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NEWS & VIEWS

This afternoon we greet to the County Ground, Lincoln, who to many of us are almost newcomers.

Only once in the history of the two clubs have the teams met, in the F.A. Cup and that was in the second round in season 1934 - 35.

During that period Swindon was rather in the doldrums. We defeated Newport 4 - 0 at home in the first round and Lincoln in the next round 4 - 3. We were drawn home again in the next two rounds defeating Chesterfield 2 - 1, only to lose to Preston 0 - 2.

The next season proved to be disastrous, as we lost at Southall an amateur team 1 - 3. I well remember a notice outside Swindon Station (the team always travelled by train in those days) "For Sale: One Broody Hen, and Twelve Robins" Yes the club had much to put up with. However we survived, and the following season 1937 - 38, saw a great revival in the fortunes of the club. Soon after unfortunately came World War Two, and the closing down of all football.

In all the season of League Football, Swindon has only played against Lincoln City in one and that was in Season 1961 - 62,

during the period when Lincoln City was having a disastrous time going straight from Division 2 to Division 4.

The teams met at the County Ground on Saturday 30th September 1961. Result Swindon 4 Lincoln City 0
Swindon Team: Burton, Jones.K., Trollope, Morgan, Owen, Woodruffe, Corbett, Hunt (Ernie), Smith, Hunt (Ralph) Jackson.

The away game at Lincil Bank produced a draw, two goals each.

Lincoln, came to Swindon after being relegated, but in good form, yet was defeated and at the end of the season was again relegated, this time to Division 4. Swindon finished in ninth place with a goal average of 71 goals scored for and 49 against. Yes we could score goals in those days, although the first two months, six goals were scored against us on two occasions, at Queens Park Rangers and Barnsley.

Lincoln City began life in League Football in 1892 as founder members of Division 2. Their start was not too encouraging, and in their fifth season had to be re-elected.

Their fortunes waned and after seeking re-election again, finally lost their place in

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Lincoln's Magnificent Run

by Tony Pullein

Lincoln City take time off from their Fourth Division promotion battling today to face their fourth consecutive away tie in the F.A. Cup. The Imps, who were unbeaten in 16 League and Cup games as they went into their Christmas programme, were drawn away last season and in each of the previous two rounds of this term.

After drawing 2-2 at Port Vale, Lincoln won the replay 2-0. In round two they drew 0-0 at Hartlepool and won the replay 1-0.

Lincoln are predominantly an attacking team — they hit 44 goals in their first 20 League matches — yet there is no single individual who has been hogging the goals haul.

By last weekend their leading marksmen were Peter Graham (10), Dave Smith (7) and Dick Krzywicki (7). Graham and Smith are likely to be joined in attack today by Ade Coker, a young Nigerian on loan from West Ham.

Graham has been playing in top-class football for some nine years, beginning at Barnsley where he was not a regular first-teamer. Following a loan spell with Halifax, he transferred to Darlington in 1970 and was on two occasions their leading scorer. Lincoln signed him for £12,500 last season.

Smith got only one game in Middlesbrough's League eleven but topped Lincoln's scoring list in his first season after signing in 1968.

Coker, who scored on his League debut for West Ham against Crystal Palace in October 1971, is often called up for first-team duty with the Hammers. But, because the established strikers have been

doing so well this season, his chances have been more limited. West Ham permitted his temporary transfer to Lincoln to enable him to get more senior experience.

Midfield players include Dick Krzywicki, Dennis Booth, Alan Harding and Colin Symm.

Krzywicki is a player of vast experience, having gained eight Welsh international caps. He played for several seasons in the First Division with West Bromwich Albion. He left the Hawthorns for Huddersfield in 1970 on a £45,000 transfer and, while with them, he was loaned to Scunthorpe and Northampton. Lincoln signed him in the last close-season.

Harding arrived from Darlington in 1973. A former striker, he was Darlington's top scorer in 1970/71. Booth, who spent part of last season on loan to Lincoln, completed the transfer from Southend during the summer. He spent his early years with Charlton, moved to Blackpool in 1971 and then went on to Southend a few weeks later.

Symm left Sunderland for Lincoln in 1972 to enjoy regular League football for the first time. He had played in the First Division for both Sunderland and his previous club, Sheffield Wednesday, but didn't win a regular place.

Goalkeeper Peter Grotier is a player who owes his place in Lincoln's goal to — their supporters! the £20,000 fee which West Ham placed on his head last summer was way beyond Lincoln's means so fans clubbed together to raise the fee, a record for the club.

The defence normally lines out with Ian Branfoot, Sam Ellis, Terry Cooper and

Dennis Leigh.

Ellis and Branfoot are both former Sheffield Wednesday players. Ellis is a former England under-23 international and he played for Sheffield Wednesday in the 1966 F.A. Cup Final. He spent two seasons with Mansfield Town, before signing for Lincoln in 1973.

Branfoot had been with Doncaster for almost four years until his transfer in 1973.

