les was a smash hit in Rotherham's attack and was Blackburn's top

scorer in his solitary season there before joining Reading in 1969.

One unexpected contender for a place in attack is former West Bromwich Albion and Lincoln player, Percy Freeman who gave up soccer at the end of last season but made a recent come-back.

Alan Taylor and Bruce Stuckey have both had turns on the left wing. Taylor, a former Chelsea reserve, joined Reading this summer and made his League debut against Rotherham in August. Stuckey began his career with Exeter City and moved on to Sunderland in 1967. Four years later he returned to Devon to link with Torquay and he was transferred to Reading last season.

Possibles for midfield places include Barry Wagstaffe, John Murray, Brian Carnaby, Gordon Cumming and Bob Lenarduzzi.

Wagstaffe played over 100 League games for Sheffield United, most of them in the First Division, before joining Reading in 1969 and he has always been a regular in the Elm Park club's senior team.

John Murray was signed just in time for the opening match, celebrating with a penalty goal in the 2-0 victory over Cambridge. But in his next game — against Brighton — he had a spot kick saved by Peter Grummitt. John opened his career with Burnley and had a year with Blackpool prior to his transfer to Bury in 1971.

Carnaby had been on the books for several League and non-League clubs but at the age of 24 was beginning to give up hope of playing League football. Reading was probably his last hope but he did so



well in trial games that he became a regular first-teamer two seasons ago.

Cumming joined Reading from Arsenal in 1969 and was on one occasion, in 1971/72, their leading scorer. Lenarduzzi turned professional in May last year, got a few runs in the senior side last term but has distinguished himself this term both in midfield and defence.

The defence had settled with Stewart Henderson, Steve Hetzke, Tommy Youlden and David Moreline in the back four, but an injury to Hetzke now seems likely to cause a switch around.

Henderson didn't get into Chelsea's League team but he got his chance after signing for Brighton in 1965. He made over 200 appearances for the Sussex club prior to his move to Reading last season.

Youlden opened his career with Arsenal but didn't get into their League team. He joined Portsmouth in 1968, completing 88 League games in his four years with them. Hetzke made a solitary League appearance two seasons ago but won a regular place last season.

Moreline arrived this season from Fulham for whom he made more than 50 first-team appearances.

The Reading club was formed in 1871, turned professional in 1895 and moved to their present ground a year later. For several years they played in the Southern League until becoming a founder member of Division Three (South) in 1920.

Six years later they gained promotion to Division Two and in 1927 they reached

the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, falling to Cardiff City when Wembley was in sight.

They returned to Division Three in 1931 and have never again aspired to the heights of Second Division football. They made several spirited bids immediately after the last war, twice finishing runners-up, but they couldn't quite make it. In 1958 they became founder members of the newly arranged national Third Division and, until their relegation in 1971, were the only club remaining that had not moved either up or down.

They have made several bids to regain their Third Division place but this season, though still suffering from inconsistency, they have looked good enough to achieve their objective — when in the right mood.



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# Team photo **READING**

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Back Row: R. Friday, S. Hetzke, T. Youlden, A. Taylor, D. Moreline.

Middle Row: R. Habbins, L. Chappell, A. Alleyne, B. Bromley, A. Cooper, N. Phillips.

Front Row: B. Wafstaff, G. Cumming, B. Stuckey, R. Henderson (Captain), S. Death, B. Carnaby, T. Port.



# F.A. Cup Scene

## Prepare for Shocks!

Tony Pullein

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The first round of the F.A. Cup is, in many ways, the most fascinating of all, bringing as it does an intriguing mixture of minnows and giants. Up and down the country there are strange-looking ties, some of which we can be sure will throw up surprise results.

Tranmere Rovers made an official complaint about the suitability of Throstle-nest, home of Yorkshire League Farsley Celtic, and the F.A. sent an official to view their 5,000 capacity ground. Tranmere maintained that it was not in a fit state to stage an important cup-tie.

Problems, too, for Slough Town who were drawn at home to close rivals Brentford. Slough had moved to a new ground only a month before the game was due but they still turned down a request to play at Brentford — just some 15 miles up the M.4.

