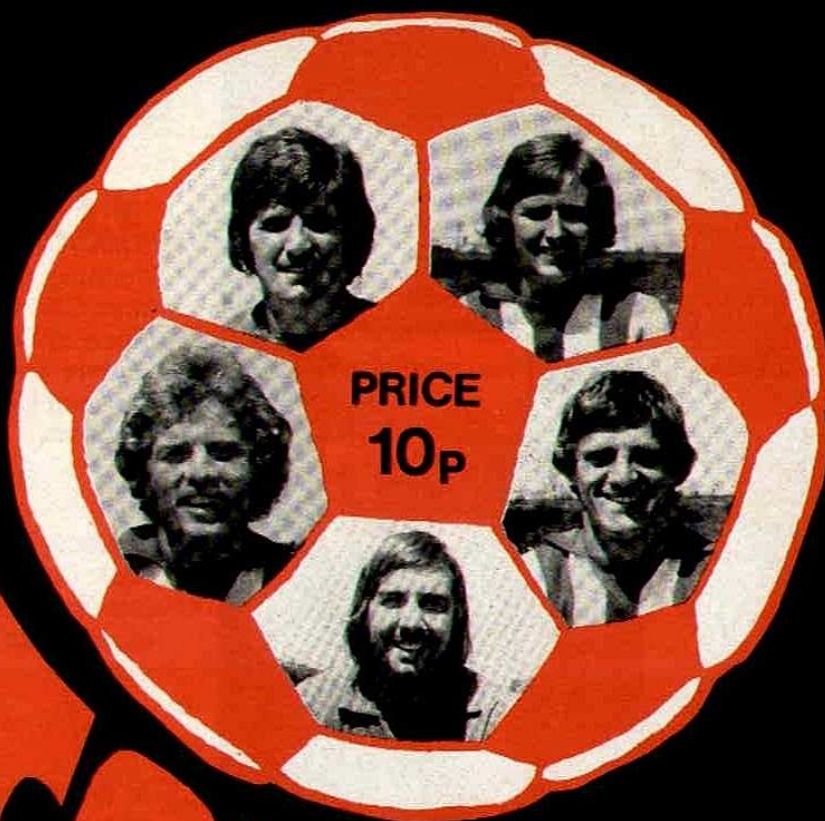


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SINCIL BANK CHIT CHAT

SUNDAY September 26th is a big day for Philip Neale. Wedding bells will be ringing for Phil and his fiancée Miss Christine Barton. The ceremony will be taking place at Scunthorpe and we are sure that all best wishes are sent from the many Imps Supporters to Phil and Chris, wishing them a long and happy life together.

The scoring exploits of new apprentice-professional Mark Cox should be noted. To date, in six Northern Intermediate League and one mid-week fixture, he has eight goals to his credit. A name to note? We shall see.

In these notes in the Port Vale programme reference was made about the critical comments in the local press by Councillor Trevor Rook. Councillor Rook has requested that he be allowed to clarify his position. We are of course quite happy to oblige. The statement is as follows:

A large amount of concern, effort and publicity has been centred around your safety here at Sincil Bank.

It is impossible as a member of the Council concerned with your safety in places of entertainment to remain uncritical of poor standards found in these places.

However now the club has at last achieved the standards of safety necessary, and as a supporter I feel we can now look forward to watching the continued success of the Imps in safety in this division and hopefully into division two.

At the Lincoln City F.C./Ruston Gas Turbine Gala held earlier this year the Competition to find Miss Lincoln City 1976/77 was won by Susan Frith. Part of her duties will be to represent the Club at various events and any enquiries regarding availability should be forwarded to Graham Taylor.

To-day sees the start of the MASCOT SCHEME for the new season. The two boys acting as Mascots are:

STUART EASSOM - 13 Quinton Close, Bracebridge Heath, and

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Football Today

by **MAURICE BURTON** Sports Editor Lincolnshire Echo

FROM time to time, football clubs in various divisions have been said to be on the verge of extinction, a fate which last occurred to Accrington Stanley when they were members of the Football League.

Since then, of course, Bradford (P.A) have folded up, but their demise came after they had been voted out of the League. Other clubs, Lincoln City among them in the disaster days of the 1960s, have also hoisted the warning flags, but generally they have managed to survive.

The Majority of these clubs have been in the third and fourth divisions, and the fact that they have been able to come through has probably been because their accumulated debts have not been so unmanageable after all.

That fitted in with the popular image, carefully fostered by the national Press and the clubs in the first and second divisions, that these clubs were a drain on football, were run by well-meaning but ham-fisted managements, and that it just couldn't happen in the best circles.

But suddenly, the fears have moved out from the lower divisions. There are still times when money is tight, of course, but it is higher up the scale where the closure axe seems now to be threatening.

And, of course, the amount of money involved is so much bigger, so much more difficult to find that the mind boggles at some of the figures quoted.

Luton Town were the first, with huge sums of money mentioned as being owed. Luton, it seems, are back on the right track, and may well be on the way to putting their finances in order.

Then came Chelsea, reported to be in debt to a staggering tune of three million pounds.

Here again, emergency action was taken, and though they are a long way out of the wood, they are still active and doing well in the second division.