Cooper opened his career with Newport County, moving to Notts County in 1970. Three seasons ago he spent a loan period with Lincoln and he was permanently transferred in 1972. Leigh first played League soccer for Doncaster and joined Yorkshire rivals Rotherham United in 1968. Lincoln signed him two seasons ago.

Lincoln are managed by their former skipper Graham Taylor, whose playing days began at Grimsby in 1963/64. He joined Lincoln in 1968, scoring on his debut – a feat he never repeated in five years! He was appointed manager last season.

Lincoln have reached the fourth round of the F.A. Cup for the first time in four years, the last time they survived this stage being in 1960/61 when they knocked our First Division West Bromwich Albion before going down at Sheffield United in round four.

The Lincoln club was formed in 1883 and became founder members of the Second Division of the Football League in 1892. They were voted out in 1908, after two

consecutive applications for re-election, but regained their place a year later. They were ejected again in 1911, once again to gain re-admittance within a year. They were thrown out for a third time in 1920 but, fortunately for them, the new Third Division (North) was formed in 1921 so, yet again, they were without League soccer for only one season.

For some years the Imps floundered in the lower half of the Northern section table but in 1927/28 they emerged as surprise challengers for promotion. In the end they were well beaten into second place by Bradford. Only the top club was promoted in those days.

They continued to hover around the top and came second again in 1931, this time finishing only one point behind Chesterfield. A year later they finally won their way back into Division Two, but by the narrowest of margins – they finished level on points with Gateshead but had a superior goal average.

Within two years they were back in the Third Division where they remained until taking the championship again in 1948. This time they were relegated at the end of their first season but they bounced back again in 1952 for their last spell of Second Division play.

Relegation came again in 1961 and twelve months later they dropped further down into Division Four.

Now, after 12 years of Fourth Division fare, the Imps look good enough to win back their Third Division place.

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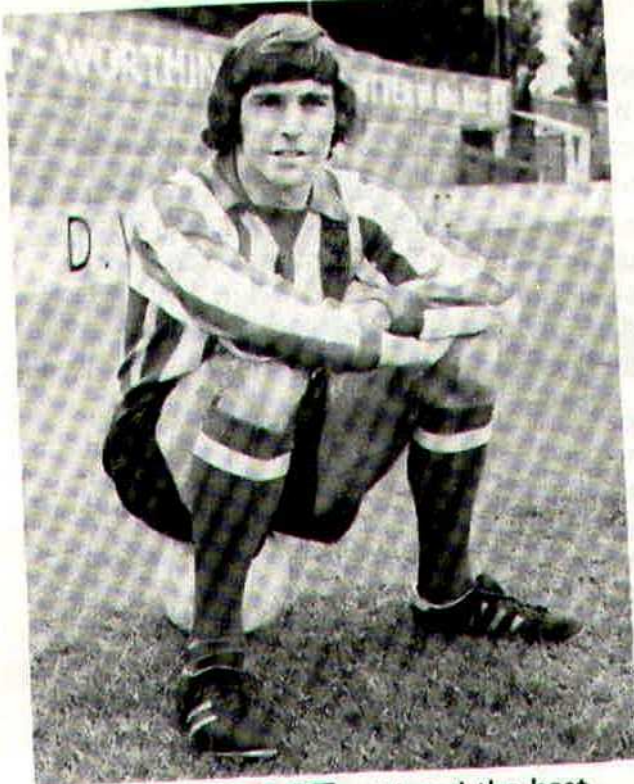
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IAN BRANFOOT Voted the best right back in the 4th Division by fellow P.F.A. members. Missed only one game in his first season with Lincoln last year.



SAM ELLIS Ex Sheffield Wednesday and Mansfield pivot who played in 45 games in his first season with Lincoln.

TERRY COOPER Tremendous competitor who has settled down to put in consistent performance of high standard.



PETER GRAHAM Signed from Darlington F.C. and should get full opportunity to show his undoubted ability on the transfer of leading goalscorer Dixie McNeil.



F.A. CUP TIME

Small Clubs Chase Fame and Fortune

by Tony Pullein

Walsall, who performed one of the greatest of all giant-killing acts when they defeated the mighty Arsenal side of 1933 by 2-1, have probably an equally difficult task today when they visit Manchester United. But Walsall's success in the 'thirties – and many others since – have proved beyond doubt that, in the F.A. Cup, anything is possible.

So what price Altrincham winning at Everton!

Now that really would be something. For, since the Football League was extended to 88 clubs in 1921, no First Division team has ever been beaten at home by a non-League side.

Even given ground advantage, only four non-League clubs have beaten First Division sides. The Corinthians beat Blackburn 1-0 in 1924, Colchester ousted Huddersfield by a similar score in 1948, Yeovil K.O'd Sunderland 2-1 a year later while Hereford pushed Newcastle aside in a replay two years ago.

Southern League Wimbledon are another minnow hoping for a miracle at Burnley. The Dons are managed by Alan Batsford who coached Walton & Hersham to Cup glory last season. Wycombe Wanderers have ground advantage in their first-ever clash with First Division opposition.