Most exciting derby tie is probably the meeting of Tooting & Mitcham with Crystal Palace. Police limited the crowd to 12,000 which meant an awful lot of people have been disappointed. Palace have been drawing up to 20,000 this season and all would have made the short journey given the chance.

By one of those strange twists of fate, Tooting are managed by Roy Dwight who was a member of the Nottingham Forest side which ended Tooting's most famous Cup run of all in 1959.

Tooting beat Bournemouth in the first round and then knocked out Northampton at the next stage. What's more, Tooting led Forest 2-0 at half-time in round

three but in the end had to settle for a 2-2 draw. They lost the replay.

It's perhaps sad to note that only one former Football League club has qualified for the first round this year — Gateshead, who visit Crewe.

The F.A. Cup does, of course, provide a fine opportunity for ambitious non-League clubs to press their claims for admission to the Football League. Peterborough and Hereford, in recent times, both got in following outstanding Cup performances.

One club hoping to enjoy a good run this season was Wigan Athletic who have several times been within a vote or two of the Fourth Division. But the Lancashire club has one of the toughest draws of all, away to successful Fourth Division side Shrewsbury Town. If Wigan win this one they will indeed win considerable support.

Kettering and Bedford, two other leading contenders for a place in the Football League, had the misfortune to meet in the fourth qualifying round. The winners had to visit Swansea where it was quite possible they might spring a surprise.

Bobby Charlton was none too happy about Preston's draw away to amateurs Blyth Spartans who have pulled off some outstanding giant-killing feats in the past.

Matlock Town quietly fancy their chances at home to Blackburn Rovers. They had a huge new mound built behind one of the goals to increase their capacity from 5,500 to 7,500 so they could have as much vocal support as possible.



# The Chairmans Column

Since writing my last notes we have continued to win points and, in doing so, seem to have won a few hundred more of our supporters back to the fold. We are delighted with the results and only hope that we can win more and more of our fans into making regular visits to the County Ground.

We have already had very favourable comments regarding the division of the terraces but we realise that inevitably such alterations are bound to cause inconvenience to some people for which we are sorry.

We are certain to get some extra excitement from a certain section of the supporters today especially as our opponents are our near neighbours, Reading, and we do hope that the ground improvements will help to control some of that over exuberance that the police are required to deal with on such occasions.

Last week I wrote a few comments about our up and coming youngsters and since then the under eighteen team have played two games. The first of these was played at Southampton in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Competition and after a very spirited performance, drawing at the end of ninety minutes at no score we were asked to play an extra thirty minutes to arrive at a decision and, in extra time, Southampton scored the one deciding goal. The lads were obviously very disappointed after fighting so hard for a result but within a couple of days these lads were travelling once more to take on Coventry City in the Midland Youth League and, in spite of their gruelling game at Southampton, came away from Coventry with a 0 - 0 scoreline. It speaks well for our back room boys who train and encourage these youngsters that the skills, stamina and spirit is so high.

In our reserve team another of our younger players who appears regularly is Andy Young who plays in the back four

or sometimes in mid field and Andy has been with us since leaving school. Now nineteen years of age and over six feet in height he more than holds his own in the London Combination side and who knows when his chance might come to play in the first team. Alongside Andy plays Glyn Broom who also came to us from school and whose home is in Bath. Glyn served as an apprentice with the club and is also nineteen years of age. Glyn has been looked after at the hostel during his stay with us. He is a six footer also and Mrs. Conley who looks after the welfare of our young apprentices must have her hands full in trying to keep up with the appetites of these strapping lads who have an everlasting demand for food. The lads are very happy at the hostel and no wonder with the way they are cared for. The hostel is invaluable to us because not only does it provide a home for the apprentices but also is ideal accommodation for the trialist that come our way. We only wish that we had more space to utilise in this way.

This week saw the formation of a group of people that will be known as our Liaison Officers. These folk have volunteered to help the club in every way possible. One of the many schemes in which they will assist is to have a notice board placed in strategic positions in various areas giving notice of forthcoming events which might take place at the County Ground. They will also be helpful to our country followers in displaying notice of postponed matches but of course we hope that these occasions will not arise. The various centres set up will be used to distribute our newspaper 'Fan Fare' and we hope that forums and dances will be eventually organised from these Information Centres. What we are aiming to do is to form a closer bond between the club and our supporters and this is one way which we feel sure will help.

