



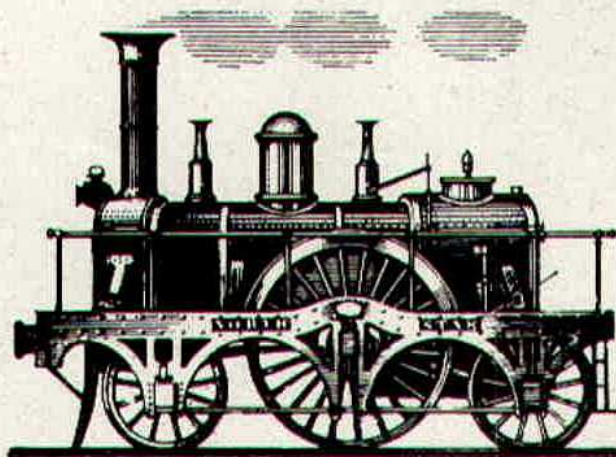
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## NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

Our visitors today revive memories of many epic struggles. Probably the one that stands out in the minds of some of our older supporters is the replay at Peterborough in the F.A. Cup Second Round in December 1955.

We defeated Hereford United (then in the Southern League) in the First Round by 4 goals to nil. Swindon was drawn at home in the next round. Peterborough then right in the news as the outstanding non-league club, came to the County Ground with a huge following, and full of confidence. Manager George Swindin (Ex Arsenal goalkeeper), had produced an outstanding team, backed by great enthusiasm on the part of the Directors and Club Officials.

A very exciting match produced a draw, one goal each with Swindon being rather fortunate.

We travelled to Peterborough on the following Wednesday, with a certain amount of trepidation.

However after a hard fought ninety minutes, honours again were even, one goal each. Fortunately, in extra time Jimmy Cross scored from a quickly taken free kick by Tony McShane.

In the Third Round we defeated another non-league club, Worksop Town by the only goal scored. Finally, in the Fourth Round we lost to Charlton, (Division 1) at the Valley, but only after a great fight by Swindon.

1955-56 was one of the seasons when we were passing through a very difficult period financial, and playing wise. To revise memories, Geoff Fox was a part-time player manager. The rest of the team comprised Sam Burton, George Hunt, Jimmy Cross, George Hudson, Tony McShane, David Gibson, Andy Micklewright, Maurice Owen, Bob Edwards, and Jimmy Brennan.

The Reserve team was composed of part-time and amateur players, with a trainer, working in a voluntary capacity.

Both clubs have passed through many hard times, with their ups and downs, but although conditions are still difficult, both clubs are firmly established.

While we are striving to move away from the bottom four positions in the league table, Peterborough has a chance of gaining promotion. At the time of writing they have 33 points from 27 games, while Shrewsbury in third position has 36 points from 29 games.

Today's game is a vital one for both clubs. We need the points urgently, to move up the league table, while our opponents require the points to maintain their challenge for promotion.

Last season we lost at home 0-1 in December, but in March when we visited London Road, the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

There was little difference between the records of the two clubs at the end of the season.

	Home					Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos.
Swindon	46	18	3	2	43	17	3	8	12	21	41	53	4

Peterborough	46	10	9	4	24	17	9	3	11	23	36	50	7
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Their away record is very imposing and this season it is almost as good except, that only two victories have been recorded, and seven draws, with a goal average of 18 for and 23 against.



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# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

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With several mid week fixtures to fullfull, between our normal Saturday home games it makes these notes appear a little out of date. Every supporter that attended our mid week game against Aldershot seems to have enjoyed the game except of course the Aldershot contingency, and the result from this kind of game was an upsurge of enthusiasm, such as people writing in to support the Club through sponsorship of one kind or another. We have received many letters of approval not just for the fact of winning, but for the entertainment given. We also received accolades from Preston Supporters, but unfortunately, we lost both points there. The League position is very open at the moment with a few wins sending Clubs close to promotion and of course a few losses would cause headaches at the other end, increasing the number of clubs to be promoted and likewise relegated, has certainly kept an interest in League positions right to the end of the season.

This coming week a meeting of Club Chairmen will be held in London to vote on the proposal for changes to the structure of the terms of employment of all footballers registered with the Football League. Many months of discussion between a Negotiating Committee and the Football League and the Professional Footballers Association has resulted in a final draught proposal. The Manager's and Secretary's Association have come out against the new proposals, if not in full at least against the proposals they consider are detrimental to the playing future of their players. I am confident that the proposals as a package will be rejected by the Clubs at the meeting in London whilst approving the sensible suggestions which will help the players without upsetting the present system.

