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# **JIM SMITH says . . .**



Tonight we welcome Swindon Town and there's no need to stress our determination to win this one after we played so brilliantly to lead 3-0 in the game which, unfortunately, had to be abandoned at Layer Road on 18th January.

This blow for us—for a victory at that stage would have been very important—will provide us with plenty of incentive tonight. Also the fact that we went down 4-1 to Swindon at the County Ground will give added impetus to our efforts.

Swindon are a good side and we will have to be on our mettle, despite that fact that, since their gallant F.A. Cup exit to West Ham United, they have slipped in their promotion push, with away defeats at Preston, Grimsby, Gillingham and—last Saturday—Blackburn.

I have been pleased with our better performances away from home. We followed up our point

at Grimsby with a smart victory at Bournemouth last Saturday and, away from home, seem to be getting things right again. Our last away win in the League was at Preston in October so, after so many disappointing away returns, success at Bournemouth was very sweet.

Our loan signings—Danny Cameron of Sheffield Wednesday and Ian Macdonald of Liverpool—have done very well for us and, at the time of writing, I am hoping to extend their loan spells with us for another month.

**COVER PICTURE:**

**Bobby Svarc's goal against Brighton on Saturday, 15th February.**

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# IN APPRECIATION—BY THE CHAIRMAN

A month ago Roy Chapman resigned his directorship, having served the Club for seven years and as Chairman for two and a half years. This step was due to the fact that Mr. Chapman's extra business commitments prevented him giving the time necessary to the carrying out of his duties in the manner to which he was accustomed. Nothing less than 100 per cent. effort would suffice and so he reluctantly stepped down from office.

During his reign as Chairman a number of achievements came to pass: notably the winning of the new Watney Cup and the

installation and commission of the new floodlights. However, I consider that the efforts which he put in over a long period did much to smooth the progress of the club culminating, ultimately, in our promotion to Division III.

He was utterly dedicated to Colchester United—his heart was as large as his frame—and I know that all my fellow Directors will support me when I say that only once in an era are we blessed with a person of his drive and enthusiasm. He will be greatly missed in the future.

All at the Club join me in extending to him the wish that



his new ventures will be rewarded with great success.

## TRIAL FOR BOAG

Congratulations to **George Boag**, 18 year old defender, who has been taken on trial as a full-time professional for the rest of the season. George had an especially good game in the Reserves 2-1 Mid-Week League win at Northampton.

Congratulations also, to **Steve Foley** whose 1974 was tinged with so much ill luck, what with a succession of injury problems and illness. But you can't keep an enthusiast like Steve down and he has battled back so well. Reward came with his first League goal of the season, at Bournemouth last Saturday.

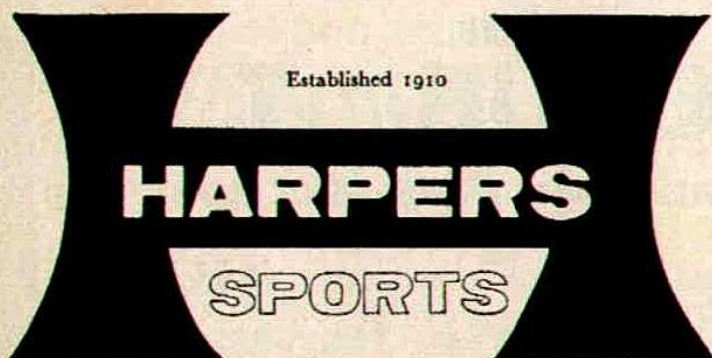
Incidentally, that was Steve's first League goal since 1st January, 1974; when he scored at Crewe.

It is official—**Paul Aimson** will never play full-time soccer again. He is back in Bournemouth and some consolation for luckless Paul is that we are trying to fix a benefit game for him, with United taking on Norwich City here at Layer Road.

Another game on the cards is one for **Micky Cook's** benefit. Hopes are that it will be a London First Division club. Watch out for news of details.

**Mick Packer**, injured at Brighton on 25th January, is still out of action but giving Border League club Wivenhoe Town a hand: Mick is helping out with the club's training programme.