Today we say welcome to our friends from Reading and I know that our friend-

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## News and Views - continued

One item of interest — The Record Transfer Fee received by Reading was £60,000 from Southampton for Tommy Jenkins in December 1969.

The details of previous encounters between the two clubs as follows:

Division 3	Home		Away		Year	Home		Away	
	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L
1920-21	2-0	3-2	1948-49	1-1	0-0				
1921-22	4-0	1-1	1949-50	2-0	3-4				
1922-23	3-1	0-1	1950-51	1-1	1-3				
1923-24	1-0	0-1	1951-52	2-0	2-0				
1924-25	2-1	1-1	1952-53	2-0	1-4				
1925-26	1-1	0-2	1953-54	1-0	1-3				
1931-32	0-2	2-5	1954-55	2-0	1-2				
1932-33	0-1	1-7	1955-56	0-0	1-0				
1933-34	3-1	0-2	1956-57	3-2	0-0				
1934-35	1-1	1-2	1957-58	1-1	4-0				
1935-36	4-1	0-2	1958-59	2-0	1-3				
1936-37	1-2	2-2	1959-60	0-4	0-3				
1937-38	0-0	1-2	1960-61	1-1	1-1				
1938-39	4-2	0-3	1961-62	4-1	1-1				
1946-47	2-2	3-3	1962-63	1-1	2-1				
1947-48	1-1	3-2							

	Home	Away
15,627	1965-66	5-0 2-0
16,964	1966-67	0-0 1-2
17,229	1967-68	5-1 1-2
	1968-69	0-0 1-0

### Summary of league encounters

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Home	35	13	18	4	62	29	34
Away	35	8	8	19	42	67	24
	70	21	26	23	104	96	58

## Chairman's column continued

ship with that club will remain with whatever the result to today's game. Mr. Frank Waller, chairman of Reading and his fellow directors are doing a grand job trying to get Reading back where they belong in a higher league than they are in at the present. Both Reading and ourselves look forward to the day when we are both in the First Division.

## Danny's Desk continued

rain. Our groundsman, Jim, has a very willing helper called Fred and through all their trials they are both able to smile and keep happy. Well done the ground staff. I hope that our injury list is soon to improve, Joe Butler and Tom Jenkins have made good progress and could be fit for selection for today's game, and Kenny Stroud did very well in his first outing since his operation at Luton in the reserve side last Saturday. Providing we do not experience any further injuries in the next week or two I shall have a very strong squad indeed from which to select my team.

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# Danny's Desk



Last Saturday saw another very exciting match against Gillingham and I am sure that we are all well pleased with the result and I know that we at the County Ground were pleased that the gate again increased. I have always considered that, despite the general recent apathy in football recently, people will still take the trouble to come to see entertaining football and I think this is being proved here at Swindon. Be assured that this is our policy and that as long as I am Manager there will be no negative soccer played at any level by a Swindon Town team.

I would like to thank you all for your vocal support last Saturday including that from the lads in the Town end. We are sure to have a lot of excitement here today and as Reading are certain to have a great number of their supporters here I would ask our young supporters in their own vernacular to 'Cool it lads'. There is no percentage or enjoyment in spending the afternoon in the 'nick' and perhaps risking their future attendance at matches for the rest of the season. Be wise and do your own thing and not copy those foolish louts who follow certain clubs who shall be nameless bringing the name of their club into disrepute. Keep up the good work and cheer your team to the next round of the cup.

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet — fancy that, almost Christmas already — if you haven't then why not visit our Souvenir Shop is well stocked with every type of favour. If there is too many in the shop on a Match day our secretary, Mr. Bob Jefferies will be only too pleased to arrange for you to be shown around at any time convenient to yourselves. Of course, if it is sports gear that you have decided to buy for your son then Doug Woodman is your man.