Never in the history of football has there been such an economic crisis affecting three parts of the League structure as there is today and all Clubs, having to face these facts, cannot commit suicide by paying out vast sums of money in the transfer market. We at Swindon are determined with your help to keep our standards high and with this thought in mind we look forward to the success of our New Supporters Club which is making rapid progress each week. Our Sport Shop managed so ably by Dougy Woodman is attracting new customers each

week and sports clubs come from all round to discuss their needs with Dougy. Already some Clubs are thinking of the coming cricket season, and although the shop window is dressed with the winter sports equipment, behind the scenes Dougy is well prepared for the requirements of summer games.

This week we held a meeting with our Liaison Officers and in case some might wonder what this organisation is all about it is a group of supporters from a wide area from which we draw our support in the country districts who make themselves responsible for keeping such support up to date with Club news, that we are able to get printed in their local newspapers. It is an amazing fact that we cannot get our area reporters to report our football news. The Wiltshire Gazette whose headquarters are at Swindon, a newspaper widely read in country areas, gets very little coverage, especially the team news. We are constantly being pressed by supporters in the areas around Swindon to give them more news and we keep trying, but up to now with little success. In my next notes, I will give you more information about the Liaison Officers, and where they can be contacted.

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# Swindon Town Fixture List

# 1975-76

DATE 1975	DIVISION 3 OPPONENTS		RESULTS	
			F	A
Aug. 16	Chesterfield	H	0	1
19	League Cup 1 Millwall	H	2	1
23	Walsall	A	1	1
27	League Cup 1 Millwall	A	1	0
30	Gillingham	H	2	2
Sept. 6	Shrewsbury Town	A	0	3
10	League Cup 2 Wolves		2	2
13	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2	1
16	Wolves	A	2	3
20	Port Vale	A	0	3
24	Hereford United	A	0	1
27	Colchester United	H	0	1
Oct. 4	Rotherham United	A	2	0
11	Halifax Town	H	3	1
18	Wrexham	A	0	2
21	Bury	A	0	5
25	Grimsby Town	H	3	0
31	Southend United	A	0	3
Nov. 4	Crystal Palace	H	1	2
8	Preston North End	H	1	3
15	Peterborough United	A	1	3
22	F.A. Cup 1 Newport C.	A	2	2
25	Newport	H	3	0
29	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	3	2
Dec. 6	Mansfield Town	A	1	3
13	F.A. Cup 2 Hendon	A	1	0
20	Chester	A	1	2
26	Cardiff City	H	4	0
27	Millwall	A	1	1
1976 Jan. 3	Tooting & Mitcham	H	2	2
6	"	A	1	2
10	Gillingham	A	2	3
17	Port Vale	H	2	1
24	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2	0
31	Bury	H	2	1
Feb. 7	Crystal Palace	A	3	3
10	Aldershot	H	6	3
14	Preston North End	A	2	4
21	Peterborough United	H		
24	Hereford United	H		
28	Grimsby Town	A		
Mar. 6	Southend United	H		
9	Rotherham United	H		
13	Halifax Town	A		
16	Wrexham	H		
20	Brighton & Hove Albion	A		
27	Mansfield Town	H		
30	Chester	H		
Apr. 3	Chesterfield	A		
6	Colchester United	A		
10	Shrewsbury Town	H		
14	Aldershot	A		
17	Cardiff City	A		
20	Millwall	H		
24	Walsall	H		
May 1	F.A. Cup Final			

DATE 1975	FOOTBALL COMBINATION OPPONENTS		RESULT	
			F	A
Aug. 16	Bournemouth	A	1	0
19	Crystal Palace	H	3	1
23	Plymouth Argyle	H	0	2
26	Queens Park Rangers	A	2	1
30	Norwich City	A	0	2
Sept. 6	Chelsea	H	3	3
13	Oxford United	A	0	1
20	Reading	H	0	0
23	Fulham	H	1	0
30	Birmingham City	A	0	1
Oct. 4	West Ham United	H	2	9
11	Luton Town	A	1	0
18	Southampton	A	1	5
21	Fulham	A	Postponed	
25	Ipswich Town	A	1	3
Nov. 1	Orient	H	4	0
12	Cardiff City	A	3	2
15	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1	3
22	Southampton	H	1	1
29	Leicester City	A	0	5
Dec. 6	Bristol City	H	0	5
13	Plymouth Argyle	A	0	4
20	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	0	1
27	Bristol Rovers	H	1	0
1976 Jan. 3	Arsenal	A	0	0
10	Oxford United	H	0	0
17	Chelsea	A	0	2
24	Norwich City	H	0	1
31	Crystal Palace	A	0	1
Feb. 7	Queens Park Rangers	H	4	2
14	Cardiff City	H	0	0
21	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
28	Ipswich Town	H		
Mar. 6	Orient	A		
13	Luton Town	H		
20	Leicester City	H		
27	Bristol City	A		
Apr. 3	Birmingham City	H		
14	Reading	A		
17	Arsenal	H		
20	Bristol Rovers	A		
24	West Ham United	A		