Sheffield United, another club which built a costly new stand and then went down, partly solved their financial worries by the big cash deal which took Tony Currie to Leeds United.

Now, it is that famous club Portsmouth which are in dire straits. One hopes that they can themselves put their house in order, but a total of around £500,000 owing is not an easy write-off for a third division club. And, if this be used again to show the irresponsibility of the lower divisions, let it be remembered that Pompey were in the second division last season.

It is not just a case of £850 due to Lincoln City for gate receipts last Saturday, though that amount of money is obviously needed at Sincil Bank. It is perhaps as well for Pompey that City are not desperately in need of their cash...but one is still tempted to wonder how a club can get into such a situation.

I am not passing judgment on Pompey. I sincerely hope that they can overcome their problems and continue to play a part in the Football League, which they have graced for years. Indeed, 25 years ago they were top of the first division.

One must further hope that the experiences of Chelsea, Luton and now Portsmouth will serve as a warning to other clubs whose debts are mounting through inflated wages and high transfer commitments. Not every creditor will be in the mood to wait...and it may be that one day that axe will fall, and that it will fall on some very distinguished shoulders indeed.

COMPETITIONS

1. The centre-half for England, when they beat Wales 4-2 at Sunderland on 15 November 1950, was the oldest ever debutant in the Home International tournament at 38 years and two months - who was he?
2. Who took over from Sir Alf Ramsey as manager of Ipswich Town?
3. Which Football League club has the largest surface playing area?
4. Which teams took part in the first all Lancashire FA Cup Final?
5. Who was the first Football League manager to lose his job after the last War?
6. How many Football League clubs play in black and green vertically striped shirts as their first strip?
7. Founded in 1885 they joined the Scottish League Second Division in 1921. They play at East End Park. Who are they?

ANSWERS - PORT VALE PROGRAMME

1. Stein played for Albion Rovers (1948-50), Llanelli in the Welsh League (1950-51) and Celtic (1951-6).
2. Thames Association who played at West Ham Greyhound and Speedway Stadium (capacity 70,000) and spent two seasons in Division 3 (South), 1930-31 and 1931-2. They finished bottom of the League in 1932 and did not apply for re-election.
3. Alan Oakes who last year passed goalkeeper Bert Trautmann's total of 508 set up between 1949-64.
4. 1939 when it was adopted by a vote of 24 for, 20 against.
5. Newcastle Utd with 11. They won the Cup 6 times: 1910, 1924, 1932, 1951, 1952 & 1955. They were beaten Finalists in 1905, 1906, 1908 1911 & 1974.
6. David Jack who moved from Bolton to Arsenal for £10,890.
7. Port Vale (Vale Park since 1950) and Southend Utd (Roots Hall since 1955).

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

SPORTS ECHO - Lincoln 2 Port Vale 0

LINCOLN City gained their first Division Three win at the expense of a rugged Port Vale this afternoon. The decisive break for Lincoln came in the first half, when Ellis netted a penalty kick, and the City skipper repeated the performance after the interval to put the Red Imps on the points chart. Former Lincoln player-coach Roy Chapman was with the Vale team in his new post as their coach after being replaced as manager of Stockport during the close season.

SUNDAY PEOPLE - SUPER SAM MAKES SURE

LINCOLN City clinched their first win of the season with two penalty goals from captain, and man-of-the-match Sam Ellis. This was Vale's first defeat at Lincoln for 20 years, but they could not complain about either the penalties or the result.

City stifled all Vale's build-ups until the last quarter-of-an-hour. Then Peter Grotier made a great save from a 25-yards blast by Geoff Davies. The first penalty came when City's John Fleming hit the post from an in-swinging corner by Dennis Booth. Percy Freeman, looked certain to score with a lob from the rebound, but Bailey palmed the ball away. He was booked for deliberate handling and Ellis, one of the most consistent penalty-takers in soccer, stepped-up to shoot past Connaughton. Ellis chose the same spot for the second penalty, given when Booth was pushed to the ground by Ian Osborne as he went for a floated through ball by Ellis.

SUNDAY EXPRESS - Portsmouth 1 Lincoln 1 UNLUCKY WARD

LINCOLN City, settling gradually to life in the 3rd Division, were always the more inventive and fluent and, in midfield David Smith had the game's outstanding player. Pompey exhibited the familiar frenzy and frustration which has been a hall-mark of earlier displays at Fratton Park. And if John Ward, normally so lethal, had taken two second half chances, Pompey would have struggled for a point.

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Billy Best (right) the Northampton captain, heads away as Lincoln City's Phil Hubbard dives in for a header during the third division game at Northampton.

Pictures by courtesy of: Lincolnshire Echo, Lincoln.

The decisive moment in the Football League Cup replay at Nottingham when Doncaster Rovers had their biggest escape. Lincoln's Dave Smith (stripes, centre) fires the shot past goalkeeper Dennis Peacock, but centre half Steve Reed (number five) ran across to kick off the line and prevent City taken a 2 – 1 lead in the first half.



