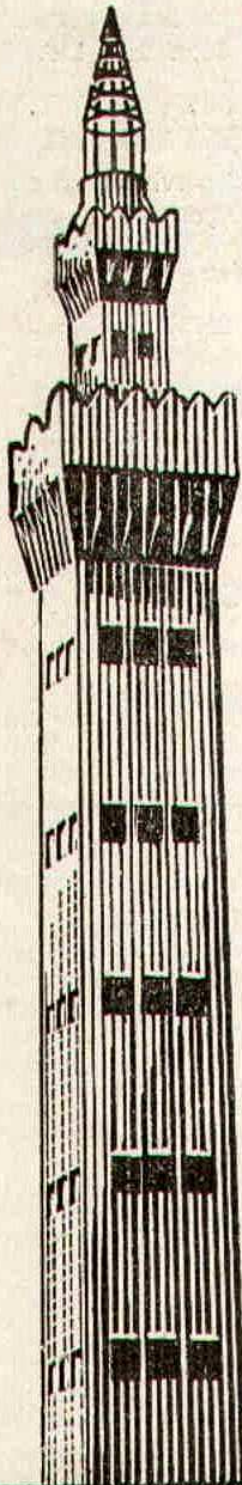


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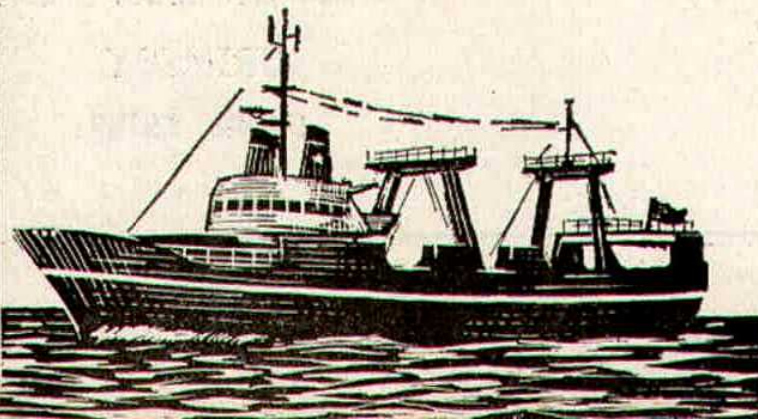
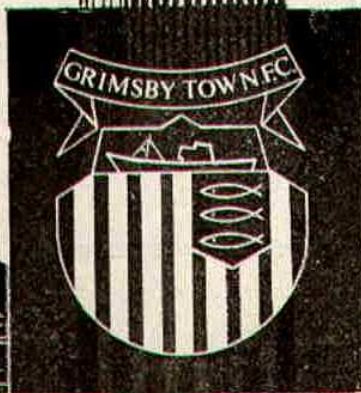
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Chairman's Notes

A memorable week was concluded most unfortunately on Tuesday night at Halifax with another of those away results which we shall be pleased to forget at the end of the season. How many times have we now lamented the dismal away record which has cost Town a positive chance of promotion to Division 2? Certainly more than I, and most other people, would care to recall, but surely the fault is excusable when one considers the remarkable strength of the Mariners' home statistics.

Halifax presented a much less formidable opposition than many of those teams which Town have disposed of at Blundell Park, yet both points again went begging, with the deciding Halifax goal going in frustratingly from the penalty spot. It must be said in partial mitigation of Grimsby's away form that fate, as in this case, has not been a particularly faithful companion on the Team's travels.

Of course, even the matches at Mansfield and Halifax came as something of an anti-climax for many people, amidst the events which surrounded them. A good deal of opinion has been expressed already on what became known in this area as the "Joe Waters Affair." I think little advantage would be gained by anyone from any further comment which I could make. Suffice it to say, however, that the Board responded to one of its basic guidelines — that wherever it is sensibly possible there will be a sincere effort to serve the interests of the people who have faithfully supported Grimsby Town.

Indeed one aspect of the whole business was particularly gratifying; the depth of concern and interest surrounding Joe Water's transfer illustrate clearly that the Football Club still has a substantial reservoir of support, though obviously it would be even more pleasing, and of direct financial benefit to the Club if that support was always readily identifiable with the level of regular support for home games.