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**ERIC STEELE (Goalkeeper).** Eric was only a reserve at Newcastle but, since making his League debut for Peterborough in February 1974, he hasn't missed a game.

League record: Newcastle nil aps; Peterborough 93 aps.

**BERT MURRAY (Defender).** Bert won England under-23 caps in his Chelsea days winning a League Cup winners' medal in 1965. Birmingham signed him in 1966 and five years later he moved on to Brighton. He has now been with Peterborough for over two years. League Record Chelsea 156(3) aps. 39 gls; Birmingham 127(11) aps. 22 gls; Brighton 99(3) aps. 25 gls; Peterborough 114 aps. 10 gls.

**CHRIS TURNER (Striker).** Chris now reverts to his old club after a trial. He was a regular for the club on his debut in 1973. League record: 27 gls.

**DAVID GREGORY (Striker).** David's tally of 12 goals includes a hat-trick against Grimsby. Last season he was the club's leading marksman with 14 to his credit though it was his first full campaign in the side.

League record: Peterborough 65(15) aps. 18 gls.

**TOMMY ROBSON (Striker).** Tommy is a much travelled man with a good goals record. A former England youth cap, he rose with Northampton from the Third to the First Division, then moved to Chelsea and Newcastle before linking with Peterborough in 1968. He has scored over 110 goals in League football and is now Posh's leader with 14.

League record: Northampton 73(1) aps. 20 gls; Chelsea 6(1) aps; Newcastle 46(1) aps. 11 gls; Peterborough 296(9) aps. 83 gls.

**JON NIXON (Striker).** Jon gave up a teaching career to turn professional with Notts County, made over 150 League appearances for the Meadow Lane club - and topped their scorers three seasons ago - before transferring to Peterborough last season. League record: Notts Co. 167( 12) aps. 32 gls; Peterborough 61(1) aps. 10 gls.

**JOHN COZENS (Striker).** With 25 goals, John was one of the Fourth Division's leading scorers two seasons ago. He played for Southern League Hillingdon until Notts County signed him in 1970. Soon after joining Posh three seasons ago he hit a hat-trick at Bradford City. League record: Notts Co. 41(5) aps. 13 gls; Peterborough 85 aps. 32 gls.

**MICK JONES (Midfield).** Versatile Mick has played in defence, midfield and attack though he originated as a defender with Derby. He moved on to Notts Co. in 1969 and to Peterborough in 1973. League record: Derby nil aps; Notts Co. 82(20) aps. 1 gl. Peterborough 72(5) aps. 4 gls.

**LYNDON HARRISON (Striker).** Lyndon won England youth caps and gained youth international honours with Bromwich and The Hawthorns. He was held down at The Hawthorns last summer. League record: Peterborough 114 aps. 10 gls.

## PETERBOROUGH UNITED



**Back Row (left to right)**

Keith Bradley, Jack Carmichael, Lyndon Harrison, Mick Jones, Jon Nixon, Jeff Lee.

**Seated (left to right)**

Jim Walker (now with Brighton), Bert Murray, Chris Turner, Peter Eustace, John Cozens.



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**CHRIS TURNER (Defender).** Chris has now reverted to his old role as defender after a trial spell as a striker. A Posh regular for five years, Chris made his debut in 1969/70. League record: Peterborough 111(7) aps. 27 gls.

**JACK CARMICHAEL (Defender).** Jack learned his game with Arsenal, and had a short loan spell with Hull City, but it was after transferring to Peterborough in 1970 that he made his League debut. League record: Arsenal nil aps; Hull (loan) nil aps; Peterborough 131(16) aps.

## PETERBOROUGH UTD.



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**LYNDON HUGHES (Midfield).** Lyndon won England schoolboy caps and then gained youth honours after joining West Bromwich as an apprentice. He often held down a regular first-team spot at The Hawthorns. Posh signed him last summer. League record: W.B.A. 89(9) aps. 3 gls; Peterborough 27 aps. 3 gls.