VISITORS

AWAY FORM HINDERS SWINDON AGAIN

by Tony Pullein

SWINDON'S inadequate away record, which very nearly caused their relegation last season, has already been causing grave concern to manager Danny Williams. The Robins lost their first two away matches at Northampton (0-2) in the League Cup and Portsmouth (1-2) in the League. So it came as a big relief when they came away from Chesterfield with a 1-0 win.

With little money in the kitty, Mr. Williams was unable to do much team strengthening during the close-season, his only major signings being striker Howard Goddard from Bournemouth and defender Tony Taylor (Southend) both on free transfers.

Goddard, a regular member of the Bournemouth attack for two seasons, was one of the victims when economies forced them to slash their professional staff to around 14. He celebrated his first game for Swindon with a goal in their 3-2 League Cup victory over Northampton.

The other forwards could be David Moss and David Syrett, both local discoveries. Moss came into the side in 1971/72 and usually manages to net around ten goals per season. He got off the mark this term with two goals in their 3-2 victory over Wrexham.

Syrett made his debut in 1973/74 and last season spent a period on loan to Wolves, though he didn't play in their First Division side.

Midfield players include Ken Stroud, Bill Dixon, Trevor Anderson, Gerry O'Brien, Phil Harris and Don Rogers.

Stroud is another locally produced player, serving his apprenticeship with the club before making his League bow in 1971/72.

Dixon began with Arsenal, though he didn't play in their first-team. A move to Reading in 1969 enabled him to establish himself in League football. He transferred to Colchester in 1973 but, before he had played for the club, he was on the move again to Swindon.

Anderson has been capped on eight occasions by Northern Ireland. He was playing for Portadown when Manchester United paid £20,000 for him in 1972. Trevor made some 20 First Division appearances for the Reds and joined Swindon for £25,000 in 1974.

O'Brien was brought into English football by Southampton in 1970. The Saints had admired his play for Scottish side Clydebank and he made about 60 senior appearances for the Hampshire club prior to his £15,000 transfer to Swindon last season. While with the Saints, Gerry also went on loan to Bristol Rovers.

Though still an apprentice, Phil Harris has

been picked several times as substitute this season and he has already made his League debut.

Don Rogers spent many years with Swindon until joining Crystal Palace for £140,000 in 1972. Three years later he moved on to Q.P.R. for £200,000 but last season Swindon re-purchased him for only £33,000. Rogers is a former England Under-20 International.

Barring injuries, the defence is likely to be: John McLaughlin, Steve Aizlewood, Colin Prophet and Tony Taylor.

McLaughlin began his career with Colchester United, transferring to Swindon in 1972.

Swindon paid £12,000 to sign Aizlewood from Newport County on the eve of last season's transfer deadline. Steve won five Welsh under-23 caps in his Newport days.

Prophet, who has now taken over as captain, is the former Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich player.

Taylor, signed from Southend during the summer, is a versatile player who can also play on the left-wing. That was his position when Crystal Palace signed him from Morton in 1968. He later switched to left-back and was transferred to Southend in 1974.

When Aizlewood was injured in an early game, the veteran Frank Burrows returned to the centre of the defence. Frank made his League bow for Raith Rovers in 1962/63, moved on to Scunthorpe in 1965 and has been with Swindon since 1968. Three seasons ago he went to Mansfield on loan.

Jimmy Allan has had another chance to establish himself in goal this season, being preferred to Jim Barron for early games. Allan played his first League game in 1971/72 and in 1973/74 he held the position for most of the season.

One familiar face missing from the Swindon side this season is John Trollope, who began his career with Swindon in the early 'sixties. In one incredible run Trollope made 368 successive appearances until a broken arm ended the run. He now holds the club record with over 660 League appearances.

Swindon Town F.C. was formed in 1881 by a clergyman and they became one of the founder members of the Southern League in 1894. They took the championship of that competition on two occasions before they joined the Football League in 1920 when the Southern League's first division was taken over to form the Third Division (South). They finished fourth in their first season in the League — a position they were unable to improve upon until winning promotion 43 years later!

Yet Swindon were still a Southern League club when they first hit the national headlines. In 1910 they fought their way to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup after defeating First Division Spurs (3-2), and two Second Division sides — Burnley (2-0) and the divisional champions-to-be Manchester



City (2-0) — before falling to the reigning League Champions Newcastle United (0-2) at Tottenham. Two years later they made another appearance in the semi-finale.

On that occasion they held the eventual winners, Barnsley, to a 0-0 draw before going down 0-1 in the replay.

It was in 1963 that they moved into Division Two for the first time in their history, a star-studded team of local discoveries taking them there. One or two of those players — Mike Summerbee, Bobby Woodruff, Don Rogers, Cliff Jackson and Ernie Hunt — moved on to win fame with bigger clubs.

The 1963 team was the creation of Bert Head. And, in the opening weeks of their Second Division debut season, Swindon went to the top of the table!

Yet, after making a wonderful start to their Second Division career. Swindon failed to make any lasting impression. And, within two years, they were back in the Third Division.

And Bert Head was sacked.

Danny Williams took over and it wasn't long before Swindon were on the upgrade again. Soon the Robins were to enjoy their greatest-ever season.