Stafford Rangers, who have already defeated Stockport County and Halifax, can equal a post-war record if they kick out Rotherham United today. Colchester (1947/48), New Brighton (1956/57) and Peterborough (1959/60) are the only outsiders to eliminate three Football League sides in one season. With ground advantage, Stafford must stand a reasonable chance of joining that select band.

One Football League club has already broken a club record for its best F.A. Cup performance. Cambridge United, having beaten Hitchin and Hereford, are in the third round for the first time.

Lowly Second Division Cardiff City go into their tough tie against League Champions Leeds United at Elland Road believing history can repeat itself. By one of those curious coincidences of the draw, Cardiff were drawn away to Leeds in the corresponding round in successive seasons in the mid 'fifties. On each occasion, they won 2-1. Will they complete the hat-trick today?

At that time Leeds were in the middle of an incredible run in which they were knocked out in round three ten years on the trot!

Plymouth Argyle have an exceedingly poor F.A. Cup record but manager Tony Waiters has a special incentive today. Argyle are at home to Blackpool, where Waiters earned his reputation as an outstanding goalkeeper during the 'sixties. While with Blackpool he won five England caps. "I was delighted with the draw," he smiled. "Obviously I hope we can beat my old club."

A look at F.A. Cup crowds so far reveals that non-League Wigan Athletic have drawn two of the largest attendances. Farsley Celtic also come in the top bracket but they did play their tie with Tranmere on Leeds United's ground. Leading crowds:

| | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| 17,473 | Plymouth v Crystal Palace |
| 15,560 | Wigan v Mansfield |
| 13,365 | Swindon v Reading |
| 13,281 | Brighton v Brentford |
| 11,970 | Brighton v Aldershot |
| 11,860 | Wigan v Shrewsbury |
| 11,209 | Mansfield v Wigan |
| 10,337 | Farsley Celtic v Tranmere |
| 10,101 | Preston v Blyth Spartans |
| 10,016 | Swindon v Maidstone |

The Chairmans Column

In writing these notes for the programme of the Lincoln City match, we have had to produce them before Christmas and without the knowledge of the result of our home match with Bournemouth. We were all disappointed with the result of our home game with Peterborough, after our lads had played so well and dominated so much of the play, but this is what football is all about – the uncertainty of results. The attendance of just over 9,000 a few days before Christmas was very encouraging and I am sure that in spite of losing, you were not disappointed by the overall performance of the team.

The critics who splash the headlines of our newspapers, local as well as national, sometimes produce articles which are a long way from the true story of the game, but the headlines, I am sure are read by many thousands of people who not only read but believe. The reporters at some games pass their reports to other papers and of course sometimes a biased opinion can be passed around, but we sport loving people must accept some of the reports with a pinch of salt and sometimes with the knowledge of one's own views. It is a bit galling when a reporter writes how you had 90% of the game, how you hit the up-rights and bar time and time again, how your goalkeeper had little to do and yet writes that whilst all this was happening you were struggling and your game was made up with brawn without brain, a conclusion which cannot be levelled at Danny's team.

During the interval of our home game with Peterborough, we made the Xmas Draw which was run through our Development Fund and which gave prizes from a weekend in Paris to portable radios. I had been asked to make the draw and as many of you must have witnessed, a most embarrassing moment happened when the door of the drum containing the draw tickets flew open when the drum was being rotated. In spite of all this, all the tickets were recovered and put back into

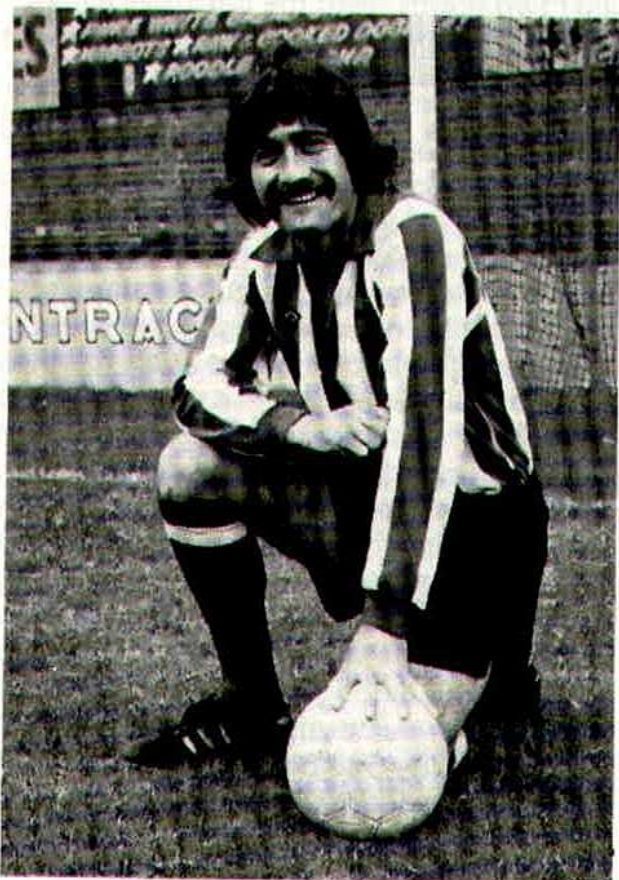
the drum when we finally managed to complete the draw.