In any event, once the dust has settled Joe was a member, and a welcome one too of our staff at Blundell Park. Everyone, I know, will wish him well in his return to the Town colours this afternoon.

Swindon will be seeking to help themselves away from the relegation area of the Third Division in much the same way as we are still trying to open up a more comfortable gap between ourselves and the danger positions. It is these games against apparently struggling sides which Town have often found most difficult to win.

Nevertheless, with a performance approaching either of those in the last two home matches against Peterborough and Hereford we should see the Mariners underline their remarkable consistency in front of their own supporters.

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SWINDON TOWN

JAMES ALLAN (Goalkeeper). Signed as an Apprentice Professional in October, 1970 and signed professional in July, 1971. He made his debut in September 1971.

TREVOR ANDERSON (Forward). Signed 1st November 1974 from Manchester United. Northern Ireland International.

JIM BARRON (Goalkeeper). Signed 22nd July, 1974 from Nottingham Forest. Formerly with Wolves, Chelsea and Oxford United.

FRANK BURROWS (Centre Half). Joined the club from Scunthorpe. Formerly with Raith Rovers. A strong defender who has made his mark in the first team. Regular member of promotion winning side of 1968/9. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of 1968/9. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter Club Competition winning team 1969/70.

JOE BUTLER (Full back). Joined Swindon from Newcastle in 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 team of 1968/9. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and in Anglo-Italian Inter Club competition Winning team 1969/70.

WILFRED DIXON (Full back or midfield). Born London. Signed September 1973 from Reading.

PETER EASTOE (Forward). Signed from Wolves in March, 1974 having joined Wolves as a boy. Played only 19 games last season during which time he became the club's top scorer.

TERRY HUBBARD (Inside forward). Joined club as an apprentice professional. Signed professional 1969. Has now established himself as a regular first team and Welsh under 23 player.

TOM JENKINS (Winger). Signed from Southampton in 1972 after Swindon had sold Don Rogers to Crystal Palace. Formerly with Orient and Reading he also had a spell with Southern League Margate.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN (Right back). A former England Youth International, John joined the club from Colchester in December, 1973 and has made the left back position his own.

DAVID MOSS (inside right). Was spotted playing in junior soccer and signed professional 1969.

COLIN PROPHETT (Forward). Born Crewe. Formerly with Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich and signed in September, 1970.

KEN STROUD (Midfield). Signed as an apprentice in 1967 and signed professional in 1970. This skillful player is rapidly becoming contender for a regular first team place.

DAVID SYRETT (Forward). Joined the club as an apprentice professional in July 1972 and as a professional in 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.

JOHN TROLLOPE (Full back). Joined the club from school and has become its longest serving professional signing in 1960. Since his League debut at the age of 16 he has made over 600 appearances for Swindon.

GERRY TAYLOR (Full back). On loan from Wolves. Height 5ft 10inches. Weight 11stone 6lbs.



BERNARD FLEMING
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Grimsby Town F.C. Youth Development Association

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Colts Coach
MARTIN TEANBY



BOB CUMMING

Bob, who, whenever called upon for first team duty, has turned in some sparkling displays, is 20 years of age stands 5' 8" high and weighs 10st. 8lbs.

Bob played for his school team and Airdrie Academy and was on schoolboys forms for A'bion Rovers for two years, playing for the club's under 16 team and occasionally the league team. He then had one season with Bailiston Juniors and was picked for the Scottish under 18 team, during which time he was noticed by scouts and recommended to Grimsby Town. He was invited to Blundell Park for trials and impressed the Town management so much that he was immediately offered F.A. forms for one year. However, before the year was completed Bob was offered and accepted full professional forms in February, 1974.

Bob's main ambitions are to be a regular member of the league side and to play in the First Division.

