



**NORTHAMPTON TOWN  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP**

**1st Round, 2nd Leg**

**Northampton Town**

**v**

**Swindon Town**

**Wednesday 18 August 1976**

**K.O. 7.30 pm**

*FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION . . .*

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3**

**LINCOLN CITY**

**Saturday 28 August 1976 - K.O. 3 pm**

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# Club Notes

The Northampton Town Club Directors, officials, and players welcome back their supporters for the 1976-7 season.

The last season was a highly successful one, with promotion, and second place with a record number of points, in Division Four.

Now we are naturally hopeful of another successful season in Division Three and the club possesses the squad to carry on the good work.

We are looking forward to Division Three with different opposition, including some very well-known clubs, and we anticipate strong support. Right from the start we do ask the public to come forward in increased numbers to back up the efforts of the club which is intent on a forward policy.

As supporters know Bill Dodgin has resigned and we thank him for the good work he did in his three years stay with the club which culminated in promotion.

The Directors filled the job with one of the most famous players in recent football history, Pat Crerand, who had an illustrious career with Celtic and Manchester United.

Pat was capped by Scotland 16 times, and won an F.A. Cup winners medal, a European Cup winners medal, and two Division One Championship medals with Manchester United.

He then took over the United Youth side before being appointed assistant manager, a job he held until May, before coming to the County Ground, recommended by Sir Matt Busby.

Pat saw the team in action in a competitive match for the first time on Saturday at Swindon, who we welcome tonight in the second leg of the first round of the Football League Cup.

Swindon won the first leg by 3-2 in a very entertaining game and tonight should be a thriller.

Swindon went ahead through Stroud but Derrick Christie equalised. Then Goddard and Syrett put Swindon two up before John Gregory got our second goal.

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## Cobblers' 1976-77 Playing Staff

**Billy Best** Signed by David Bowen for Northampton at the age of 17 from a Scottish Junior Club, and after 5 years service with Northampton, was transferred to Southend United. Returned to Northampton in 1973. Plays Mid-Field or Front, and is a prolific goal scorer.

**David Carlton** Mid-Field. Played 5 League games for Fulham, where he started as an Apprentice, transferring here in the early part of the 1973/1974 Season.

**Derrick Christie** Striker. Born in London, and was signed on Schoolboy Forms and Apprenticeship Forms by us.

**John Farrington** Outside-Right from Cardiff City, secured in part exchange deal for John Buchanan. Has previous 1st Team experience with Leicester and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

**John Gregory** Defender. Signed for Northampton on leaving school, has spent his whole professional career with us, and is a regular member of the 1st Team.

**Jim Hall** Secured from Peterborough, although commenced his career with Northampton Town, and has been one of the most consistent strikers in the lower Divisions.

**Don Martin** Previously with Northampton and Blackburn, returned in 1975. Very experienced player in attack or defence.



**Andy McGowan** Ex Corby, is a part-time player. Secured from Corby Town at the commencement of Season 1975/1976. Previously had Youth International Caps against Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Mid-Field.

**James McNichol** Signed part-time Professional Forms in May, 1976. Previously played with Corby Town. Centre Back.

**Jeffrey Parton** Goal-keeper. Secured from Burnley, where he signed as a schoolboy. He has had experience with Burnley's first team, and is a Welsh Under 23 International.

**George Reilly** Signed part-time Professional Forms in May, 1976. Previously played with Corby Town—can play in many positions.

**Steve Phillips** Previously with Birmingham City, signed for us in December, 1975. Mid-Field Player.

**Alan Starling** Goal-keeper. Signed at the end of 1971/72 Season from Luton, from whom he was on loan. Known as Sparrow to his team mates.

**Paul Stratford** Striker. Outstanding schoolboy. Signed on Schoolboy Forms, then on leaving school signed Apprenticeship Forms. Is now a regular member of the 1st Team.

**Stuart Robertson** Defender. Born at Nottingham. First joined Notts. Forest as an Amateur, leaving them to go to Doncaster Rovers, from whom his transfer was secured.

**Barry Tucker** Defender. A product of the Youth Policy. A regular 1st Team player.

**Alex Malcolm** Purchased from Luton. Mid-Field or Back Player.

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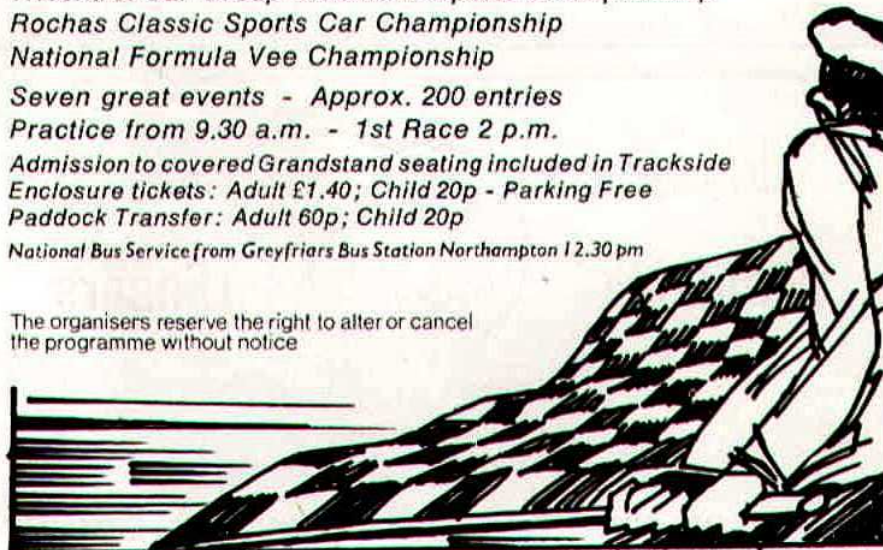
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NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