As you will have read in the Swindon Advertiser, a Christmas Party was held by the players for their children in the Rendezvous Club. It really went with a swing and Duggie Woodman acted as Father Christmas to give each child a present which the lads provided for them. Our lads did all the arrangements themselves with Frank Burrows being in charge.

After writing in my notes that we felt that many people found it difficult to get transport to and from our games, I have had complaints that it takes as long as an hour to get transport to such places as Moredon and Penhill, so please, don't be afraid to put your complaints in writing to us to enable us to approach the appropriate authorities who may be able to help.

You will have read that we have let Glyn Broom go to Bath City on loan for a short period. This was after a request for help from Bert Head, the manager of Bath City and after Danny decided that it might be good experience for his young centre back. Danny can of course recall Glyn if we need him in an emergency. With Roger Smart, Richard Legg, Steve Scarratt, Paul Fiocca and Trevor Tinson all former Town players, Glyn will not be amongst strangers and we wish him well.

Mr. Arthur Done, our Director, has had to spend his Xmas in the Princess Margaret Hospital after an unfortunate fall at his home which has resulted in 'disc' trouble. During this enforced confinement to bed, Arthur has had an opportunity to listen to the football matches relayed from the County Ground and I know that he has some very useful suggestions to take back to the broadcaster which will certainly help the reception at the hospital. Mr. Done takes a very active interest in the organising of our Souvenir Shop and also our match day refreshment bars and we all wish him a speedy return to fitness.



DAVID SMITH Now entering his seventh season with Lincoln since being signed on a 'free' transfer in 1968. Former Middlesbrough player.



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Just two points from the last three games is a very disappointing reward for us all but when I look back over those three games. I am far from despondent. The lads performance at Plymouth was magnificent and I make no bones about that we were robbed of two points by one of the most biased and weak displays of refereeing I have ever witnessed. It is quite unfair that such a man so obviously lacking in experience should be in a position to take away the just rewards well earned by our team for believe me, as well as they played, our opponents surely did not take them from us, they were handed to them by the senior official. However, the teams display was greatly appreciated by the Plymouth supporters and the reputation of our Club was greatly enhanced by our efforts.

Against Bournemouth we again returned to the winning trail but this match very nearly did not take place. At 11.0 am the referee was in mind to call off the game but after consultation with the Secretary and myself and the Met.Office at Lyneham he agreed to defer his decision for one hour. Fortunately the drying wind improved the condition of the pitch and Mr. Yates agreed that the match should take place. And thank goodness he did for we now have two additional points to our tally. We had to make two team changes for this match due to injuries, Terry Hubbard and John McLaughlin both having received leg injuries and I also decided that David Syrett should take over from Trevor Anderson who was obviously feeling the effects of two hard games in four days. Kenny Stroud's performance pleased me bearing in mind that this was his first senior outing since the operation on his knee.

John Trollope is fast approaching his 600th League game having now played 595 times in the League since his first appearance on the 20th August 1960 against Halifax. Added to this John appeared 42 times in the Football Association Cup Competition and made 34 appearances in the Football League Cup Competition, a total of 671 first team appearances and this does not include the Anglo-Italian Competition games. Well done John — Keep it up !

The BIRTH of the CUP

There has never been any necessity to define "The Cup". For everyone in England that brief reference automatically implies The Football Association Challenge Cup. It's astonishing popularity has fathered a host of imitators, each drawing on the sure recipe for success. The World Cup, the European Cups, the U.E.F.A. Cup, the League Cup, the Texaco Cup, the Amateur Cup, the Women's Football Association Mitre Challenge Trophy, there is room for them all and each develops its own fascination. A hundred years from its modest beginnings the Challenge Cup still reigns supreme, more vigorous and popular than ever, more firmly rooted in the fibre of the country. It is at once modern and traditional, a part of our social history and our culture that is undated and timeless in its appeal.

Our pioneering past has shaped many parts of the globe, but from all our traditions the Cup now has as great an impact as any. For it was the Cup that stimulated the astounding growth of Association Football that has such an effect on the lives and imagination of nations throughout the continents.

Compare the story of association football with that of cricket or rugby. In the 19th century cricket had all the advantages. Squire and labourer were nurtured on it and there was a deep love of the game in all classes. Yet now interest is less intense and widespread. Only as cricket began to lose some of its appeal did the legislators institute a knock-out competition and the Gillette Cup, started in 1963, has already brought a new dimension to the game. Rugby administrators regarded Cup competition and professionalism as the ultimate evil. So despite the support of so many schools the game has always been limited in its appeal and has inevitably split between the amateurs of the Union and the professionals of the League. Association football reversed the process. Within eight years of its formation The

Football Association started the Cup Competition to give impetus to the spread of the game. It was the stone that started an avalanche and led to the rise of professionalism, the development of the League system and an undreamed of advance in the game's popularity. The Cup was the catalyst that changed the whole concept of association football and made it truly the game of the people throughout the world. You can admire it for so firing the imagination or curse it for bringing in its train the problems of sportsmanship and crowd control. But you cannot ignore its vast appeal.