Out on loan to Chelmsford City, **Barry Dyson** is impressing the locals at New Writtle Street. He has played a big role in the rejuvenated fortunes of the Southern Leaguers under new manager Bill Livers, the former Cambridge United boss. At the same time Barry is still carrying out his coaching duties at Layer Road.



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# TO START YOU TALKING!

One often hears the phrase at this stage of the season, "out of the cup, no hope of promotion and therefore nothing to play for", and at times teams with the problem of avoiding relegation or re-election seem almost to be envied because they have an incentive that mid-table teams lack.

Statistically, of course, it is true that in recent years in particular gates have tended to drop in the last few months of the season if teams have had no tangible rewards at stake and one wonders just how much the assumption of the media that interest will automatically decline has contributed towards this.

Logically the advent of a longer day should, other things being equal, bring more people to the terraces, particularly the less hardy ones who are likely to be most affected by icy winds, rain or snow and a dark journey home. What's more the question of team selection should have its own inbuilt interest. If the team remains unchanged there is a fair chance that it is staying the same because it has struck a winning run. If there are frequent changes then it is an equally fair

assumption that the manager is trying out all the talent at his disposal in the hope of finding a winning combination in time for the new season in a few months time.

This is of particular interest where young players are concerned for one can be quite certain that a "new boy" getting his first chance in League football will be doing his very best to establish himself in the game and how readily supporters respond when they see a "discovery" making good. Players who are now household names all began somewhere, all made their début at some time or other, and how people who were there on that particular day enjoy recounting that they were amongst the first to see the newly arrived talent.

It is, of course, a truism that the attitude of spectators is reflected on the field of play and just as a crowd which cheers madly from the moment their favourites first appear from the dressing room can often inspire them to that vital extra effort when it matters, so a largely deserted stadium with apathetic scattered watchers can transmit a "what's it all matter" attitude to the field.

Perhaps most important of all, a team without any immediate cut-throat involvement in promotion, relegation, championship or re-election issues is ideally fitted to reveal their skills. If this happens then there's nothing more calculated to put new heart into a club's players, management and supporters as they look forward to a new season with all its hopes.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON DIVISION THREE

## NO EMPTY ALLISON BOAST

**Malcolm Allison's boast, "we are the best side in the Division" was no empty threat at Plymouth. Down went Crystal Palace to Home Park and jolted Argyle with a tremendous 1-0 win.**

Dave Swindlehurst got the goal that lifts Palace right back into a promotion race in which seven clubs are in with a real chance.

These notes are written before last week-end's important programme, so who knows, the lead might well have changed again.

No disputing the talent at Selhurst. There's Mike Holder of Spurs and a gifted campaigner such as Terry Venables is not in the side. In fact, it's reckoned that Terry, top coach on the staff, has maybe played his last League game.

The F.A. Cup success of Walsall and Peterborough may have cost them vital ground. Both after their fifth round exits lost at home, Walsall going down to Charlton Athletic for whom Arthur Horsfield got the winner,

was maybe not such a surprise. But Peterborough, who went out in the Cup so gallantly to Middlesbrough, were tipped over by lowly Chesterfield—and that was a shaker.

Gloomy days for Port Vale and Watford—and their goalless draw was a little predictable. At the time of writing Vale have yet to win a match this year. And Watford seem to have lost all their early sparkle. By the way, chairman Elton John, does not seem to bring them much luck when he views them, he's yet to see them win.

This 0-0 draw that Vale played marked the début of their new £6,000 signing from Liverpool, Derek Brownbill.

**Market activity has been practically dead but there is plenty of loan business and one wonders if the 13th March deadline as it nears will bring any big deals.**

One big target is Peterborough's Dave Gregory whom Sheffield United have had under constant review. Derby and Spurs, too.

Spurs are also keeping tags on Walsall's Alan Birch and Norwich City eye Gillingham's Dick Tydeman.

Talking of Gillingham, what a revival there's been at Priestfield under Len Ashurst. They took, last week, a second refresher course at Bisham Abbey. The last visit there in November worked wonders says Ashurst.

Clubs in the lower half who have had some good results of late are Brighton and Aldershot. Brighton seem to have a winner in Tommy Towner who, after he had robbed us of the extra point here, got the winner against Hereford. And who popped up with Aldershot's late point saver against Blackburn? None other than ageless Jack Howarth.