What do you think of this terrible weather we have had during the last few weeks. You do? Then pity the poor groundsman here who in all weathers has to make his way onto that vast expanse of sodden turf to make it playable for the next match knowing full well that once he has done so and the match has been played he is back to square one and has to begin all over again. How despairing he must feel when, having disposed of all the surface water, the heavens open once again and it pours with

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# profile on David Syrett



David, a native of Salisbury, played as a schoolboy for Dorset. He later joined the England Youth Squad and represented his Country at this level on three occasions during Season 1973/74, at home and away against Holland and against Wales at home. He joined us in July 1972 as an apprentice and signed professional forms in November 1973.

During the summer David likes to play cricket, he also enjoys a game of snooker and has just taken up the game of golf. He is fond of music enjoying the sound of Mungo Jerry, David Essex, the Beatles and the Carpenters.

#### Football League Record:

		Aps.	Gls.
Swindon	1973/74	20(7)	5
		20(7)	5



Although Gillingham's defence is beaten, the referee prevents Swindon scoring on this occasion.



# DIVISION 3

DATE 1974	OPPONENTS		RESULT	
			F	A
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	2	1
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	0	3
26	Huddersfield Town	A	2	2
Nov. 2	Grimsby Town	H	3	2
5	Chesterfield	H	1	0
9	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1	1
16	Gillingham	H	1	0
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 1974	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 1974	OPPONENTS		RESULT	
			F	A
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	0	4
22	Southampton	H	Postponed	
26	Swansea City	H	Postponed	
Nov. 2	Bristol City	A	0	1
9	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0	2
16	Luton Town	A	1	3
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

12th November, 1974

### SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

**SOUTHAMPTON 1**  
**SWINDON TOWN 0** (after extra time)  
 Lawrence, Hooman, Tanner, Fisher, Thompson,  
 Chalklin, Gilligan, Algar, Farr, Brinkworth,  
 Gardner (s) Cowley

14th November, 1974

### MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

**COVENTRY CITY 0**  
**SWINDON TOWN 0**  
 Lawrence, Cowley, Hooman, Chalklin,  
 Thompson, Tanner, Gilligan, Algar, Farr,  
 Brinkworth, T. Gardner (s) Brinkworth R.

16th November, 1974 DIVISION III

**SWINDON TOWN 1 (Eastoe)**  
 Barron, Trollope, Dixon, Hubbard, Burrows,  
 Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, MacLean,  
 Anderson (s) Syrett.

**GILLINGHAM 0**  
 Hillyard, Wiltshire, Ley, Galvin, Shipperley,  
 Tydeman, Knight, Jacks, Richardson, Chadwick,  
 Feeley (s) Yeo.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

**LUTON TOWN 3**  
**SWINDON TOWN 1 (McGovern)**  
 Allan, Gill, Tanner, Munks, Stroud, Young,  
 Gilligan, McGovern, Farr, Slatterley, Gardner,  
 (s) Thompson.

### DIVISION 3

Blackburn	18	8	2	0	17	6	3	2	3	8	8	26
Swindon	20	8	2	1	18	9	1	5	3	12	19	25
Colchester	20	6	3	2	21	9	2	4	3	12	13	23
Charlton	19	7	2	1	25	14	3	1	5	9	15	23
Peterborough	19	6	3	0	12	4	3	2	5	8	17	23
C. Palace	19	7	2	1	21	11	2	2	5	7	15	22
Hereford	20	6	3	2	19	6	2	2	5	7	11	21
Southend	20	6	3	2	18	9	2	2	5	7	11	21
Preston	20	7	1	2	18	10	2	2	6	12	17	21
Plymouth	19	7	2	0	16	5	2	1	7	11	20	21
Watford	20	5	4	1	15	11	1	5	4	13	20	21
Wrexham	18	5	2	1	18	8	2	4	4	12	15	20
Walsall	19	6	2	1	19	5	1	4	5	12	19	20
Port Vale	19	5	3	0	17	9	1	5	5	11	18	20
Bury	20	4	3	2	13	6	2	2	7	8	16	17
Chesterfield	19	4	4	2	16	12	2	0	7	13	20	16
Grimsby	19	5	1	3	18	13	2	1	7	9	23	16
Halifax	19	4	4	2	16	11	0	4	5	6	19	16
Huddersfield	17	4	2	2	12	8	2	1	6	6	15	15
Bournemouth	17	4	1	4	12	8	2	1	5	4	10	14
Gillingham	19	4	3	2	14	9	0	3	7	8	19	14
Brighton	19	4	4	1	13	11	1	0	9	6	22	14
Tranmere	18	5	1	3	15	8	0	2	7	7	16	13
Aldershot	19	5	1	3	16	11	0	3	7	4	17	13