An insignificant atom can generate an uncontrollable force. So it was, that a quiet meeting of a small committee launched fifteen Clubs into a competition that was to change a way of life. The scene was a small, oak-panelled room at the Sportsman office, London: the date July 20, 1871, eight years after the formation of the Football Association. There sat seven men, dressed in the height of fashion as befitted their place in society. The talk was of the events of the day: the siege of Paris by the troops from Versailles; the proposal before Parliament to abolish the system of purchasing commissions in the Army; the serious illness of Edward, Prince of Wales; the decision of King William of Prussia to assume the title of German Emperor. Soon their conversation drifted to the exploits of their football clubs, for each was a member of one or other of the best-known teams of that period.

Charles Alcock of the Wanderers was tall and athletic, and about thirty years of age. Near him sat A. Stair of the Upton Park Club, Honorary Treasurer to the F.A. Committee; C. W. Stephenson, of Westminster School; H.J.Giffard, of the Civil Service Club; D.Allport, of the Crystal Palace Football Club; M.P. Betts, of Harrow; and an officer of the Royal Engineers, Captain Francis Marindin.

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DIVISION 3

| DATE | | OPPONENTS | RESULT | | RESULT | |
|-------|------|------------------------|--------|---|--------|---|
| 1974 | | | F | A | 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. | Chesterfield | A | 2 | 0 | |
| | 5 | 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 | Reading F.A. Cup | H | 4 | 0 | |
| | 30 | Colchester United | H | 4 | 1 | |
| Dec | 4 | League Cup 5 | | 1 | 2 | |
| | 7 | Hereford United | A | 1 | 2 | |
| | 14 | F.A. Cup 2 Maidstone | H | 3 | 1 | |
| | 21 | Peterborough United | H | 0 | 1 | |
| | 26 | Plymouth Argyle | A | 3 | 4 | |
| | 28 | AFC Bournemouth | H | 2 | 1 | |
| 1975 | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 4 | F.A. Cup 3 Lincoln | H | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
| | 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 | |
|-------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1974 | | | F | A |
| Aug. | 17 | Ipswich Town | A | 0 |
| | 20 | Bristol Rovers | A | Postponed |
| | 24 | Oxford United | H | 0 |
| | 27 | Bristol Rovers | H | 0 |
| | 31 | Arsenal | A | 0 |
| Sept. | 7 | Q.P.R. | H | 0 |
| | 14 | West Ham United | A | 0 |
| | 18 | Oxford United | A | 0 |
| | 21 | Crystal Palace | H | 0 |
| | 28 | Bournemouth | A | 2 |
| | 12 | Cardiff City | H | 1 |
| | 19 | Chelsea | A | 0 |
| | 22 | Southampton | H | Postponed |
| Nov. | 2 | Bristol City | A | 0 |
| | 9 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | 0 |
| | 16 | Luton Town | A | 1 |
| | 23(1) | Norwich City | H | Postponed |
| | 30 | Birmingham City | A | 2 |
| Dec. | 7 | Leicester City | H | 1 |
| | 14(2) | Ipswich Town | H | Postponed |
| | 17 | Fulham | A | 0 |
| 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 | |
| | 12 | Reading | A | |
| | 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 | | |

DIVISION 3

| | P | Home | | | Away | | | F | A | Pts | | |
|--------------|----|------|---|---|------|----|---|---|----|-----|----|----|
| | | W | D | L | A | W | D | | | | L | |
| Blackburn | 24 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 32 |
| Port Vale | 25 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 20 | 30 |
| Plymouth | 24 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 24 | 29 |
| Swindon | 25 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 25 | 29 |
| Colchester | 24 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 28 |
| Charlton | 23 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 28 |
| Preston | 25 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 28 |
| C.Palace | 24 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 28 |
| Peterboro | 24 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 27 |
| Hereford | 25 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 28 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 23 | 26 |
| Southend | 25 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 25 |
| Wrexham | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 19 | 24 |
| Watford | 25 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 27 | 24 |
| Walsall | 24 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 24 | 23 |
| Bury | 25 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 23 |
| Gillingham | 24 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| Grimsby | 24 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 27 | 22 |
| Halifax | 24 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 21 |
| Brighton | 24 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 24 | 20 |
| Bourne'th | 23 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 19 |
| Chesterfield | 24 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 18 |
| Aldershot | 24 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 21 | 18 |
| Huddersfield | 24 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 26 | 18 |
| Tranmere | 23 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 19 | 17 |

FOR THE RECORD

Division 3 - 21st December, 1974

SWINDON TOWN - 0

Barron, Dixon, Hubbard, Burrows, Trollope, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson, Jenkins (s)

PETERBOROUGH UNITED - 1 (McLaughlin o.g.)

Steele, Bradley, Lee, Walker, Turner, Jones, Murray, Gregory, Nixon, Carmichael, Oakes, Hill (s)

Division 3 - 26th December, 1974

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 4 (Randell, Delve, Mariner, Rafferty pen.)