Grim times for Huddersfield Town though. The local derby with Halifax Town boosted the Leeds Road gate to 7,931, but Halifax pirated the points with a 2-1 win and it's really beginning to look like Division Four for the once famous Huddersfield club.

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# Introducing SWINDON TOWN

**Much has happened since our encounter with Swindon at Layer Road on 18th January, which was abandoned at a stage when we led 3-0 and were obviously well on the way to victory.**

Swindon haven't had much good fortune since then. After their F.A. Cup exit to West Ham they have lost League games away to Grimsby, Preston and Gillingham. They had a vital game at Blackburn last Friday and a good result there will have kept them very much in the promotion chase.

Swindon last season, came down with a rock bottom 25 points, their fate virtually settled long before the final match. But under Danny Williams, who previously managed them and then took over at Sheffield Wednesday, they have become one of the best equipped squads in the lower Divisions.

Primarily it has been slick teamwork and the striking activities of Peter Eastoe, ex Wolverhampton Wanderers, and local Witney born David Moss.

Powerful Eastoe scored only eight goals last season in 19 games while Moss collected a mere seven. So far in League, League Cup and F.A. Cup games Eastoe has got 23.

Moss, attracting plenty of club scouts down to Wiltshire, is not far behind and he hit a hat-trick in our 4-1 eclipse at the County Ground on 30th November.

Since the season began Swindon have also added Trevor Anderson, the

former Irish international, to their squad and this gifted midfield performer, who cost big money when signed from Manchester United, has been a further uplift for a side who have an imposing home record. They have scored 11 wins and suffered but two defeats.

Away, while Town have had only two victories, their five draws have produced useful points.

An opening day defeat to Bury and then another at home to Portsmouth in the League Cup had local supporters dubious, but there have been plenty of good results since, Blackburn, Preston and Plymouth have been defeated at the County Ground.

The one away success was at Chesterfield and constantly Swindon have proved themselves one of the most prominent attacking outfits.

Also in their squad are John McLaughlin, such a popular figure here, Terry Hubbard, Joe Butler (ex Newcastle defender) and Frank Burrows, who was snapped up from Scunthorpe.

McLaughlin, in his first full season with the Town, has done well in a midfield role.

## BRIEF CLUB HISTORY

**Formed in 1881, Swindon's best-ever seasons have been in the late 1960's. In 1968-69, when in Division Three, they caused a major surprise by winning the Football League Cup, beating Arsenal at Wembley 3-1—a match well remembered for the brilliant display by Don Rogers, now with Queen's Park Rangers.**

That same season they gained promotion to Division Two for the second time (they were runners-up and promoted in 1962-63) and in the 1968-1969 campaign finished 5th in Division Two.

Way back in 1910 and 1912 they had some glory moments too, twice reaching the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

Coming up to date again, they were the 1970 winners of the Anglo-Italian Inter Clubs competition.

Previous managers have included Fred Ford, Bert Head and Louis Page.

Record gate at the spacious County Ground is 29,106 for a League game

against Watford in 1969. In 1970, when they met Leeds United in a Sixth Round F.A. Cup tie, they grossed £10,327 receipts.

## THE SQUAD

**James Allan** (Goalkeeper). Born Inverness. Signed as an apprentice professional from Brora Rangers in October 1970 and signed professional in July 1971. He made his debut in the First Team in September 1971.

**Joe Butler** (Full Back). Born Newcastle. Joined Swindon from Newcastle United in August 1965, where he graduated to the senior ranks through the club's Junior Team. A tenacious player whose speed and ability amply make up for his lack of inches. Regular member of promotion-winning side of season 1968-69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter-Club Competition winning team season 1969-70.

**Frank Burrows** (Centre Half). Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined the club from Scunthorpe United for whom he played three seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in the first team. Regular member of promotion-winning side of season 1968-69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of season 1968-69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969 and in Anglo-Italian Inter-Club Competition winning team season 1969-70.

**Ken Stroud** (Midfield). Born London. Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional forms in 1970. This skilful player is rapidly becoming a contender for a regular first team place.

