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## NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS NEWS & VIEWS

It really is welcome back to our visitors today. The last time we played them was in Season 1965-66. That of course was the year we returned to Division 3, after a short spell in a higher division. It was also the introduction of Mr. Danny Williams as manager. It was a difficult period, Swindon had just been relegated, and some of the players had left the club. However after a quiet beginning to the season and lack of goals at home, matters improved considerably, and Swindon enjoyed a really good year.

The revival really began on 19th October 1965, when York City came to the County Ground. We had already won at York 2 goals to nil in the second game of the season, but after three 0-0 draws and one 0-1 defeat at home, goal scoring began with a vengeance.

Our visitors caught us on the rebound, and we won by 6 goals to nil, and further more continued in that vein, in the following games with scores of 3-0; 5-0; 5-1; 6-2; 2-3; 6-1.

The two teams have changed in personnel, but some are still in football Swindon — Downsborough, Dawson, Trollope, Morgan, Nurse, Shergold, Weaver, Smart, Lawton, Brown, Rogers.

York City — Fallon, Wealthall, Heron, Woods, Jackson, Walker, Pearson, Dunphy, Aimson, Rudd, Provan.

Scorers Trollope, Lawton, Brown, Rogers (2) own goal, Downsborough plays for Bradford City. John Trollope, still as good as ever in that same position. Don Rogers still on the books, and Roger Smart — Bath City.

Dunphy, played for Reading on the County Ground last week.

Although Swindon had a good season and finished in seventh position with the following record

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
46	19	13	14	74	48	51

York unfortunately were relegated.

They remained in Division 3 and 4, until 1973-74, when by strange coincidence, they gained promotion along with Oldham, and Bristol Rovers while Swindon was relegated with Crystal Palace and Preston.

York held quite a good position in Division 2 until last season, when they were relegated joining Oxford, and Portsmouth. These three clubs, have found the going hard, but recently York showed splendid form, and have eased away a little from the bottom places but unfortunately, last week lost at home to Preston.

York enjoyed an hour of glory in 1955, when they reached the Semi-Final, one of only four Third Division clubs to reach the Semi-Final — the others being Millwall, Port Vale, Norwich. One sobering thought, whisper it quietly, at that time the club was without a manager.



# Talk of the Town

By the Chairman

Tonights visitors from York have not visited the County Ground since 1965 and this was the year that Danny first came to manage the Club. Many events have taken place since then and our visitors will see a vast improvement in our ground developments.

Our last connection with York City was the transfer from us, to them, of Chris Jones the centre forward, whom we bought from Manchester City.

In tonight's game again we meet a team in the danger area of relegation and the teams in this zone of the league prove very difficult to beat because of course they are fighting to keep their status in Division III. After our recent game against

At the Football League meeting held for all Clubs in London recently, firstly for Third and Fourth Division Clubs on the Thursday and all Divisions on Friday, the new proposals agreed between the Football League and the Professional Players Union were discussed, for the ultimate agreement of these proposals by the League Clubs but there are several important issues in the new proposals which League Clubs are not happy about and at the end of the meetings it was agreed that all Clubs put in writing their various views, then the Negotiating Committee of the League will try and iron out these difficulties with the Professional Players Union. An agreement will have to be reached by the 17th June which is the date of the Annual Meeting of the Football League. The position at this very moment is that we are still negotiating, but both sides are hopeful of an agreed compromise.

At this meeting new minimum admission charges will come up for discussion.

The other important issue is the possible election of non-league Clubs with the League, to the exclusion of possible members whom have strived hard for years to keep their heads above water. Member Clubs have always rallied around unfortunate Clubs, but times are changing, and with several non League Clubs knocking on the door for admission, with the potential crowd attendance far in advance of some existing clubs, it looks as if there may be changes this year.

The League have implied that they will accept only two non League Clubs with suitable facilities, financial backing and of course with team strength to go forward for election, although I know that they will receive many applications from Clubs to be vetted by the League. Geographical positions in this Country will of course be taken into consideration.

Have you applied to Bob Jefferies for your Club Dinner and Dance tickets yet, because the date of Wednesday 27th April is not far away and Bob is receiving many such applications.

Thank you for supporting us and I hope that tonight's game is exciting.



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# OUR VISITORS

## YORK CITY

by Tony Pullein

**GRAEME CRAWFORD (Goalkeeper)** Graeme has been a wonderfully consistent performer for York since his transfer from Sheffield United in 1971. Once with East Stirling, he entered English football with Sheffield United in 1968.

League record: E. Stirling 2 aps; Sheff. Un. 2 aps; Mansfield (loan) 2 aps. York 227 aps.