Furnell, Hore, Burrows, Saxton, Green, Delve, Randell, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty, McAudley Rogers (s)

SWINDON TOWN 3 (Moss (2) McLaughlin)

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Hubbard, Burrows, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Jenkins, Anderson Butler (s)

Division 3 - 28th December, 1974

SWINDON TOWN 2 (Moss pen. Eastoe)

Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophett, Moss, Butler, Eastoe, Syrett, Jenkins Anderson (s)

A. F. C. BOURNEMOUTH 1 (Hague)

Charlton, Falconer, Parodi, Howard, Merrick, Hague, Wingate, Welsh, Goddard, O'Rourke, Buttle, Nightingale (s)

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

DIVISION ONE

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Macdonald (Newcastle) | 13 |
| Kidd (Arsenal) | 13 |
| Foggon (Middlesbrough) | 12 |

DIVISION TWO

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Graydon (Aston Villa) | 18 |
| Channon (Southampton) | 13 |
| Boyer (Norwich) | 13 |

DIVISION THREE

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Eastoe (Swindon) | 19 |
| McNeill (Hereford) | 19 |
| Buckley (Walsall) | 18 |

DIVISION FOUR

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Clarke (Mansfield) | 19 |
| Habbin (Reading) | 16 |
| James (Chester) | 14 |

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 |
| Reading (F.A.Cup) | 13,365 | |
| Colchester | 10072 | 6256 |
| Maidstone (F.A. Cup) | 10016 | |
| Peterborough | 9023 | 7022 |
| Bournemouth | 9929 | 7230 |

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After the formal business had been dealt with C.W. Alcock proposed the competition. 'That it is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Associations should be invited to compete'. The idea was received at once with general favour, and finally approved at a subsequent meeting held on October 16th, 1871, which was attended by representatives of eleven clubs as well as by the F.A. Committee.

Because most of the fixture cards for that season had already been completed the northern clubs were absent, but fifteen teams in all entered, and of these only two – Queen's Park, Glasgow, and Donington Grammar School – came from north of Hertfordshire, Hitchin, Royal Engineers, Reigate Priory, Maidenhead, and Great Marlow were all outside the Metropolitan radius, but the other eight entries – Wanderers, Harrow Chequers, Barnes, Civil Service, Crystal Palace, Upton Park,

Clapham Rovers, and Hampstead Heathens – were all within easy reach of the City and came fairly under the heading of London Clubs. Here they were, the fifteen original entries for a competition which nowadays attracts over 400 clubs.

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| A | Bournemouth v Huddersfield |
| B | C.Palace v Hereford |
| C | Watford v Grimsby |
| D | Arsenal v York |
| E | Blackburn v Bristol Rovers |
| F | Chelsea v Sheffield Wed. |
| G | Leeds v Cardiff |
| H | Leicester x Oxford |
| J | Liverpool v Stoke |
| K | Manchester U. v Walsall |
| L | Newcastle v Manchester City |
| M | Orient v Derby |
| N | Plymouth v Blackpool |
| O | Sheffield Utd. v Bristol City |
| P | Southampton v West Ham |
| Q | Sunderland v Chesterfield |
| R | Manfield v Cambridge |
| S | Wolves v Ipswich |
| T | Wycombe W. v Middlesbrough |

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The Evening Advertiser

Since starting to write these notes I have travelled to Plymouth and what a game that was. We took a two goal lead only to have it reduced to one a few minutes before half time by a very strange decision by the referee when Colin Prophet jumped to head a ball right on the edge of his penalty area. Colin was naturally upset and even more so when they scored direct from the resulting free kick. After Plymouth had equalised, we again took the lead only to have another goal given against us when the ball never even entered the net. The strangeness of this decision was that the linesman who was in a perfect position to see, did not confirm the goal whilst the referee who was a long way off but facing the goal, did. I could not see from the Stand, but some players were so obviously upset that it was a wonder a few names were not taken and to end our fate, the referee awarded a penalty which gave Plymouth the game. As chairman of our Club, it is my duty to show impartiality as much as I can and certainly my duty is to uphold the good name of our Club. Our Manager who has a good name second to none in the Football League, was so upset at the unfairness of these decisions, said how can I censure players for dissension when this

kind of thing happens. Now please don't think I am squealing at losing, as I only want to point out that the performance of our lads at Plymouth was a credit to us and certainly the people who attended were in agreement and they gave both teams an ovation at the end of the game, rarely heard of to-day.

I have said many time that the day when our referees become fulltime professionals must come soon and yesterday's performance only convinces me of this. I know that my critics of this view will say that the professional referee will always make controversial decisions and this I agree with, but not elementary and stupid ones. It is a good thing for our game that we have good referees, men that not only understand the game, but also understand men and I suppose we must be grateful that it is only on the odd occasion when our games are spoilt by such happenings as on Boxing Day.

Danny in building up a side that is entertaining and I ask all supporters to keep faith whatever the results as I feel certain that given time, Danny can get us to the top, but we need your support to enable us to help Danny.