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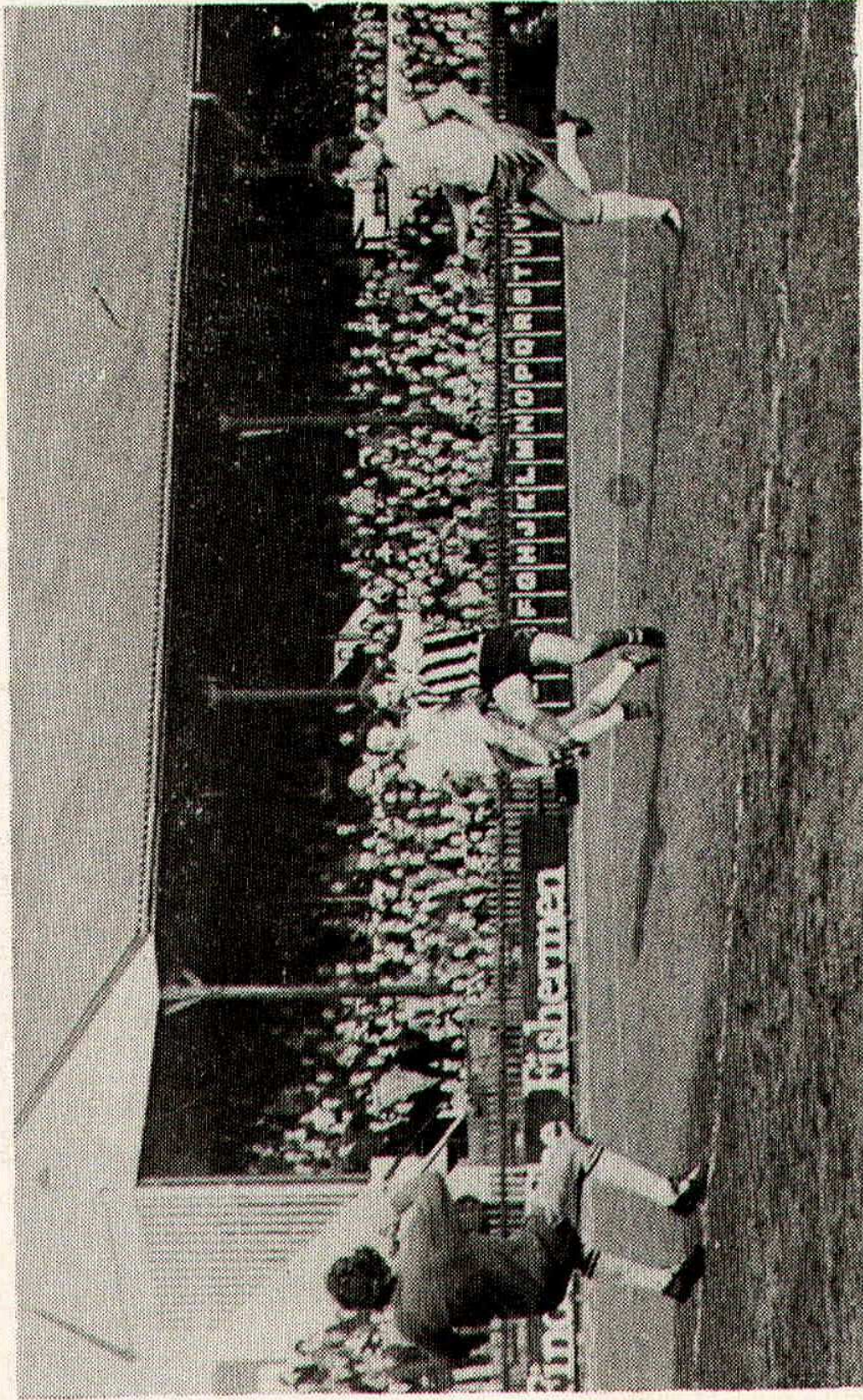


SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1975/76

Back row, left to right:— Anderson, Syrett, Burrows, Eastoe, Allan, Barron, Jenkins
Stroud, Trollope, Prophett

Middle Row:— Dixon, Moss, Hubbard McLaughlin, Butler

Front Row:— Gardner, Chalklin



Jack Lewis outpaces the Hereford defence to slip the ball past goalkeeper Tommy Hughes to give Town their 1-0 win over the Third Division leaders.
(Photograph by Grimsby Evening Telegraph)



Press Report

ONE WAY TO SOLVE THE CLUB V COUNTRY PROBLEM

By Ronald Crowther of the Daily Mail

At some time or other most of us have wondered if England or any other country might find it easier to succeed in international competition by fielding an outstanding club side instead of trying to strike a blend with players from many teams.