Swindon quickly established themselves among the Third Division leaders in 1968/69 but there were few signs of any sensational Cup exploits in view as they struggled to overcome Torquay and Bradford City in the first two rounds of the League Cup.

Yet, after that they beat First Division sides Coventry and Burnley en route to a dramatic Wembley final against Arsenal.

Came the great day on the quagmire at

Back row — L to R. JOHN TROLLOPE, MARK THOMPSON, DON ROGERS, KENNY STROUD. Middle row — JIMMY ALLEN, HOWARD GODDARD, COLIN PROPHETT, STEVEN AIZLEWOOD, JOHN GILLIGAN, FRANK BURROWS, JIM BARRON. Front row — GEOFF CHALKLIN, WILL DIXON, DAVE MOSS, DAVE SYRETT, JOHN McLAUGHLIN, GERRY O'BRIEN, TREVOR ANDERSON.

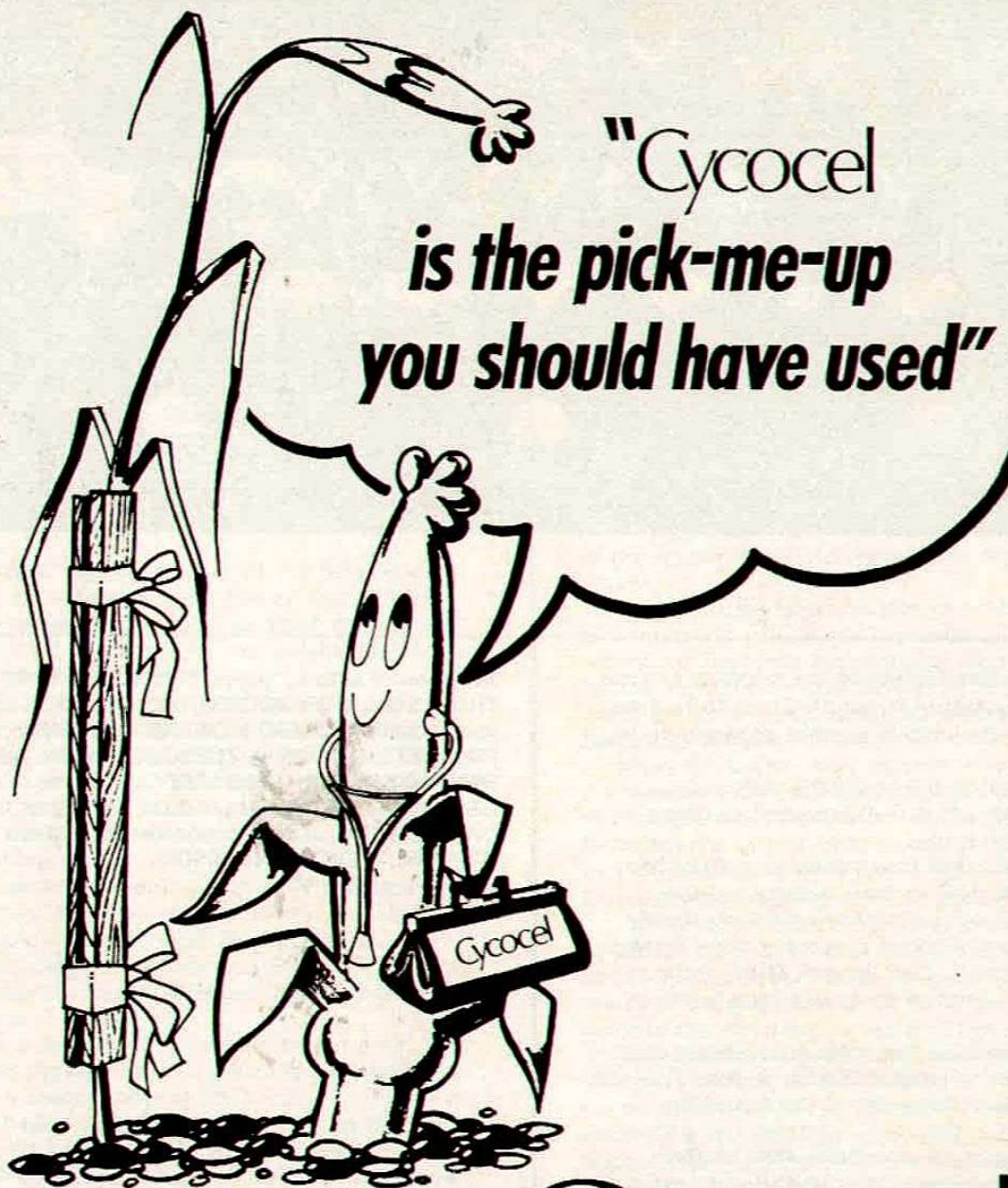
Wembley. Roger Smart scored an early goal to give Swindon a half-time lead. And when both sides were shattered in the mud, Swindon should have been exploded by Bobby Gould's equaliser for Arsenal four minutes from the end.

In the event, Swindon held out better in extra-time when two memorable individual goals by Don Rogers won the Third Division side an outstanding victory.

A few weeks later Swindon clinched promotion to the Second Division.