**KEITH BRADLEY (Defender).** Keith spent almost a decade with Aston Villa, holding a first-team spot for many long runs. Peterborough signed him in 1972. League record: A.Villa 116(7) aps. 2 gls; Peterborough 104(1) aps.

**JEFF LEE (Defender).** Jeff was for many years a stalwart in the Halifax Town defence but they allowed him to transfer to Peterborough in 1973. League record: Halifax 231(9) aps. 2 gls; Peterborough 97 aps. 8 gls.

**JIM WALKER (Defender).** Jim has been with Posh on loan from Brighton. He developed at Derby County, making their League team in 1967/68 and winning a regular place the following season. He joined Brighton last season. League record: Derby 35(6) aps. 3 gls; Brighton 29 (4) aps. 3 gls; Peterborough (loan) 3(3) aps.

**PETER EUSTACE (Midfield).** Peter played for many years in the First Division for Sheffield Wednesday, moved to West Ham for £90,000 in 1970 and then, after a loan period at Rotherham, returned to Wednesday in 1972. Peterborough signed him last summer. League record: Sheff.Wed. 189 (3) aps. 20 gls; West Ham 41(2) aps. 6 gls; Rotherham (loan) 6 aps. 1 gl; Sheff.Wed.48(8) aps. 4 gls; Peterborough 24(1) aps. 3 gls.



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Doug Buswell Pools Manager.

## FOR THE RECORD

### DIVISION III 7th February 1976

**CRYSTAL PALACE 3** (Chatterton 2, Taylor (pen) )

Hammond, Wall, Cannon, Jeffries, Jump, Evans, Chatterton, Hinshelwood, Whittle, Swindlehurst Taylor (s) Johnson.

**SWINDON TOWN 3** (Stroud, Syrett 2)

Barron, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, McLaughlin, Anderson (s) Jenkins.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION 7th February.

**SWINDON TOWN 4** (Eastoe 2, Gilligan, Farr) Allan, Chalklin, Tanner, T. Brinkworth, Broom, Eastoe, A. Gilligan, Hubbard, Farr, Tinson, Gardner (s) Harris.

### QUEENS PARK RANGERS 2

### MIDLAND YOUTH 9th February 1976.

#### NOTTS COUNTY 0

**SWINDON TOWN 2** (Harris & own goal) Jones, Hooman, Tanner, Andrews, Thompson, Scott, Gilligan, Harris, Farr, T. Brinkworth, R. Brinkworth, Riley.

### DIVISION III 10th February 1976

**SWINDON TOWN 6** (Syrett, Stroud, Dixon, Anderson 2 pens, Moss)

Barron, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss Dixon, Syrett, McLaughlin, Anderson (s) Jenkins.

**ALDERSHOT 3** (Walton 2, Morrissey)

Johnson, Howlett, Wallace S, Wallace B, Earls, Walker, Walton, Morrissey, Howarth, Bell, Brodie (s) Crosbie

### DIVISION III 14th February 1976

**PRESTON NORTH END 4** (Brown, Smith, Treacy, Bruce)

Tunks, McMahon, Williams, Doyle, Sadler, Lawrenson, Brown, Smith, Treacy, Elwiss, Bruce (s) Coleman.

**SWINDON TOWN 2** (Butler, Dixon)

Barron, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, McLaughlin, Anderson (s) Butler.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION 14th February.

#### SWINDON TOWN 0

Allan, J. Gilligan, Tanner, Hubbard, Broom, T. Brinkworth, R. Brinkworth, A. Gilligan, Eastoe, Jenkins, Gardner (s) Andrews.

#### CARDIFF CITY 0

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17th February 1976.