**John Trollope** (Full Back). Born Wroughton, near Swindon. Joined the club from school and has become its longest-serving professional, signing in August 1960. Since his League debut, at the age of 16, he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon.

**Terry Hubbard** (Inside Forward). Born Newport. Joined club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional 1969. Has now established himself as a regular first team and Welsh Under 23 player.

**David Moss** (Outside Right). Born Witney. Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969.

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**Tom Jenkins** (Winger). Born London. Signed from Southampton in October 1972 after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Formerly with Orient and Reading he also had a spell with Southern League Margate.

**Mick McGovern** (Forward). Born Hayes. Signed from Queen's Park Rangers in February 1973 and formerly played in London amateur soccer.

**Ron Potter** (Left Half). Born Wolverhampton. He started his career with West Bromwich Albion as a centre half, where his opportunities were limited. Transferred to Swindon November 1970.

**Ray Clarke** (Forward). Born Hackney. Signed from Tottenham Hotspur 24th May, 1973. Ray was a leading goalscorer in the Spurs Football Combination side.

**David Syrett** (Forward). Born in Salisbury. Joined the club as an apprentice professional on the 13th July, 1972 and as a professional on the 8th November, 1973. During the past season he became a member of the first team squad and was also a member of the England Youth Team.

**Peter Eastoe** (Forward). Born in Tamworth, Staffs. Signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers on 13th March, 1974 having joined Wolves as a boy. Played only 19 games last season, during which time he became the club's top goal scorer.

**John McLaughlin** (Right Back). Born Edmonton, London. A former England Youth International. John joined the club from Colchester on the 3rd December, 1973 and has made the left back position his own.

**Wilfred Dixon** (Full Back or Midfield). Born London. Signed 20th September, 1973, from Reading.

**Jim Barron** (Goalkeeper). Born Tan-tobie Co. Durham. Signed 22nd July, 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolverhampton, Chelsea and Oxford United.

**Hugh Maclean**. Born Stornaway. Joined the club on 22nd July, 1974, from West Bromwich Albion.

**Trevor Anderson** (Forward). Born Belfast. Signed 1st November, 1974, from Manchester United. Is a Northern Ireland International.

**Colin Prophett** (Right Half). Born Crewe. Signed 30th September, 1974, from Norwich City after a month's trial. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday.

## In Retrospect

Up until this season we had met Swindon on 28 occasions in League matches, initially in 1950-51 and then, apart from two short breaks, up until 1967-68.

This season, at the County Ground, we went down 4-1 so the overall clashes total 29.

At home: played 14, won 8, drawn 4, lost 2; goals for 26, against 13.

Away: played 15, won 2, drawn 4, lost 9; goals for 15, against 36.

Details of the meetings in 1967-68:

### ● Saturday, 21st October, 1967

United 2 (Blackwood, Price), Swindon Town 1 (Penman).

United: Adams, Mochan, Hall, Trevis, Forbes, Walker, Price, Bullock, McKechnie, Blackwood, Martin. Sub.: Barlow.

Swindon: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Nurse, Harland, Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub.: Giles.

Gate: 4,907.

### ● Saturday, 16th March, 1968.

Swindon Town 1 (Rogers), United 1 (Martin).

Swindon: Jones, Thomas, Trollope, Dawson, Nurse, Harland, Heath, Noble, Terry, Butler, Rogers. Sub.: Penman.

United: Adams, Mochan, Hall, Trevis, Forbes, Loughton, Price, Bullock, Oliver, Martin, Blackwood.

Gate: 13,516.

## Man in The Middle

**Mr. LESTER SHAPTER (Paignton, Devon)**. He was promoted to the Full List this season after one season on the Supplementary List. Has served on the League line since 1971.

Mr. Shapter began refereeing when he was 17, in the South Devon League and also served on the Western League. Was linesman for the Amateur International between England and Italy in May, 1972.