While, for obvious reasons, this is something that England may never be able to do, we shall soon be able to see how that theory works out in practice for the final stages of the current European championship and in the coming World Cup qualifying series.

For one of the biggest threats to other top nations now comes from an accomplished club side — Dinamo Kiev, Russia's first-ever winners of a major European trophy when they carried off the Cup-winners' Cup.

It took a 3-0 defeat from the Republic of Ireland to shock the Russians into what might have appeared at the time to be a bold experiment. They decided to stake their international future on a club team that already had the blend, the cohesion and the understanding that they had not managed to achieve with multi-club representative sides. First of all, however, they did something that neither the F.A. nor England manager Don Revie could hope to do, for in a country where there are no transfers as we know them the Russian Federation drafted two outstanding players from Rostov to the Kiev team to bring it to what they regarded as international strength.

And they went into their next three internationals games with an all Kiev team and won them all.

Admittedly, in Russia's last two matches they have introduced two stars from other clubs to stiffen the defence, but this club side of Kiev not only continues to carry the standard for the Soviet Union, but their manager, assistant manager and coach have all been appointed as the men in charge of the national team.

Following the European domination of West Germany's Bayern Munich and the rise and fall of Holland's Ajax, there can be no doubt that Kiev are an outstanding club side. When, in the European Super-Cup play-off, they as Cup-winners' Cup holders, were matched with European Cup holders Bayern they won both the home and

away legs without allowing the Germans to score. And, as quarter-finalists in the current European Cup series and representatives of their country in the Nations Championship they are bidding for a double that would not only be unique if they should achieve it, but also quite astonishing.

Among their other accomplishments Kiev have also produced Europe's Footballer of the Year in the devastating striker, Oleg Blochin.

The enormous advantage of having a club manager, his entire staff and his own players to represent a country is obvious, for Russia don't need the periodical get-together sessions for which Don Revie has had to plead in order to work out tactical moves.

But it only needs a glance at the names of the players in most of our leading club sides to see why England cannot do this, for they include, Scottish, Welsh or Irish stars who are needed by their own countries.

This in its own way, might provide more ammunition for those who argue that we should pool our strength and take on the rest of the world as Great Britain. That, however, is another argument, and the point I am attempting to stress is that, whether we can do it or not, other countries are thinking more and more in terms of staking their international future on the prowess of one or maybe two top-class club sides.

West Germany, who had no fewer than 6 Bayern stars in their World-Cup winning side, have now switched the base for their international build-up to Borussia Mönchen-Gladbach. Holland had 10 men from Ajax or Feyenoord among the 13 who appeared in the World Cup final. Italy, who are England's toughest rivals in the World Cup qualifying series, now regard Juventus as their base and they recently had six men from that club in the international side.