Manager Williams left soon afterwards to serve Sheffield Wednesday and Mansfield before returning to his old club after it had been relegated from the Second Division in 1974.

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New into the shop this week is our range of jewellery — all of these items are of top quality stainless steel, satin or polished finished. The club's crest is stamped into each item and therefore cannot be rubbed off with constant wear — the range includes bracelets, rings and pendants and they are all priced below £1.00, (some are under 50p.) — so bearing in mind that Christmas is just around the corner — why not get stocked up ready whilst these items are in plentiful supply.

Have you seen our large red/white pandas yet? These are really lovely and are selling at £3.00 each — they are fully washable and perfectly safe for children.

Our next Division 3 away match is at Chesterfield and if you wish to travel with our supporter's coaches please contact Chris Ashton, Bill Stacey or Bill Robson as soon as possible — if you don't get your ticket well in advance don't be upset when you find there are no places left. This doesn't only apply to this match but all matches.

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Your Supporters Club is certainly winning its battle to help the parent club. I say battle because in these days of high prices, it becomes more difficult to raise funds. But by giving the public good value as we do, we are able to maintain our success.

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Our aim is to make our Weekly Lottery even better, and to do this we need more members and more Agents. You can start an agency with 10 members either amongst your friends at home or where you work. Good rates of commission are paid. For further particulars visit us at one of our huts on the ground during or after today's match, or telephone Lincoln 63303 or 21412.

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THIRD DIVISION NEWS by C. J. Travers

LAST weekend saw Mansfield and Swindon both record victories, and these two points put the sides level on eight points at the top of the table.

Mansfield completely outplayed York at Bootham Crescent but had to wait for a late winner by Terry Eccles whilst Swindon had no such problems scoring five times against visiting Sheffield Wednesday who themselves managed two.

Rotherham dropped a home point in a 1-1 draw with Oxford but remain in third place on the same number of points as Brighton who suffered a surprising 2-0 defeat at Grimsby, and Reading who had a useful 2-1 win at Northampton.

Wrexham slammed in six goals at Chesterfield who are the only side in the League not having scored in front of their own fans, and Shrewsbury scored three times at Walsall, a feat which the home side matched in a highly entertaining 3-3 draw. Chester and Preston played out a drab 0-0 draw at Sealand Road, leaving Chester without a home victory, and Preston still seeking their first win away from home.

Port Vale slipped to a 2-1 home defeat by Gillingham whilst Crystal Palace disposed of Bury by the same scoreline after a close battle at Selhurst Park.

FIRST DAY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL COVER

TO mark the occasion of Lincoln City F.C. winning the League Division 4 Championship in record breaking style, Dawn Cover Productions of Widnes have produced a special commemorative postal cover within the Official Football League series which will be issued on Saturday 2nd October 1976 (Home Game v Sheffield Wednesday).

In co-operation with the Post Office Authorities Lincoln City's first special stamp cancellation with special envelopes bearing a unique design and containing an insert card giving interesting details about the Club has been sponsored by Tyrell Contractors Ltd of Heckington.

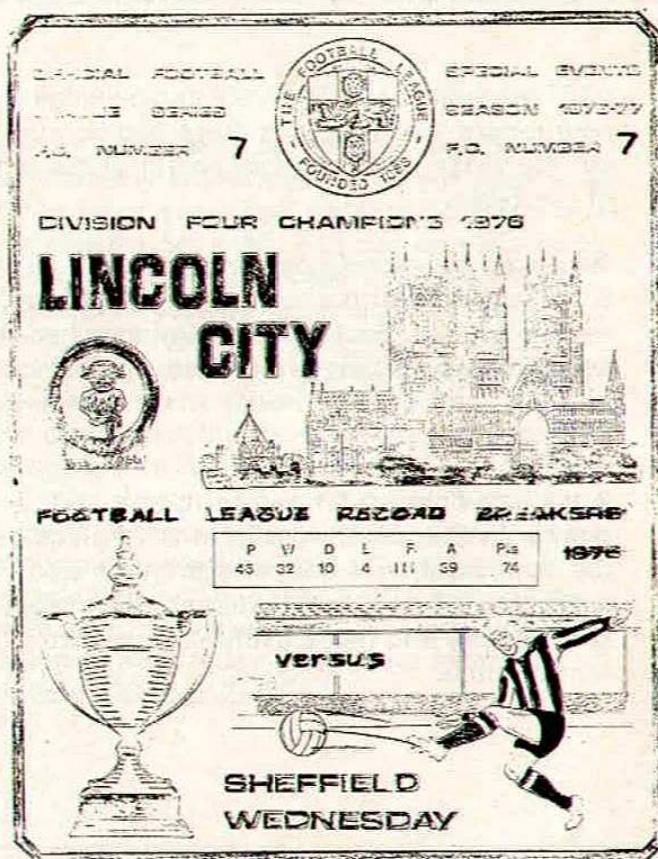
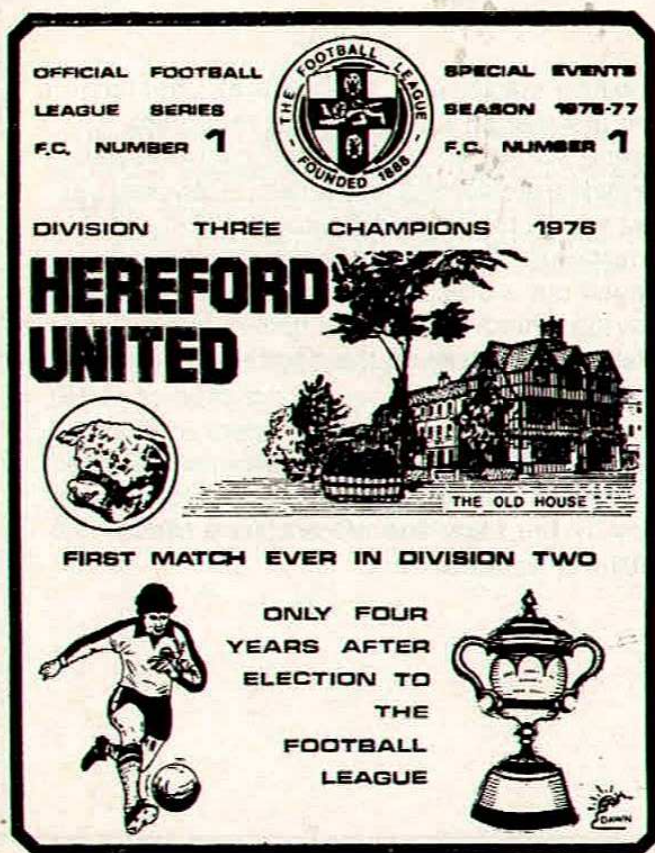
These special envelopes (including postage stamp 7p for inland addresses and appropriate rates for overseas countries) are available from Sincil Bank price 35p on or before Saturday 2nd