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*Middle row: N. Trollope, D. Moss, P. Eastoe, D. Syrett, D. H*

*Front row: J. McLaughlin, W. Dixon, K. Stroud,*



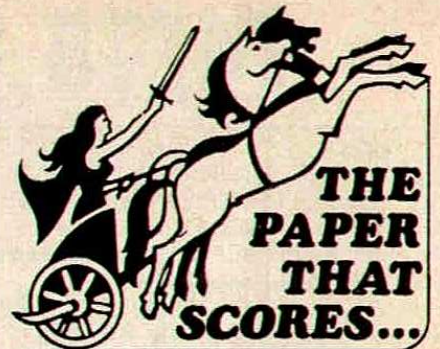
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1974	Opponents	F.	A.	Goal Scorers	Gate
Sat. 17 Aug.	<b>Watford</b>	1	1	Leslie	5,715
Tue. 20 Aug.	<b>Oxford Utd. (L.C.1)</b>	1	0	Lindsay (pen.)	4,609
Sat. 24 Aug.	Blackburn Rovers	2	3	Cook, Froggatt	8,390
Sat. 31 Aug.	<b>A.F.C. Bournemouth</b>	1	0	Cook	4,930
Sat. 7 Sept.	Chesterfield	1	1	Svarc	3,474
Tue. 11 Sept.	Southend Utd. (L.C.2)	2	0	Leslie (2 pens.)	7,856
Sat. 14 Sept.	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	3	0	Leslie (pen.), Thomas, Svarc	5,527
Tue. 17 Sept.	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	1	0	Packer	5,389
Sat. 21 Sept.	Aldershot	1	0	Svarc	3,539
Tue. 24 Sept.	Bury	0	0	—	5,223
Sat. 28 Sept.	<b>Walsall</b>	1	2	Svarc	4,877
Mon. 30 Sept.	Port Vale	2	2	Froggatt, Lindsay	3,722
Sat. 5 Oct.	<b>Gillingham</b>	4	2	Froggatt 2, Svarc 2	4,684
Wed. 9 Oct.	<b>Carlisle Utd. (L.C.3)</b>	2	0	Svarc, Leslie (pen.)	7,842
Sat. 12 Oct.	Preston North End	2	0	Harford 2	10,259
Tue. 15 Oct.	<b>Port Vale</b>	2	0	Svarc 2	5,184
Wed. 23 Oct.	Hereford United	1	3	Thomas	6,390
Sat. 26 Oct.	Halifax Town	1	1	Svarc	1,935
Tues. 29 Oct.	<b>Southend United</b>	1	1	Lindsay (pen.)	6,547
Sat. 2 Nov.	<b>Wrexham</b>	1	1	Svarc	4,432
Wed. 6 Nov.	<b>Hereford United</b>	1	2	Svarc	5,131
Sat. 9 Nov.	Huddersfield Town	2	3	Froggatt, Svarc	5,233
Wed. 13 Nov.	<b>Southampton (L.C.4)</b>	0	0	—	9,515
Fri. 15 Nov.	<b>Grimsby Town</b>	5	0	Froggatt 3, Svarc 2	4,489
Sat. 23 Nov.	Watford (F.A.1)	1	0	Froggatt	8,228
Mon. 25 Nov.	Southampton (L.C.4 Replay)	1	0	Dominey	11,492
Sat. 30 Nov.	Swindon Town	1	4	Svarc	10,072
Tue. 3 Dec.	<b>Aston Villa (L.C.5)</b>	1	2	Froggatt	11,871
Fri. 6 Dec.	<b>Tranmere Rovers</b>	2	1	Smith, L., Froggatt	4,555
Sat. 14 Dec.	Leatherhead (F.A.2)	0	1	—	3,500
Fri. 20 Dec.	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	1	1	Leslie	6,841
Sat. 28 Dec.	<b>Peterborough Utd.</b>	4	1	Froggatt, Dominey, Cook, Bradley (og)	7,790
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Wed. 1 Jan.	Charlton Athletic	1	4	Dyson	15,246
Sat. 4 Jan.	<b>Aldershot</b>	0	0	—	5,096
Fri. 10 Jan.	Tranmere Rovers	0	2	—	2,819
Sat. 18 Jan.	<b>Swindon Town*</b>	3	0	Cook, Lindsay,	4,441
Sat. 25 Jan.	Brighton & Hove	0	2	— Morgan	9,937
Sat. 1 Feb.	<b>Huddersfield Town</b>	3	2	Frogatt 2, Dominey	3,921
Sat. 8 Feb.	Wrexham	1	2	Lindsay	3,433
Sat. 15 Feb.	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b>	2	2	Svarc, Macdonald	4,161
Sat. 22 Feb.	Grimsby Town	1	1	Macdonald	5,608
Sat. 1 Mar.	A.F.C. Bournemouth	2	0	Froggatt, Foley	4,578
Tue. 4 Mar.	<b>Swindon Town</b>				
Sat. 8 Mar.	<b>Bury</b>				
Sat. 15 Mar.	Walsall				
Wed. 19 Mar.	Watford				
Sat. 22 Mar.	<b>Chesterfield</b>				
Tue. 25 Mar.	Crystal Palace				
Fri. 28 Mar.	Peterborough United				
Fri. 4 Apr.	<b>Halifax Town</b>				
Sat. 12 Apr.	Gillingham				
Sat. 19 Apr.	<b>Preston North End</b>				
Tue. 22 Apr.	<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>				
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## Mid-Week League