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of results to Tuesday, 19th November 1974 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chelsea	16	11	4	1	32	10	26
Bristol	17	12	2	3	37	17	26
Plymouth Argyle	16	11	2	3	33	18	24
Luton Town	16	9	4	3	34	18	22
Ipswich Town	13	9	1	3	26	15	19
Arsenal	17	8	3	6	18	13	19
Leicester City	18	7	5	6	24	18	19
Norwich City	14	6	4	4	23	15	16
Southampton	14	6	3	5	32	21	35
Oxford United	16	7	1	8	21	20	15
Tottenham Hotspur	14	6	3	5	21	23	15
A.F.C. Bournemouth	15	5	4	6	17	23	14
Cardiff City	15	6	2	7	30	36	14
Queens Park Rangers	16	5	4	7	20	24	14
Birmingham City	16	4	5	7	14	19	13
Bristol Rovers	16	5	3	8	13	24	13
Crystal Palace	16	5	2	9	23	35	12
Fulham	15	3	4	8	12	22	10
Reading	14	3	1	10	17	40	7
West Ham United	16	2	2	12	18	30	6
Swindon Town	14	2	1	11	5	34	5

### SPECIAL NOTE.

Due to economic difficulties, SWANSEA CITY F.C. has withdrawn from the competition immediately. All their subsequent fixtures are therefore cancelled and all matches played have been declared null and void. The league table has been amended accordingly.

### 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
Wrexham	6731	5985
Grimsby Town	7198	6119
Chesterfield	8277	6335
Gillingham	8847	6563





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| B | Ashford v Walsall            |
| C | Bournemouth v Southwick      |
| D | Brighton v Aldershot         |
| E | Chelmsford v Charlton        |
| F | Crewe v Gateshead Utd.       |
| G | Darlington v Workington      |
| H | Dartford v Plymouth          |
| I | Exeter v Newport             |
| J | Grimsby v Huddersfield       |
| K | Hartlepool v Bradford City   |
| L | Hereford c Gillingham        |
| M | Mansfield v Wrexham          |
| N | Matlock v Blackburn          |
| O | Nuneaton v Maidstone         |
| P | Peterborough v Weymouth      |
| Q | Port Vale v Lincoln          |
| R | Rochdale v Marine            |
| S | Romford v Ilford             |
| T | Rotherham v Chester          |
| A | Shrewsbury v Wigan Ath.      |
| B | Stockport v Stafford Rangers |
| C | Swansea v Kettering          |
| D |                              |
| E | Torquay v Northampton        |
| F | Watford v Colchester         |
| G | Wimbledon v Bath             |
| H | Burnley v Newcastle          |
| I | Carlisle v Leeds             |
| J | Chelsea v Sheffield Utd.     |
| K | Coventry v Arsenal           |
| L | Derby v Ipswich              |
| M | Liverpool v West Ham Utd.    |
| N | Luton v Everton              |
| O | Manchester City v Leicester  |
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| Q | Tottenham H. v Birmingham    |
| R | Wolverhampton H. v Stoke     |