Facts and Figures

THIRD DIVISION

Date	Opponents	Gr.	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
Aug. 16 S	Cardiff C.	h	2 0	Lewis, Hubbard	6,283
19 T	League Cup 1				
	1st Leg				
	Doncaster R.	a	1 3	Wigg	3,218
23 S	Gillingham	a	0 3		4,407
25 M	League Cup 1				
	2nd Leg				
	Doncaster R.	h	0 0		5,552
30 S	Shrewsbury T.	h	3 2	Lewis 2, Barton	4,709
Sept. 6 S	Chester	a	2 1	Lewis, Boylen	4,092
10 W	League Cup 2				
13 S	Millwall	h	2 1	Czuczman, Wigg	6,466
20 S	Sheffield W.	a	0 4		11,455
23 T	Halifax T.	h	2 2	Hubbard, Lewis	6,130
27 S	Aldershot	h	1 0	Partridge	5,139
Oct. 4 S	Walsall	a	0 2		4,113
8 W	League Cup 3				
11 S	Crystal Palace	a	0 3		15,552
18 S	Brighton & H. A.	h	2 1	Wigg, Lewis	4,938
25 S	Swindon T.	a	0 3		5,873
Nov. 1 S	Bury	h	0 0		5,189
4 T	Peterboro' U.	a	2 4	Partridge 2	7,646
8 S	Hereford U.	a	2 3	Wigg, Barton	6,391
21 T	Wrexham	h	3 2	Boylen, Young, Lewis	4,850
12 W	League Cup 4				
15 S	Mansfield T.	h	4 1	Partridge 2, Lewis, Boylen	4,659
22 S	FA Cup 1 Gateshead	h	1 3	Booth	5,120
29 S	Preston N. E.	h	0 0		4,519
Dec. 3 W	League Cup 5				
5 F	Southend U.	a	2 5	Partridge, Lewis	3,925
13 S	FA Cup 2				
20 S	Port Vale	a	3 4	Lewis, Wigg, Ridley (o.g.)	2,789
26 F	Rotherham U.	h	4 1	Partridge, Boylen, Lewis, Oldridge	6,919
27 S	Colchester U.	a	0 1		3,136
Jan. 3 S	Chesterfield (3)	h	3 0	Boylen (pen), Walton, Marley	4,024
10 S	Shrewsbury T.	a	0 1		3,344
14 W	League Cup 5F				
17 S	Sheffield W.	h	1 1	Wigg	7,202
24 S	Millwall (4)	a	1 1	Waters	5,486
31 S	Wrexham	a	0 1		2,808
Feb. 7 S	Peterboro' U.	h	1 1	Partridge	5,482
14 S	Hereford U. (5)	h	1 0	Lewis	5,944
21 S	Mansfield T.	a	0 1		6,094
24 T	Halifax T.	a			
28 S	Swindon (LCF)	h			
Mar. 6 S	Bury (6)	a			
9 T	Walsall	h			
13 S	Crystal Palace	h			
17 W	Brighton & H. A.	a			
20 S	Preston N. E.	a			
27 S	Southend U.	h			
30 T	Port Vale	h			
Apr. 3 S	Cardiff C. (SF)	a			
7 W	Aldershot	a			
10 S	Chester	h			
16 F	Chesterfield	a			
17 S	Rotherham U.	a			
19 M	Colchester U.	h			
24 S	Gillingham	h			
May 1 S	FA Cup Final				

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B-Birmingham v Norwich
C-Burnley v A. Villa
D-Coventry v Leeds
E-Derby v Liverpool
F-Everton	..... v Wolves	.....
G-Man Utd	..... v West Ham	.....
H-Middlesbro	..... v Arsenal	.....
J-Sheff Utd	..... v QPR	.....
K-Tottenham	..... v Leicester	.....
L-Bolton	..... v Hull	.....
M-Bristol R	..... v Blackpool	.....
N-Chelsea	..... v Blackburn	.....
O-Luton	..... v Sunderland	.....
P-Notts For	..... v Oldham	.....
Q-Orient	..... v Fulham	.....
R-Oxford	..... v Plymouth	.....
S-Portsmouth	..... v Notts Co.	.....
T-West Brom	..... v Bristol C.	.....
U-York	..... v S'hampton	.....

SECTION B

A-Aldershot	..... v Rotherham	.....
B-Cardiff	..... v Chester	.....
C-Halifax	..... v Bury	.....
D-Millwall	..... v Chesterfield	.....
E-Port Vale	..... v Colchester	.....
F-Preston	..... v Mansfield	.....
G-Shrewsbury	..... v Sheff Wed	.....
H-Wrexham	..... v Brighton	.....
J-Barnsley	..... v Hartlepool	.....
K-Bournemouth	..... v Lincoln	.....
L-Bradford C	..... v Swansea	.....
M-Brentford	..... v Cambridge	.....
N-Exeter	..... v Newport	.....
O-Huddersfield	..... v Reading	.....
P-Rochdale	..... v Southport	.....
Q-Torquay	..... v Stockport	.....
R-Workington	..... v Tranmere	.....