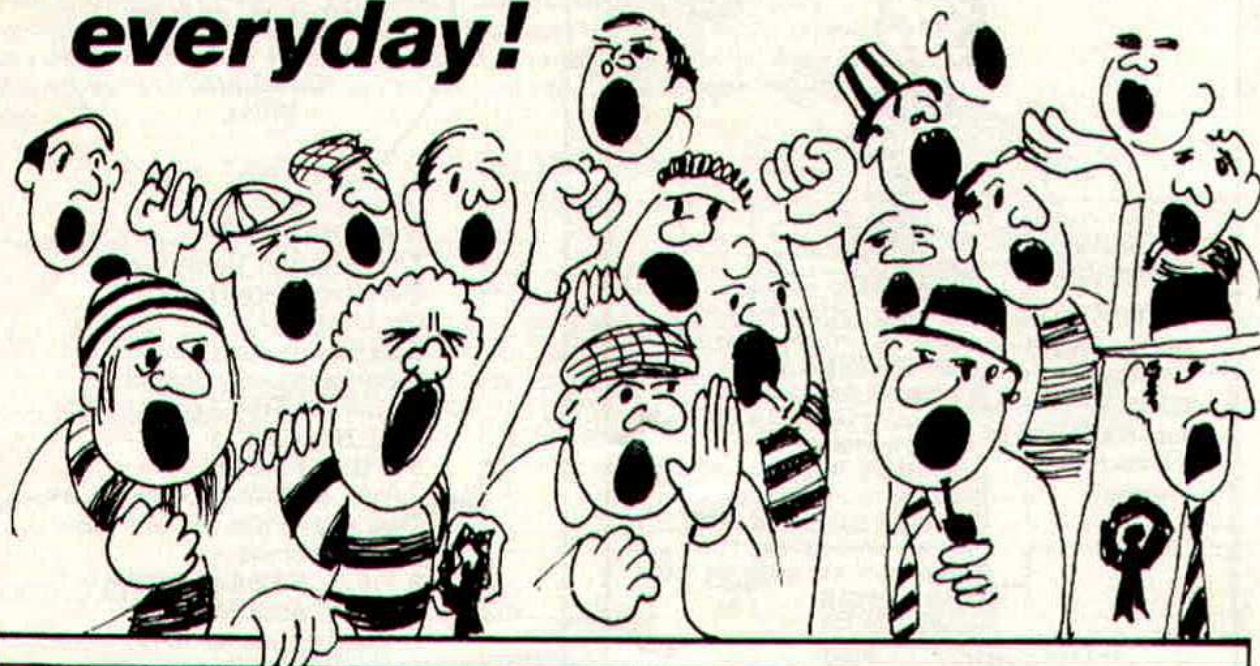
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## Danny's Desk

I am sure that we all share the disappointment at the result of the match at Preston North End last Saturday, more so especially after the team's great performance against Aldershot. However, the effort and endeavour was there, and everyone present considered the game excellent entertainment. Dave Moss was taken off injured after 24 minutes, up until then he was playing excellently, and I am sure that had he not been injured then the result might well have favoured us, but 'ifs and buts' and excuses do not bring in points, and it is so important that we take both points today, to continue our progress away from the danger zone. Not only have we pulled up the League Table, our improved form has also worked wonders for the moral of the players and supporters alike. Today we welcome Peterborough United to the County Ground. You the supporters have played an important part in our recent improved performance, make sure that you commit yourselves again today and make our ground vibrate with your encouragement.

You the supporters have also played an important part in other fields, especially that of the financial support. Every match this season has been played with a football provided by a sponsor. Since the inception of Away Match Sponsorship, sponsors have travelled with our

party (only two matches to cover until the end of the season), and just see the result of the Kit Sponsorship Appeal on the opposite page, — we required a total of 72 sponsors and already 47 kind folk have come forward. We look forward to meeting a further 25 volunteers and I hold no doubt that they will be found. Just make yourself known to Bob Jefferies, he will be pleased to meet you and help you to select a player to sponsor.

Talking of Sponsorship — did you read that a firm has agreed to sponsor a Crystal Palace player for a year's wages — I wish we could find twelve such firms — our financial troubles would be over. Seriously though, I am sure that this kind of sponsorship is beyond the resources of businesses in this area, but we would dearly like to see more local businessmen advertising on the boards around the ground. At every match you see on the 'box' grounds are saturated with advertisements, and I am sure that our local businessmen have no lesser interest in the fortunes of their local League Club than any other town, so we look forward to hearing from some of you — you can always off set the cost of such advertising against your tax.

Thank you for coming this afternoon, thank you for reading my notes, and if they give you the impression that I am on the scrounge for my Club, I make no apologies — I am. God Bless.



# 'Sponsor a Player'

Our request for folk to sponsor a player for his kit next season has met with fantastic support, just look at how quickly the chart has become almost half completed. We shall invite all sponsors along for a chat and a drink with the players when the list is finally completed – and that shouldn't be too long – so if you would care to assist the Club in this project and form a closer liaison with the players in doing so, please ring or write to me, Bob Jefferies, or to Danny Williams. We shall be pleased to talk to you and explain the scheme in further detail.