**Mid-Week League Fixtures - 1976-77**

Wednesday	September	8	Peterborough United	..	..	Away
Wednesday	September	15	<b>Gillingham</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Tuesday	September	21	Brighton & Hove Albion	..	..	Away
Tuesday	September	28	Brentford	..	..	Away
Wednesday	October	6	Gillingham	..	..	Away
Wednesday	October	20	<b>Southend United</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	November	3	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Albion</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	November	17	<b>Millwall</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	November	24	<b>Brentford</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	December	8	<b>Peterborough United</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	December	15	<b>Watford</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	January	5	Millwall	..	..	Away
Wednesday	January	12	<b>Cambridge United</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	January	19	Southend United	..	..	Away
Monday	February	7	Cambridge United	..	..	Away
Wednesday	February	16	<b>Portsmouth</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	February	23	Gillingham	..	..	Away
Wednesday	March	2	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Wednesday	March	9	Watford	..	..	Away
Wednesday	March	16	Portsmouth	..	..	Away
Wednesday	March	23	<b>Gillingham (LC)</b>	..	..	<b>Home</b>
Tuesday	April	26	Charlton Athletic	..	..	Away

HOME MATCHES K.O. 7.30 p.m. at the County Ground



The Special Special.





# Today's teams

## Northampton

- 1 ALAN STARLING
- 2 JOHN GREGORY
- 3 BARRY TUCKER
- 4 BILLY BEST
- 5 STUART ROBERTSON
- 6 DON MARTIN
- 7 DERRICK CHRISTIE
- 8 ANDY MCGOWAN
- 9 JIM HALL
- 10 STEVE PHILLIPS
- 11 PAUL STRATFORD
- 12 JOHN FARRINGTON

## Swindon

- 1 JIMMY ALLEN
- 2 JOHN McCLOUGHLAN
- 3 TONY TAYLOR
- 4 KENNY STROUD
- 5 STEVE AIZLEWOOD
- 6 COLIN PROPHETT
- 7 DAVID MOSS
- 8 WILF DIXON
- 9 HOWARD GODDARD
- 10 GERRY O'BRIEN
- 11 TREVOR ANDERSON
- 12 DAVID SYRETT

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### COBBLERS' FIXTURES

1976	Opponents	F A	1977	Opponents	F A
Aug. 14	League Cup 1, 1st leg		Jan. 1	Preston North End	H.....
	Swindon Town	A 2-3	Jan. 3	Brighton & Hove	A.....
Aug. 18	League Cup 1, 2nd leg		Jan. 7	Tranmere Rovers	H.....
	Swindon Town	H.....	Jan. 15	Sheffield Wed	H.....
Aug. 21	Chesterfield	A.....	Jan. 19	League Cup SF	
Aug. 25	Sheffield Wed	A.....	Jan. 22	Chesterfield	H.....
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	H.....	Jan. 29	Grimsby Town (4)	A.....
Sept. 1	League Cup 2		Feb. 5	Lincoln City	A.....
Sept. 4	Gillingham	A.....	Feb. 12	Gillingham	H.....
Sept. 11	Reading	H.....	Feb. 16	League Cup SF	
Sept. 18	Shrewsbury Town	A.....	Feb. 19	Reading	A.....
Sept. 22	League Cup 3		Feb. 26	Shrewsbury Town (5)	H.....
Sept. 25	Walsall	H.....	Mar. 5	Walsall	A.....
Oct. 1	Wrexham	H.....	Mar. 12	Wrexham (LCF)	A.....
Oct. 8	Port Vale	A.....	Mar. 15	Crystal Palace	H.....
Oct. 15	Portsmouth	H.....	Mar. 19	Port Vale (6)	H.....
Oct. 23	Swindon Town	A.....	Mar. 26	Portsmouth	A.....
Oct. 26	York City (LC4)	A.....	Apr. 1	Swindon Town	H.....
Oct. 30	Brighton & Hove	H.....	Apr. 8		
Nov. 2	Peterborough Utd	H.....	Apr. 9	Bury	H.....
Nov. 6	Preston North End	A.....	Apr. 11	Rotherham United	A.....
Nov. 13	Oxford United	H.....	Apr. 12	Peterborough Utd	A.....
Nov. 20	F.A. Cup 1		Apr. 16	York City	H.....
Nov. 27	Chester	A.....	Apr. 19	Grimsby Town	H.....
Dec. 1	League Cup 5		Apr. 23	Oxford United (SF)	A.....
Dec. 4	Mansfield Town	H.....	Apr. 29	Chester	H.....
Dec. 11	F.A. Cup 2		May 2	Tranmere Rovers	A.....
Dec. 18	Crystal Palace	A.....	May 7	Mansfield Town	A.....
Dec. 27	Rotherham Utd	H.....	May 21	F.A. Cup Final	
Dec. 28	Bury	A.....			
Dec. 29					

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