THIRD DIVISION

Up to and including Saturday, 21st February

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	30	9	4	2	8	3	4	55	37	41
Shrewsbury	30	11	0	4	5	6	4	43	33	38
Brighton	30	13	0	2	4	3	8	53	34	37
Peterboro	29	10	4	1	3	7	4	51	34	37
C. Palace	31	5	7	3	8	4	4	47	33	37
Cardiff	30	10	3	2	4	3	8	50	39	34
Walsall	32	9	5	3	4	3	8	50	43	34
Wrexham	31	9	4	2	3	4	9	39	37	32
Port Vale	31	8	6	2	3	3	9	35	31	31
Millwall	31	9	5	1	1	6	9	34	39	31
Gillingham	29	7	7	2	2	5	6	37	38	30
Preston	30	9	2	3	3	4	9	37	41	30
Chester	29	9	5	2	2	3	8	32	37	30
Bury	29	7	5	2	2	6	7	35	30	29
Rotherham	30	8	3	4	3	3	9	37	44	28
Grimsby	30	10	5	0	1	1	13	41	49	28
Chesterfield	31	7	4	6	3	2	9	47	52	26
Aldershot	29	8	5	2	1	3	10	41	50	26
Southend	27	7	3	4	2	3	8	44	43	24
Sheff. Wed.	29	6	6	3	0	6	8	33	36	24
Swindon	30	8	1	5	2	3	11	44	57	24
Colchester	31	6	3	6	2	4	10	26	51	23
Halifax	28	3	2	7	4	6	6	29	41	22
Mansfield	29	4	5	4	2	3	11	32	43	20

NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Up to and including 31st December, 1975

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	14	10	3	1	30	9	21
Sunderland	13	9	2	2	34	13	20
York City	11	7	1	3	25	11	17
Notts. County	12	7	3	2	27	13	16
Hull City	12	5	5	2	21	22	12
Mansfield Town	13	4	5	4	13	18	12
Chesterfield	12	4	5	3	15	19	11
Grimsby Town	11	5	5	1	11	14	11
Scunthorpe Utd.	13	4	6	3	18	28	11
Barnsley	13	4	7	2	20	34	10
Halifax Town	12	1	7	5	13	22	7
Doncaster Rovers	13	2	8	3	10	25	7
Rotherham Utd.	11	1	7	3	13	22	5

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Up to and including Saturday, 10th January, 1976

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	17	14	2	1	52	11	30
Sunderland	17	14	1	2	51	9	29
Sheffield Utd.	18	13	3	2	39	15	29
Newcastle Utd.	17	10	3	4	32	19	23
Chesterfield	17	7	5	5	33	23	19
Barnsley	15	7	4	4	30	21	18
Leeds Utd.	16	7	3	6	23	22	17
Hull City	15	4	6	5	26	34	14
Lincoln City	17	5	3	9	22	29	13
Huddersfield Town	17	6	1	10	23	38	13
Sheffield Wed.	17	5	2	10	25	27	12
York City	17	4	4	9	25	42	12
Grimsby Town	17	4	4	9	28	48	12
Rotherham Utd.	18	4	3	11	21	43	11
Scunthorpe Utd.	17	2	5	10	16	39	9
Doncaster Rovers	18	3	3	12	15	41	9



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In addition the Police make the following requests to persons, particularly drivers, attending Blundell Park or passing through the area before or after a match -

- (a) Latecomers should not attempt to park near the ground as it is obvious this area will be filled by early arrivals.
- (b) Before parking your car consider your homeward route. Attempt to park facing the direction you wish to leave and plan your route so as to filter into traffic thereby causing fewer holdups than by attempting to cross streams of traffic.
- (c) Be patient when leaving. The police are just as anxious to get you home quickly as you yourselves are.
- (d) 'No waiting' regulations will be strictly enforced' Emergency services, i.e. fire service, ambulances, etc., must at all times have easy access to the ground and surrounding area and the positioning of the 'no waiting' signs have ensured this is possible.
- (e) drivers are advised to lock their vehicles (doors and windows) and keep valuable items out of sight, i.e. in boot, under seats or covered with a rug, etc.
- (f) The Police finally wish to make it clear that they are interested only in ensuring that all who attend the matches are able to do so with as little inconvenience as possible, with the thought 'HELP US TO HELP YOU'.



Supporters Club

I am writing these notes before the match at Halifax so cannot comment on the result from that game nor on any matters which may have taken place this week on that other topic which is occupying the minds of all concerned with Grimsby Town F.C. I hope that the Town had a successful evening at Halifax as a win away from home is long overdue and would provide a lift up the League table. I gather that they played quite well at Mansfield and could well have had some reward from an enterprising display. Funny now that we have sealed up the leaking defence we have lost the ability to score goals. However I believe that is only a temporary phase and that the goals will soon come again.