1974		Score
Wed. 21 Aug.	<b>Watford</b>	1-1
Tue. 27 Aug.	Charlton Athletic	2-0
Tue. 3 Sept.	<b>Portsmouth</b>	4-0
Tue. 10 Sept.	<b>Brighton</b>	2-1
Mon. 16 Sept.	Luton Town	5-3
Wed. 25 Sept.	Orient	2-1
Thurs. 10 Oct.	<b>Southend United</b>	3-4
Wed. 16 Oct.	Millwall	3-1
Tue. 22 Oct.	<b>Brentford</b>	1-0
Tue. 5 Nov.	Portsmouth	0-1
Tue. 12 Nov.	Peterborough United	1-1
Wed. 27 Nov.	Watford (Cup)	0-0
Wed. 4 Dec.	<b>Cambridge United</b>	1-1
Wed. 11 Dec.	Gillingham	1-5
Wed. 18 Dec.	Southend United	0-0
Mon. 30 Dec.	Cambridge United	1-6

1975		Score
Tue. 7 Jan.	<b>Northampton Town</b>	3-1
Tue. 14 Jan.	<b>Millwall</b>	7-0
Wed. 22 Jan.	<b>Watford (Cup Replay)</b>	1-2
Tue. 4 Feb.	<b>Orient</b>	2-2
Wed. 25 Feb.	Northampton Town	2-1
Tue. 4 Mar.	<b>Gillingham</b>	
Wed. 12 Mar.	Brighton	

Home fixtures in **bold** type.



# COMMERCIAL NOTEBOOK

Interest in our forthcoming sponsored walk, to be held on Sunday, 27th April at 10.30 a.m., is still gathering momentum, with a few more business houses lending the weight of their support. **Harpers Sports** have agreed to sponsor Mick Packer and **The Joe Coral Group** (the sportsman's book-maker) are backing our Commercial Manager, John Hillier, to the tune of £20. **Rothmans of Pall Mall** have offered the use of two of their cars and officials on the day, to assist the marshalling of the event and to pick-up any entrants who may be struggling with sore feet.

As the Joe Coral Group are putting their money on me, it means that I will have to get back into training to complete the distance and ensure that I do not end up last! After all Joe Coral invariably backs a winner; so I have a lot to do to keep up the Joe Coral reputation of backing the best!

We would like to thank all the supporters who have already taken their sponsorship forms and instructions for this event, and it all looks like a very big turn-out from Layer Road on Sunday, 27th April. We even have some supporters coming in from Ongar to take part in the event. We also understand that some of the entrants are already getting very heavily sponsored, with Mr. Le Page of the **Grey Parrot Filling Station**, Layer Marney, expecting to raise something in the region of £200; he has also persuaded the rest of his family to take part in the event. We also understand that Mrs. Pauline Fitch, the wife of our newly-appointed Director Nigel Fitch, is going great guns and getting herself very heavily sponsored. The early indications are that this event is going to be a huge financial success for the U's.

We again appeal to you all to take part in this event. Simply call in to our Development Office and collect your sponsorship form, together with further details—nothing could be simpler; or, alternatively, complete the form at the end of these notes.