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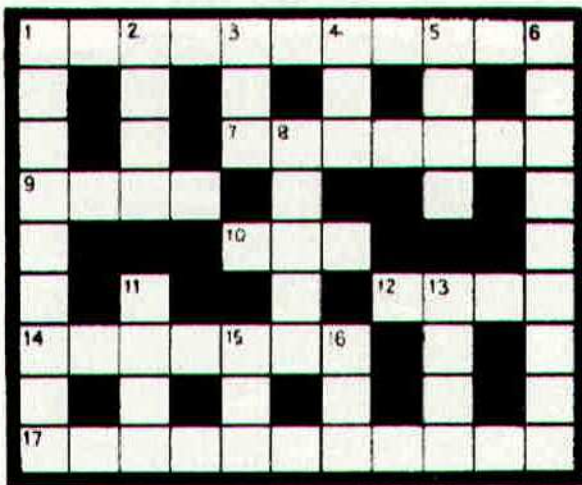
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## CLUES - Across

1. Special "official" supporters' train initiated a couple of seasons ago (6-5)
7. He collected 20 caps with Blackburn, and he's still collecting with Spurs (7)
9. Chelmsford forward signed recently from Hereford (4)
10. Back at Walsall (3)
12. See 15 down
14. Richard Attenborough is a director here (7)
17. Cottage keeper (5,6)

## CLUES - Down

1. Trophy currently held by Wolves (6,3)
2. & 11 down. Luton linkman (4,4)
3. New manager of East Stirling (3)
4. Either one of two stages in some cup rounds (3)
5. Wrexham chief (4)
6. MTK Budapest achieved fame in the fifties under this former name (3,6)
8. Former Boro', Swindon and Swansea stopper (5)
11. See 2 down
13. Where the first F.A. Cup Final was played (4)
15. & 12 across. Honorary F.A. Vice-President:
16. East Germany side: Wismut ---- (3)

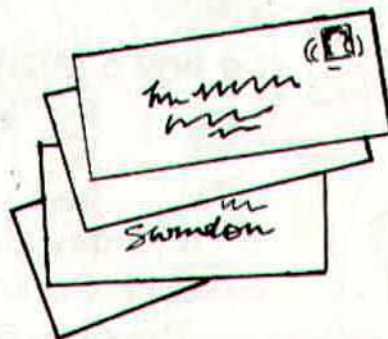
## Solutions for crossword in Gillingham Programme

### SOLUTIONS - Across

1. & 3. Puma & Adidas 7. Ray Clemence 9. Ross  
11. Test 14. Alan Merrick 16. Kearns 17. Boam

### SOLUTIONS - Down

1. Park (Stirling A.) 2. May 4. Dimitar 5. Denis (Law) 6. Seed (Spurs, 1921, Charlton, 1947)  
8. Lishman 10. O'Mara 12. Jack 13. Skem 15. Ivo