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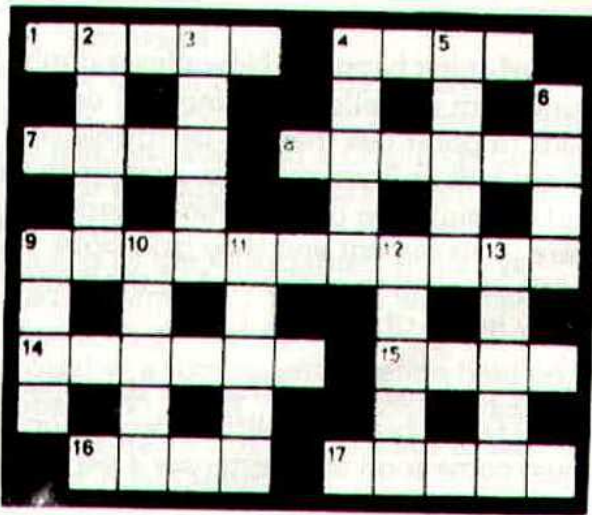
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CLUES – Across

1. 1974 'Double' winners in Yugoslavia: Hajduk ----- (5)
4. The Shakers (4)
7. Town of Czech club Zbrojovka (4)
8. Forest forward (6)
9. Rioch, Robson and Ross have him as boss (3,8)
14. Charity Trophy (6)
15. 3 down play at Old ----- Ground (4)
16. & 17. Manchester's most-appeared player (4,5)

Solutions to crossword
Bournemouth programme

SOLUTIONS – Across

1. Phil Parkes (Wolves & Q.P.R.)
8. Irwin
9. Layne
10. Seel
11. Star
15. Chaco
17. eight
18. Portsmouth

CLUES – Down

2. One of Tommy Doherty's managerial stepping-stones (5)
3. Scunthorpe sobriquet (5)
4. Albion international (5)
5. He wrote a book called "----- Flush" (5)
6. George Eastham and his son, George, played together as inside-forwards for this club (4)
9. ----- Jenkins (Watford) (4)
10. London manager (5)
11. Goalkeeper in Scotland's World Cup squad (5)
12. Ujpest ---- (Hungary) (5)
13. Famous post-war Arsenal centre-forward (5)

SOLUTIONS – Down

2. Hewie
3. Lane (Notts. Co.)
4. Auld
5. Kay
6. Spearitt
7. first cap
12. tight
13. Moss
14. Leao
16. Ayr

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KENNETH RIDDEN (Shrewsbury)

Promoted to The League's full list for this season after serving on The League line and supplementary list. Began refereeing in Durham and served on the Northern League and then the Southern League. Refereed the F.A. Sunday Cup Final last season and was on the line for the 1972-73 F.A. Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley and a European Cup-Tie in Belgium in 1969. Married with two children, he is a senior lecturer at Shrewsbury Technical College. His interests outside the game include oil painting and wood turning.

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the League. However in 1921 with the formation of Division 3 (North) Lincoln resumed league football.

Climbing steadily they finally gained promotion to Division 2 in Season 1931- 32 as winners of Division 3 (North) with 51 points from 40 games. Two seasons later they were however relegated. They suffered a similar experience, after seven more years in Division 3 going up and down in twelve months.

In 1952 Lincoln again became champions of Division 3 (North) with 69 points from 46 games. This time they stayed in Division 2 for nine seasons, but unfortunately their fortunes changed rapidly. In season 1960 - 61 Lincoln was again relegated to Division 3 having finished in bottom place. Worse was to follow because in 1961 - 62, they were third from bottom, and thus were relegated as by then, four up and four down was in force in League 3 and 4. Next year 1962 - 63 Lincoln had to seek re-election. Thus in three seasons they had gone from Division 2 to the bottom places in Division 4.

After several more difficult seasons Lincoln, has re-established itself, and is challenging strongly for the leadership of Division 4 to date it has an excellent record.

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Position |
|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|----------|
| 21 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 44 | 22 | 28 | 4th |

Their goal average is one of the best in the four league.

The game tends to be a strongly fought one. May it be as entertaining, as our last three home games.

See you all next week when we play Hereford United, and a score to pay off.

We regret to record the death of one of our previous players Jack Johnson died on 13th December 1974 at the age of 77 years. He had not been in good health for many years, but died rather suddenly.

Jack joined Swindon in 1920, and although born at Bristol was considered a local player developed through the Reserve Team. He was a strong forceful hardworking inside left, with a cracking left foot shot. Although his position was inside-left in the W formation days, and his job was to graft, and provide openings, he was top goal scorer for the club in seasons 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25.

I remember probably his finest game in a second round cup-tie at Crystal Palace in season 1927-28. The first game at Swindon resulted in a 0 - 0 draw, but Swindon won the replay at Selhurst Park by 2 - 1 and the winning goal was a magnificent effort on the part of Jack. He brought the ball out of his own penalty area, right to the other end, drew the centre-half, then slid a perfect pass to Harry Morris who had a simple job to score.

Jack was a grand fellow, quiet, kind and helpful to everyone with whom he came in contact. We extend our sympathies to his wife and daughter.

We are sorry to report the death of another of our players — Bill Stephens, whom many of our supporters will remember.