October 1976, or supporters can in fact order one to be sent anywhere, on their behalf, by forwarding the relevant remittance and leaving the respective name and address for the Sincil Bank staff to complete.

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As this is the first issue of its kind by Lincoln City with a limited supply making it a collectors item, it would be advisable for supporters to submit their orders containing the necessary information and remittance at a very early date to avoid disappointment.

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Profile on VISITING CAPTAIN

COLIN PROPHETT (Swindon's Captain)

Colin Prophett has this season been appointed Swindon's captain, a reward for his drive and for his solid performances in the back four.

Colin makes no secret of the fact that he would like to play in a higher grade of football again, having once tasted life in Division One. Ironically, his two campaigns as a First Division player both ended in relegation.

Born in Crewe, Colin joined Sheffield Wednesday as an amateur in September 1967. He turned professional the following June but had to wait until 1969/70 before getting his chance in the senior side.

Once in, Colin stayed. But that season saw the end of Wednesday's reign in Division One. He stayed until a £45,000 transfer took him to Norwich in 1973.

He played in nearly every match the following season when Norwich, too, lost their First Division place. Swindon paid £20,000 for him early in the 1974/75 season and he has figured prominently at centre-back ever since.

WITH THE INTERMEDIATES

THE result of the game against Grimsby was a three nil victory for the Imps. Our side was Carter, Guest, Bettison, Potts, Loxley, Carrick, Hollingsworth, Linnecor, Cox, Parsonage, Gallagher, sub: Graver. Parsonage making his debut at Northern Intermediate level gave a promising display. The Lincoln goalscorers were Hollingsworth, Cox and Potts.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERT AT SINCIL BANK

Two young Lincolnions must have thought Christmas had arrived early this year when the match ball from the match against York City dropped into their paths over the Sincil Bank wall. The boys continued their walk but took the ball with them. However City's cross-country champion David Wiggett who happened to be at the game caught them at "Gowts Bridge." — Well run Dave. The result of this game was York City 0 Lincoln 2. The side was Carter, Guest, Bettison, Potts, Loxley, Carrick, Ward, Linnecor, Cox, Parsonage, Gallagher, sub. Moore. The Lincoln goalscorers were Guest and Cox.

The result of the Chesterfield game on Monday was a 2-0 defeat for Lincoln.

The next Northern Intermediate game at Sincil Bank will see Leeds United as the visitors, that is on the 25th September, 1976. Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Today our lads are at Barnsley in what should be an interesting match.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

by TONY PULLEIN

THOUGH we have met Swindon only twice before in League games, we already have much to avenge. When we first came into contact in September 1961 we were both trying to recover from a bad start which had placed us in the Third Division relegation zone.

Swindon, indeed, had not even managed to win at home in the League in five attempts when we went to the County Ground. But we found them in exceedingly determined mood as they hit us with two goals in each half to beat us 4-0.

Ernie Hunt scored two of their goals with Cliff Jackson and Ralph Hunt getting the others.

By the time we met again at Sincil Bank in the February, Swindon were well clear of the relegation area but we desperately needed every point in our bid to escape the drop.

Though goals by Albert Linnekor and Albert Scanlon gave us a 2-1 interval lead, Swindon hit back to make it 2-2. The visitors' scorers were Ernie Hunt and Bill Atkins.

The intervening years have kept us apart until promotion for the Imps this year has renewed the acquaintanceship.