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Season 1958/60	Round	Swindon v Walsall (Darcy, Edwards)	Lost	3-2
Season 1960/61	Round 1	Swindon v Bath (Hunt, Layne)	Draw	2-2
		Bath v Swindon (Layne 4, Hunt 2)	Won	6-4
	Round 2	Swindon v Shrewsbury	Lost	1-0
Season 1961/62	Round 1	Swindon v Kettering	Draw	2-2
		Kettering v Swindon	Lost	0-3
Season 1962/63	Round 1	Swindon v Reading (Hunt 2, Smith 2)	Won	4-2
	Round 2	Yeovil Town v Swindon (Hunt, Jackson)	Won	2-0
	Round 3	Luton Town v Swindon (Jackson 2)	Won	2-0
	Round 4	Swindon v Everton (Smith)	Lost	5-1
Season 1963/64	Round 3	Swindon v Manchester City (Smart 2)	Won	2-1
	Round 4	Aldershot v Swindon (Atkins, Rogers)	Won	2-1
	Round 5	Swindon v West Ham (McPherson)	Lost	3-1
Season 1964/65	Round 3	Swindon v Ipswich	Lost	1-2
Season 1965/66	Round 1	Swindon v Merthyr Tydfil (East 4, Smart 1)	Won	5-1
	Round 2	Grantham v Swindon (Weaver, Brown, East, Smart 2, Nurse)	Won	6-1
	Round 3	Swindon v Coventry City (Brown)	Lost	2-1
Season 1966/67	Round 1	Swindon v Horsham (Nurse, Brown, Rogers)	Won	3-0
	Round 2	Swindon v Ashford (Rogers 2, Brown, Penman Walker)	Won	5-0
	Round 3	West Ham v Swindon (Rogers 2, Brown)	Draw	3-3
		Swindon v West Ham (Penman, Rogers, Skeen)	Won	3-1
	Round 4	Swindon v Bury (Morgan, Rogers)	Won	2-1
	Round 5	Nottingham Forest v Swindon Swindon v Nottingham Forest (Walker)	Draw Draw	0-0 1-1
		Swindon v Nottingham Forest (at Villa Park)	Lost	3-0
Season 1967/68	Round 1	Swindon v Salisbury (Penman, Terry 3)	Won	4-0
	Round 2	Swindon v Luton (Rogers 2, Heath)	Won	3-2
	Round 3	Swindon v Blackburn Rovers (Nurse)	Won	1-0
	Round 4	Sheffield Wednesday v Swindon (Smart)	Lost	2-1
Season 1968/69	Round 1	Swindon v Canterbury (Rogers)	Won	1-0
	Round 2	Grantham v Swindon (Jones, Smith)	Won	2-0
	Round 3	Swindon v Southend	Lost	2-0
Season 1969/70	Round 3	Blackburn Rovers v Swindon (Smith, Horsfield, Rogers, Butler)	Won	4-0
	Round 4	Swindon v Chester (Horsfield 2, Smart, Jones)	Won	4-2
	Round 5	Swindon v Southorpe (Noble, Horsfield, Trollope)	Won	3-1
	Round 6	Swindon v Leeds	Lost	2-0
Season 1970/71	Round 3	Swindon v Q.P.R. (Horsfield, Noble)	Won	2-1
	Round 4	Leeds v Swindon	Lost	4-0
Season 1971/72	Round 3	Swindon v Arsenal	Lost	2-0
Season 1972/73	Round 3	Swindon v Birmingham City (Butler, Treacy)	Won	2-0
	Round 4	West Bromwich Albion v Swindon	Lost	2-0
Season 1973/74	Round 3	Portsmouth v Swindon	Draw	3-3
		Swindon v Portsmouth	Lost	0-1

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# QUIZ ???

## QUESTIONS

1. The Father of a well known Sound Radio Broadcaster was at one time Manager of Reading. Name the personality.
2. Name a full back transferred from Reading to Swindon in the early fifties.
3. Who was the centre forward who came to Swindon from Plymouth, was transferred to Reading, and returned to the County Ground?
4. Ted Nash was mentioned last week. Who was the other goalkeeper in the twenties, who often replaced him?
5. Can you name 3 international players who have been Manager of Reading.
6. A Manager of the Great Western Railway later Bristol Railway was a Director of Reading.
7. Which Swindon full-back was renowned for his "double" kick?
8. Two Swindon players went on an F.A. Tour of South Africa. Who were they?
9. Which former Reading player captained Swindon in the fifties.

10. Which former Swindon player managed Reading in the fifties.
11. Name the centre-forward who scored 4 goals in the first half, for Swindon at Reading.
12. The son of a Swindon Manager was for a period on Readings books.

## ANSWERS

1. Maurice Edelston. Himself an Amateur International and later a professional.
2. Geof Gulliver
3. Frank Richardson (nicknamed Swerver). A great talker.
4. Ossie Randall.
5. Harry Johnston, Joe Smith, Ted Drake, Roy Bentley
6. Sir Felix Pole.
7. "Tober" Weston, local boy, a grand club man.
8. Bert Davies, David Rogers.
9. Jimmy Johnston (left half back).
10. Jack Smith played at left back transferred from Swindon to Chelsea.
11. Jim Kelly in 1957-58 season.
12. David Head.

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## SWINDON TOWN

1. Barron
2. Dixon
3. Trollope
4. Hubbard
5. Burrows
6. Prophett
7. Moss
8. McLaughlin
9. Eastoe
10. Butler
11. Anderson
12. Jenkins



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Mr. K. R. Bell (Hythe, Southampton)

## READING

1. Death
2. Anderson
3. Moreline
4. Cumming
5. Lenarduzzi
6. Youlden
7. Murray
8. Hubbin
9. Friday
10. Freeman
11. Karnaby
12. Taylor

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