Bill along with his twin brother Alf, joined Swindon in 1946 from Leeds United. They were two bright, lively characters, well known in the Walcot Area. In season 1946-47 Bill played 40 games at centre forward, and was top scorer with 25 goals. His best achievement was probably the four goals he scored against Aldershot in their 7 - 0 defeat at Swindon on Saturday 7th September, 1946, our second home game of the season.

The following year Bill only played seven games, and was then transferred to West Ham United for a fee reputed to be in the region of £15,000.

Unfortunately, his stay with that club, was rather an unfortunate one, as on two occasions he suffered a broken leg.

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profile on COLIN PROPHETT



Colin was born in Crewe and played for a time as an amateur for Crewe Alexandra. He eventually joined Sheffield Wednesday as a professional in 1968 and was subsequently transferred to Norwich City in 1973 from which club he joined 'The Town' earlier this year.

Colin is married and he and his wife recently moved to Swindon and they now await the arrival of their first child.

In his spare time Colin enjoys a game of golf and, during the summer, likes to play cricket. For relaxation, his record choice is Dianna Ross and Tamla Motown.

| Football League record: | Apps. | Gls. |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
| Sheffield Wed. 1969/70 | 25 (4) | 2 |
| 1970/71 | 32 (2) | 3 |
| 1971/72 | 41 | 1 |
| 1972/73 | 13 (1) | 1 |
| Norwich 1973/74 | 34 (1) | - |
| 1974/75 | - | - |
| Swindon 1974/75 | 20 (1) | - |
| | 165 | 7 |

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|----------------|-----------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|----------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | Apps | Gls | Apps | Apps | Gls | Apps | Gls | Apps | Gls |
| J. Barron | 23 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| J. McLaughlin | 18 (2 sub) | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| N. Trollope | 25 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| T. Hubbard | 24 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| R. Potter | 12 (1 sub) | | 1 | | | | | | |
| D. Munks | 3 (2 sub) | | 1 | | | 10 | | | |
| D. Moss | 22 (2 sub) | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| D. Syrett | 14 (5 sub) | 3 | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| P. Eastoe | 25 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | |
| H. Maclean | 16 (2 sub) | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | |
| T. Jenkins | 13 (2 sub) | 1 | 1 | (2 sub) | | 3 | | | |
| W. Dixon | 20 (3 sub) | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| F. Burrows | 14 (3 sub) | 2 | (1 sub) | 2 | | 5 | | | |
| J. Butler | 16 (2 sub) | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | | | |
| C. Prohett | 20 (1 sub) | | | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| J. Allan | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| T. Anderson | 7 (1 sub) | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 7 | | | |
| | | 1 o.g. | | | 1 o.g. | | | | |
| G. Chalklin | | | | | | 12 | | 8 | 1 |
| K. Tanner | | | | | | 16 | | 11 | |
| G. Broom | | | | | | 8 | | | |
| A. Young | | | | | | 12 | | | |
| M. Thompson | | | | | | 5(3 sub) | | 11 | 1 |
| K. Gill | | | | | | 15 | 1 | | |
| I. Farr | | | | | | 15(1 sub) | 2 | 11 | 4 |
| M. McGovern | | | | | | 13 | 2 | | |
| N. Algar | | | | | | 4(2sub) | | 10(1 sub) | 3 |
| T. Brinkworth | | | | | | 1(3 sub) | | 8(1 sub) | |
| N. Berry | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| M. Hooman | | | | | | 1 | | 9 | |
| J. Fisher | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| J. Way | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| N. Cowley | | | | | | 1 sub | | | |
| K. Styles | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| J. Gilligan | | | | | | 10(2 sub) | | 11 | 2 |
| S. Slattery | | | | | | 5(3 sub) | | | |
| B. Parry | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| C. Gardner | | | | | | 8(1 sub) | | 10 | 3 |
| M. Elias | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| K. Stroud | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| M. Lawrence | | | | | | 1 | | 7 | |
| A. Hayduck | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| G. Goodwin | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| N. Cowley | | | | | | | | 7(1 sub) | |
| A. Sloman | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| J. Way | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| J. Fisher | | | | | | | | 4(3 sub) | |
| J. Gough | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| R. White | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| T. Young | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| G. Harvey | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| K. Langley | | | | | | | | 1 | |
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|-------------------------|---|
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| Newcastle United | 6 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 5 |
| Wanderers | 5 |
| West Bromwich Albion | 5 |
| Arsenal | 4 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 4 |
| Manchester City | 4 |
| Sheffield United | 4 |
| Wolverhampton Wanderers | 4 |
| Everton | 3 |
| Manchester United | 3 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 3 |
| Bury | 2 |
| Nottingham Forest | 2 |
| Sunderland | 2 |
| Old Etonians | 2 |

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Liverpool | 2 |
| Preston North End | 2 |

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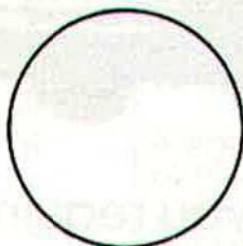
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SATURDAY 4th JANUARY 1975

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. Syrett



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