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# Third Division Scene

by Tony Pullein

## 'WEMBLEY HERE WE COME!' - say Palace

Back in the grey days of November, when F.A. Cup frenzy still centred around such places as Spennymoor, Wimbledon and Stafford, Crystal Palace manager Malcolm Allison predicted: "Palace are going to win the Cup this season!"

As no Third Division club has ever achieved that — much less, even appeared in a final — most critics put that remark down as merely another Allison gimmick. Yet, privately, the man himself was at pains to emphasise that he was in all earnest.

Well, now that Palace have added Chelsea to Leeds among their string of conquests, perhaps people will begin to take them seriously? An away game against the winners of the Sunderland—Stoke replay will be taken in its stride by confident Palace. Their victory at Chelsea, incidentally, caused quite a family feud. For Chelsea defender Ron Harris's brother Allan — a former Chelsea player himself — is now a part-time Palace "spy" and it was upon his report that Palace based their winning Stamford Bridge strategy.

It was a happy day, too, for Palace coach Terry Venables, who, as a former Chelsea midfield star, added this to many other happy memories of Stamford Bridge.

The Third Division's only other F.A. Cup survivors, Southend United, lost predictably at Derby against the League Champions. The surprising thing was, in most folks' eyes, the narrowness of the score. In spite of subjecting the Southend defence to tremendous pressure, Derby could only score once and, even then, Bruce Rioch only succeeded at the second attempt when goalkeeper Malcolm Webster failed to hold the ball.

Some folk may believe in the old adage — never go back. Not Alan Ball senior who has just returned for his second spell as manager of Halifax Town. In his previous era he led them to promotion for the only time in club history and very nearly got them into the Second Division. After leaving The Shay, Mr. Ball took over at Preston and then accepted some continental appointments before joining Southport last Season. Now, back at Halifax, his only concern is to get the club out of the last four

positions. Their defeat at home to bottom team Mansfield last Saturday was their fifth reverse in succession.

Defeat for leaders Hereford United, at Grimsby, will probably prove only a temporary obstacle on their road to the Second Division. If Hereford do make it they will break all records for this is only their fourth season as a Football League club. Previous best rise from non-League circles to Division Two was by Oxford who did it in six years.

Hereford had collected 14 points from their previous eight matches and Grimsby's success must make them rue their terrible away record. Grimsby are the only Third Division side with an unbeaten home record, yet they have picked up only three away points. Grimsby's last home League defeat was by Huddersfield in October 1974, since when they have remained unbeaten in 32 matches.

Grimsby's magnificent home record was spoiled, incredibly, by non-League Gateshead who beat them 3-1 in the F.A. Cup. That's Grimsby's only defeat in 36 matches at Blundell Park.

Millwall directors rubbed their hands with glee when they heard news of Manchester United winger Gordon Hill's selection for the England under-23 squad for the forthcoming European Championship tie against Hungary. Millwall sold Hill to United for £70,000 earlier this season but, if he wins his under-23 cap, the Lions will receive an added bonus of £5,000. If Hill plays for the full England team, they will get another lump sum of £10,000.

Colchester's 0-1 defeat at Shrewsbury was their seventh defeat in a row. For Shrewsbury, it was an extension of their unbeaten run to nine games.







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4. Stroud
5. Burrows
6. Prophett
7. Moss
8. Dixon
9. Eastoe
10. McLaughlin
11. Anderson
12. Butler



## PETERBOROUGH UNITED

1. Steele
2. Murray
3. Bradley
4. Eustace
5. Turner
6. Carmichael
7. Cozens
8. Gregory
9. Moss
10. Hughes
11. Robson

Referee: Mr. K. G. SALMON (Cockfosters, Barnet)  
 Linesmen: (Red Flag) Mr. T. ATKINS (Exeter)  
 (Yellow Flag) Mr. B. R. BANWELL (Downend, Bristol)

**KEN SALMON (Barnet).** Went on the full list last season after serving on the Supplementary List and League Line. Started refereeing in Hertfordshire and progressed through the Herts County and Isthmian League. Lineman for a League Semi-final in 1974, the England v Wales amateur international in 1970 and was reserve official for the England v Wales World Cup qualifying match at Wembley in 1973. Married with three children, he is a road safety officer in Local Government and interested in junior football and philately.

**Thank you for your support  
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**HEREFORD UNITED**

**Tuesday next, 24th February 1976**

**K.O. 7.30 p.m.**

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| F | Hereford v Southend             |
| G | Mansfield v Grimsby             |
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