We need the **money**, we need the **walkers** and we need the **sponsors**—please give the U's *your* support.

Just to remind you, there are some very interesting prize awards to com-

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Join our Manager, Jim Smith, the Players, Directors and Staff of Colchester United in this venture. Be proud of the U's and let the U's be proud of you. Get your sponsorship form and instructions from our Development Office without any further delay—that means TODAY! If in doubt—SHOUT! We know you can do it—we just want you to prove it!

If you feel unable to take part in the event yourself, how about completing the form in the adjoining column and sponsoring one of the competitors?

Thank you all in anticipation of your support and participation in this event.

JOHN HILLIER,  
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Complete this form and return to:  
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Signed.....

Date.....

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## LEAGUE TABLE—DIVISION III

Up to and including Saturday, 1st March, 1975

	Home			Goals		Away			Goals		Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Blackburn Rovers	32	12	3	1	30	10	5	5	6	19	22	42
Charlton Athletic	32	12	4	1	40	21	5	3	7	17	22	41
Plymouth Argyle	32	12	3	1	28	11	5	3	8	28	33	40
Preston North End	33	14	1	2	32	12	3	4	9	15	25	39
Crystal Palace	33	10	6	1	33	18	4	4	8	14	24	38
Walsall	33	12	3	3	35	10	2	6	7	15	24	37
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>United</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>
Port Vale	32	9	5	1	25	12	3	6	8	19	26	35
Gillingham	33	10	3	3	33	18	3	5	9	16	25	34
Hereford United	33	11	4	2	34	13	2	4	10	15	31	34
Peterborough Utd	30	6	6	3	15	13	7	2	6	15	22	34
Southend Utd.	33	9	5	3	26	14	2	5	9	10	21	32
Wrexham	33	8	5	3	32	17	2	6	9	18	27	31
Bury	34	8	5	4	27	14	2	5	10	11	25	30
Watford	33	7	6	3	22	19	1	8	8	17	33	30
Brighton	31	9	5	1	26	15	2	2	12	13	30	29
Halifax	32	7	7	2	24	16	1	6	9	12	33	29
Chesterfield	34	7	5	5	26	21	3	3	11	19	33	28
*Aldershot	34	10	2	5	28	18	1	5	11	8	27	28
Grimsby Town	33	7	5	3	24	16	3	2	13	18	40	27
Tranmere Rovers	31	8	4	3	29	13	1	2	13	12	29	24
Bournemouth	31	6	3	7	19	20	3	3	9	11	20	24
Huddersfield	32	6	3	6	21	20	2	2	13	11	35	21

\*Point deducted for playing unregistered player.

### DATA DETAIL

Four games for Ian Macdonald up to the Grimsby visit and the 21 year old Liverpool youngster has already popped in two goals. Good going. Congratulations, also, to Bobby Svarc for ending his long scoreless spell. When he notched that early effort against Brighton, it was in fact, Bobby's first since 30th November—against Swindon Town.

Appearances and scorers up to and including Saturday, 1st March

	League	League Cup	F.A. Cup
Bunkell .. .. .	14	3	1
Cameron .. .. .	4	—	—
Cook .. .. .	33	6	2
Dominey .. .. .	15	3	2
Dyson .. .. .	5	—	—
Foley .. .. .	5	—	—
Froggatt .. .. .	33	6	2
Harford .. .. .	29	6	2
Leslie .. .. .	20	6	2
Lindsay .. .. .	32	5	2
Macdonald .. .. .	4	—	—
Morgan .. .. .	11	2	—
Packer .. .. .	22	5	2
Rowe .. .. .	2	—	—
Sims .. .. .	2	—	—
Smith (A.) .. .. .	22	4	—
Smith (L.) .. .. .	29	2	1
Svarc .. .. .	30	6	2
Thomas .. .. .	22	6	2
Walker .. .. .	33	6	2

#### Scorers:

League: Svarc (16), Froggatt (13), Cook (3), Leslie (3), Lindsay (3), Macdonald (2), Thomas (2), Harford (2), Dominey (2), Foley (1), Packer (1), Smith (L.) (1), Dyson (1), one own goal.