VISITING MANAGER

by TONY PULLEIN

DANNY WILLIAMS (Swindon's Manager)

Danny Williams decided in 1973 to return to the scene of his greatest managerial triumphs. During a previous spell with Swindon he led them to a sensational Wembley victory over Arsenal in the League Cup final and to promotion to the Second Division.

As a player, Mr. Williams was a one-club man, he totted up 23 years service with Rotherham United. His playing days ended in 1960, after a run of 460 games in their League team. There was a short break while he opened a sports business but, when the managerial chair became vacant in 1962, he was persuaded to return to the club.

Relying mainly on young players developed by the club, Mr. Williams built a team which at one time looked likely to gain promotion to the First Division. Then after three years in the job he decided to retire to open a shop in Bournemouth. Swindon were then seeking a manager and, eventually, he agreed to join them while keeping his business by the sea.

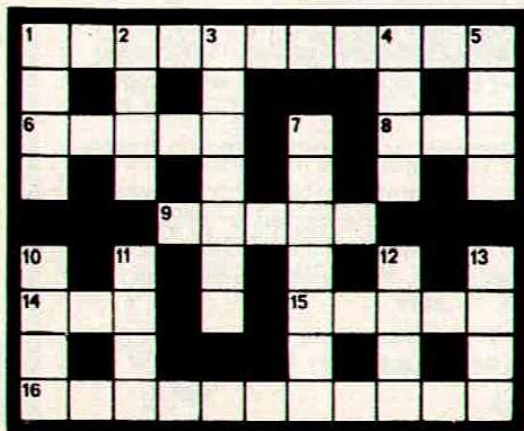
In 1968/69 he produced the side which gained promotion to the Second Division and became only the second Third Division club to win the League Cup. They beat mighty Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley after extra-time.

Sheffield Wednesday, who had been struggling for some while, gave him their manager's job a few weeks after that Wembley triumph and, with it, the chance for him to return to his native part of the country. But he was unable to halt their slide into the Second Division. He then left Hillsborough and, mid-way through the 1971/72 campaign, he took over at Mansfield.

When he received the call to return to Swindon he gladly accepted the challenge.

Crossword

compiled by DAVID PECK



CLUES — Across

1. Grecians' ground (2,5,4)
6. Ralph --- scored for Rangers in four consecutive Scottish Cup Finals (5)
8. Top League scorer for Leicester last season (3)
9. Lincoln stopper (5)
14. Jim Smith scored a Scottish League record 66 goals for them in season 1927-28 (3)
15. Powerful shot (5)
16. "The Peacocks" (5,6)

CLUES — Down

1. They first appeared in League matches in 1965 (4)
2. Famous old international striker with Uruguay and Italy: --- Schiaffino (4)
3. Utility defender with 16 across (7)
4. Firhill Park manager (4)
5. Stoke's John Ritchie was forced out of League scorer by an injured one (4)
7. Trevor Anderson was their top League marksman last season (7)
10. Old Swansea & Manchester City International (4)
11. Despite their name such kicks may be costly (4)
12. Christian --- (Standard Liege & Belgium) (4)
13. Father and son Alec & David --- played in the same League side (4)

League Tables

THIRD DIVISION

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Mansfield	5	2	0	0	6	1	2	0	1	4	3	8	
Swindon	5	3	0	0	9	4	1	0	1	2	2	8	
Rotherham	5	2	1	0	7	1	1	0	1	3	3	7	
Brighton	5	2	0	0	6	3	1	1	1	2	3	7	
Reading	5	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	4	5	7	
Wrexham	5	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	8	5	6	
Shrewsbury	5	2	0	0	6	2	0	2	1	4	5	6	
Crystal P	5	2	0	1	4	3	1	0	1	1	1	6	
Gillingham	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	0	1	6	6	6	
Bury	5	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	2	3	7	5	
Chester	5	0	1	2	1	4	2	0	0	3	1	5	
LINCOLN	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	
Tranmere	5	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	1	3	4	
Northampton	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	2	1	2	3	4	
Oxford	5	0	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	6	5	4	
Portsmouth	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	4	
Sheffield Wed	5	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	7	4	
Chesterfield	5	0	1	2	0	7	1	1	0	2	1	4	
Peterboro	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	3	
Port Vale	5	1	1	1	4	3	0	0	2	0	3	3	
Preston	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	5	3	
Grimsby	5	1	1	1	4	3	0	0	2	0	5	3	
York	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	4	3	
Walsall	4	0	1	1	4	5	0	1	1	1	2	2	

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

1976		December	
August		4th	Sheffield Utd. A
21st	Middlesbrough	A	11th Scunthorpe Utd. H
25th	Sheffield Utd.	H	18th Rotherham Utd. A
28th	Newcastle	H	
		1977	
September		January	
		1st	
4th	Grimsby	A	8th
11th	York	H	15th Newcastle Utd. A
13th	Chesterfield	H	22nd Grimsby Town H
18th	Barnsley	A	29th York City A
25th	Leeds	H	
		February	
		5th	
October		12th	Leeds United A
2nd	Chesterfield	A	19th
9th	Challenge Cup — Round 1 1st Leg		26th Sunderland H
16th	Challenge Cup — Round 1 2nd Leg		
23rd	Sunderland	A	March
27th	Barnsley	H	7th Sheffield Wed. H
30th	Sheffield Wed.	A	14th
		April	
		2nd	Scunthorpe Utd. A
November		9th	
6th		16th	Huddersfield T A
13th	Hull City	A	23rd Hull City H
20th	Challenge Cup — Round 2 1st Leg		25th Middlesbrough H
27th	Challenge Cup — Round 2 2nd Leg		
		May	
		7th	