As far as the other matter is concerned I do not think it would be policy for any comment to be passed by the Supporters Association in an official publication printed on behalf of Grimsby Town F.C. However our main aim is to help the Town and should money be required for the purchase of players the Supporters Association would be only too pleased to consider what help they could give.

A great number of brickbats have been thrown in various directions of late and now I would like to throw one myself. First a question. What do the public of Grimsby and District want? Just one week after one of the best games seen at Blundell Park for many years (Peterborough of course) we had the visit of the League leaders. We had a new player in the team who the fans had taken a liking to (Waters) and the weather was perfect. Just right for at least 8,000 spectators you might say. What happens? — under 6,000 and at least 2 coachloads of those came from Hereford. Where were those other 17,000 who cheered the promotion side — the Town have not gone off that much surely! Did that gate have any effect on what happened later in the week? Think about it.

Whatever the gate today and I hope that people have not stayed away, it is the lads on the field who matter most. Give them all the support possible. They deserve it for the football and entertainment they have tried to present recently.

P. DIXON

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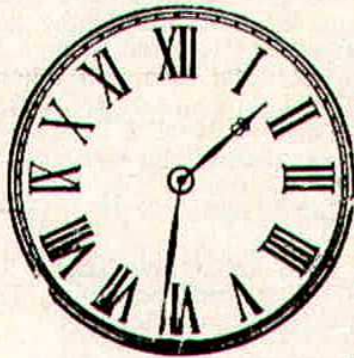
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OUR REFEREE TODAY

ROY CAPEY (Madeley Heath, North Staffs.)

Took up refereeing during National Service in the R.A.F. and went on the League line in 1959. Has been on the referee's list since 1967. Refereed the 1974 F.A. Youth Cup Final and was a linesman at last season's League Cup Final at Wembley (Aston Villa v Norwich City). On the line for the Denmark v Sweden International in 1963 and a Fairs Cup game in Italy in 1969. An instructor at a Government Skill Centre, he is married with a teenage daughter and his interests include playing cricket, table tennis — he is a former North Staffs. champion — and broadcasting for the local radio station at Stoke-on-Trent.

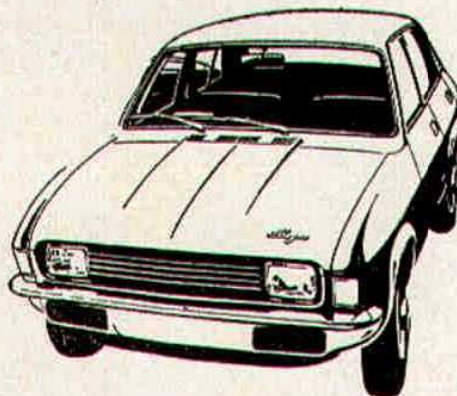
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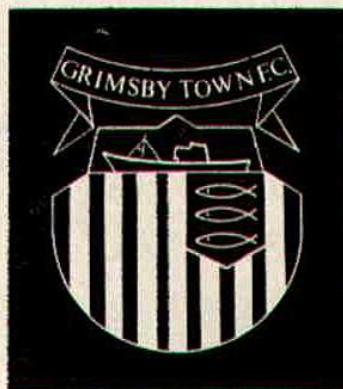
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SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1976
GRIMSBY TOWN v SWINDON TOWN

Football League Division Three Kick-off 3 p.m.

HARRY WAINMAN	1	BARRON
ALLAN MARLEY	2	TAYLOR
DAVE BOOTH	3	TROLLOPE
MARTIN YOUNG	4	STROUD
MIKE CZUCZMAN	5	BURROWS
STUART GRAY	6	PROPHETT
JACK LEWIS	7	MOSS
FRANK BARTON	8	DIXON
MALCOLM PARTRIDGE	9	EASTOE
DAVE BOYLEN	10	McLAUGHLIN
BOB CUMMING	11	ANDERSON
RON WIGG	12	SYRETT

Referee R. CAPEY, Crewe
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Linesman: Yellow Flag K. C. THORPE, Worksop



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