League Cup: Leslie (3), Lindsay (1), Svarc (1), Dominey (1), Froggatt (1), and own goal (1).

F.A. Cup: Froggatt (1).

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## NEXT IN TOWN

### BURY ON SATURDAY

Of the clubs who came up from Division Four Bury have so far proved the least successful. But under manager Bobby Smith they are always difficult to beat and we had an especially tough encounter with them in that goalless draw at Gigg Lane way back in September. Last season we lost 2-0 in Lancashire and were held to a 1-1 draw here.

Bury had some League Cup and F.A. Cup excitement but have just lacked that extra needed consistency to get into the promotion race. Their away record has been disappointing but they do parade one of the more interesting personality strikers in the Division in Chris Duffy.

Snapped up from Crewe since the season started, Bolton born Duffy has collected 17 goals in all, 13 of them with Bury. Also on the 14 mark at the time of writing is Derek Spencer, the ex Southport forward.

Main personalities at the back include goalkeeper John Forrest and young defender Steve Hoolickan.

### THEN IT'S CHESTERFIELD

Chesterfield, battling for points to clear the relegation zone, are at Layer Road on Saturday, 22nd March; kick-off 3 p.m.

But, for all their struggle, they have in big Ernie Moss one of the top marksmen in the Division—he had scored in the region of 21 goals at the time of writing.

**Also there have been some useful away performances, notably a recent 2-0 success over Peterborough at London Road. One of the scorers in this shock win was Terry Shanahan the former Halifax Town winger who was originally with Ipswich Town.**

At Saltergate in September we drew 1-1 and were within an ace of victory, Moss getting an injury-time equaliser after Mike Walker had saved a penalty.

Other personalities in the Chesterfield line-up include goalkeeper Paul Tingay, ex Burnley star Arthur Bellamy and Eric Winstanley, the former Barnsley defender, who has been one of the main props at the back. Tingay is a former local amateur with big prospects and Chesterfield, remember, have a habit of bringing great goalkeepers to the forefront; one such being Gordon Banks!

## IT HAPPENED

**A YEAR AGO. Saturday, 2nd March, 1974:**

We went down 2-0 to Peterborough at London Road, before a 10,714 crowd. Jim Hall and Johnny Cozens got the goals and we lined up: Walker, Smith (A.), Smith (L.), Mills, Morgan, Harford, Foley, Svarc, Anderson, Leslie, Cook. It was the last game in Anderson's loan spell from Norwich City.

In the League Cup final at Wembley Wolves beat Manchester City 2-1, with goals from Hibbitt and Richards; Bell was the scorer for City.

Despite our defeat at Peterborough we still headed the Division on goal average from Gillingham, who drew 0-0 at Northampton.

Sunday football featured plenty of big gates with a notable 29,056 in Division Two for Crystal Palace, who drew 0-0 with Orient. Another goalless draw in the battle of the Nottingham's, where Forest's gate was 29,657.

Also, in Division Two, today's visitors, Swindon, drew 1-1 at home to Cardiff City with Compton scoring.

**FIVE YEARS AGO. Monday, 2nd March, 1970:**

We had a convincing 4-1 Division Four victory over Chesterfield at Layer Road. The gate was 5,665 and Brian Wood, Ken Jones (2) and Brian Gibbs were on target.

Our team: Smith, Cook, Hall, Joslyn, Bickles, Wood, Cram, Gibbs, Oliver, Jones, Hall.

It was a notable win as Chesterfield topped the Division, above Port Vale Brentford and Swansea.

Tonight's visitors, Swindon Town, then in Division Two, had a good 3-1 win over Portsmouth with Noble (2) and Jones on target.

**TEN YEARS AGO. Friday, 26th February, 1965:**

Our gloom run went on as we crashed 5-0 to Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road. We lined up: Ames, Forbes, Fowler, Jones, Loughton, Docherty, Grice, Langley, Connolly, Trevis, Aitchison.

The Saturday programme was highlighted by a four goal show by Southampton's O'Brien, against Charlton Athletic, in Division Two. It was in that same Division that tonight's visitors—Swindon—lost 2-0 to Cardiff City, at Ninian Park.

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