AWAY WITH THE

AA

LINCOLN

A57 (signs Worksop)
A1
A57

WORKSOP

A619 (Signs Chesterfield)

CHESTERFIELD

Enter by Birmingham Road
At Police Station turn left into
Malkin Street then turn right into
Corporation Street bearing right with same
and forward along Holywell Street
Shortly turn left into
Saltergate

CHESTERFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (on right)

43 MILES

Forthcoming Matches

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE Saturday 2nd October
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
Saturday 25th September — LEEDS UNITED
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

CROSSWORD Answers from previous programme

PORT VALE
PROGRAMME —
SOLUTIONS

Across

1. Aldis
4. Tykes
7. Dunfermline
8. Benny (Fenton)
12. Halifax Town
14. Tychy
15. Noble

Down

1. Aldershot (1945-46)
2. Dunk
3. Steve
4. Tom
5. Kail
6. St Etienne
9. Nixon
10. Alec
11. Robb
13. Fry

DATE	OPONENTS	Attn.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
14. 8.76	Doncaster Rovers	5594	1-1	(F.L. Cup)		Gordon	Branfoot	Leigh	Fleming	Bolton	Cooper	Krzywicki	Freeman	Graham 1	Smith	Harding	Wiggott
18. 8.76	DONCASTER ROV.	7089	1-1	(F.L. Cup)		Grotter	Branfoot	Leigh	Fleming	Bolton	Cooper	Hubbard S	Freeman	Graham 1	Smith	Harding	Booth
21. 8.76	SHREWSBURY	6372	1-1	1		Grotter	Branfoot	Leigh	Booth	Bolton	Cooper 1	Hubbard S	Ward	Freeman	Smith	Harding	Graham
24. 8.76	Doncaster Rovers	3726	2-2	(F.L. Cup)		Grotter	Branfoot	Neale	Booth S	Ellis 1	Cooper	Hubbard 1	Ward	Freeman	Smith	Harding	Krzywicki
28. 8.76	Northampton Town	6350	0-1	1		Grotter	Branfoot	Neale	Booth	Ellis	Cooper	Hubbard	Ward S	Freeman	Smith	Harding	Fleming
4. 9.76	PORT VALE	6059	2-0	3	14	Grotter	Branfoot	Neale	Booth	Ellis 2	Cooper	Fleming	Ward	Freeman	Smith	Harding	Hubbard S
11. 9.76	Portsmouth	7865	1-1	4	12	Grotter	Branfoot	Neale	Booth	Ellis	Cooper	Fleming	Ward 1	Freeman	Smith	Harding	Hubbard S
14. 9.76	Walsall	5366	1-3	6	8	Grotter	Branfoot	Neale	Booth	Ellis	Cooper	Fleming	Ward 1	Freeman 1	Smith	Harding	Hubbard S
18. 9.76	SWINDON TOWN																
25. 9.76	Chesterfield																
2.10.76	SHEFFIELD WED.																
9.10.76	Wrexham																
16.10.76	Gillingham																
23.10.76	READING																
26.10.76	Oxford Utd (L.C.4)																
29.10.76	ROTHERHAM UTD.																
3.11.76	BURY																
6.11.76	Mansfield Town																
13.11.76	TRANMERE ROVERS																
20.11.76	F.A. CUP 1																
27.11.76	Preston North End																
4.12.76	CRYSTAL PALACE																
11.12.76	F.A. CUP 2																
18.12.76	Peterborough Utd.																
27.12.76	GRIMSBY TOWN																
29.12.76	York City																
1. 1.77	MANSFIELD TOWN																
4. 1.77	Rotherham United																
8. 1.77	CHESTER (3)																
15. 1.77	WALSALL																
22. 1.77	Shrewsbury Town																
29. 1.77	Brighton & H.A. (4)																
5. 2.77	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																
12. 2.77	Port Vale																
18. 2.77	PORTSMOUTH																
26. 2.77	Swindon Town (5)																
5. 3.77	CHESTERFIELD																
12. 3.77	Sheffield Wed. (LCF)																
18. 3.77	WREXHAM																
26. 3.77	GILLINGHAM																
3. 4.77	Reading																
8. 4.77	Grimsby Town																
9. 4.77	YORK CITY																
11. 4.77	Bury																
16. 4.77	OXFORD UNITED																
20. 4.77	BRIGHTON & H.A.																
23. 4.77	Tranmere Rov. (S.F.)																
30. 4.77	PRESTON NORTH E.																
3. 5.77	Chester																
7. 5.77	Crystal Palace																
11. 5.77	PETERBOROUGH UTD.																