**PETER SCOTT (Defender)** Peter held a regular place in Everton's First Division side in 1971/72 and, even though losing his place after that, he became a fairly regular member of the Northern Ireland team. He has six caps. York signed him last season.

League record: Everton 42(2) aps, 1 gl; Southport (loan) 4 aps; York 39 (1) aps.

**CHRIS GALVIN (Forward)** Chris, on loan from Hull City, has been scoring some vital goals for York. A one-time Leeds reserve, Chris went to Hull for £40,000 in 1973.

League record: Leeds 7(1) aps; Hull 92(5) aps. 7 gls; York 14 aps. 5 gls.

**GORDON HUNTER (Defender)** Gordon has played at left-back and centre-back this season, recently returning in the middle. A local discovery, he made his first League appearance in 1973/74.

League record: York 35(2) aps. 1 gl.

**STEVE JAMES (Defender)** Steve made well over 100 League appearances for Manchester United, and won England youth caps, before arriving at Bootham Crescent last season. He has been holding one of the central defensive positions.

League record: Man. Un 129 aps, 4 gls; York 40 aps 1 gl.

**GEOFF HUTT (Defender)** Geoff was for several years Huddersfield's left-back when they were in the First and Second Divisions. When losing his place last season, he joined Blackburn on loan. York signed him a few weeks ago.

League record: Huddersfield 245 aps, 4 gls. Blackburn (loan) 10 aps, 1 gl; York 8 aps.

**IAN HOLMES (Midfield)** Ian got his initial chance in League football with Sheffield United in 1971/72 though he never won a regular place with the Blades. York signed him in 1973 and he has taken over as their penalty-taker. His 8 goals include three spot-kicks.

League record: Sheff. Un 4 (2) aps; York 127 (7) aps, 24 gls.

**CHRIS TOPPING (Midfield)** Chris, who came through the juniors to make his League debut in 1968/69, has a wonderful record of consistency. At the end of last season he looked back on 263 consecutive League appearances for the club. Now he is up to 295 without a break.

League record: York 350 (2) aps, 8 gls.

**GORDON STANFORTH (Forward)** Gordon also joined York from Hull on loan this season but the transfer has now been completed following a successful, scoring start to his stay at Bootham Crescent. He made his Hull debut in 1973/74.

League record: Hull 7(5) aps. 2 gls; York 14 aps, 3 gls.

**JIMMY HINCH (Forward)** Jimmy launched his career with Tranmere Rovers, but left them for Plymouth in 1971. Hereford paid £20,000 for him two years later and York invested an £11,000 fee in his transfer in 1974. Two seasons ago he assisted Southport on loan.

League record: Tranmere 36 (3) aps, 10 gls; Plymouth 102 (5) aps; 28 gls. Hereford 22(5) aps. 7 gls; Southport (loan) 7 aps. 2 gls. York 47 (12) aps, 9 gls.

**GEORGE HOPE (Forward)** George is another of this season's new signings, arriving from Charlton. Originally with Newcastle, he joined Charlton in 1975 but was badly affected by injuries soon after arriving.

League record: Newcastle 6 aps, 1 gl; Charlton 13 aps, 2 gls; York 9 aps, 2 gls.

**BRIAN POLLARD (Midfield/Forward)** Brian is York's top scorer with 12 goals. A former England youth international Brian developed at Bootham Crescent, making his League debut in 1971/72.

League record: York 121 (11) aps; 28 gls.



# York City



Back Row ( L to R ) Clive Baker (Coach), Jimmy Seal, Steve James, Graeme Crawford, Stuart Walker, Joe Neenan, John Woodward, Chris Topping, Wilf Mc Guinness (Manager)

Middle Row ( L to R ) Eric McMordie, Chris Jones, Peter Scott, Derrick Downing, Ian Holmes, Brian Pollard.

Front Row ( L to R ) Bobby Hosker, Gordon Hunter, Phil Taylor

Absent from photo Micky Cave, Jimmy Hinch



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DATE	LGE.H POS./	OPPONENTS	H-T	F-T	SCORERS (P) = PENALTY	A D
S 14 AUG	( )	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	1-0	3-2	STROUD, GODDARD, SYRETT	
W 18 AUG	( )	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN (FLC1)	0-0	0-2		
S 21 AUG	( )	H PORT VALE	0-0	1-0	SYRETT	
TU 24 AUG	( )	A PORTSMOUTH	0-2	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 28 AUG	(4)	H WREXHAM	0-0	3-2	MOSS 2, PROPHETT	
S 4 SEP	(3)	A CHESTERFIELD	0-0	1-0	ROGERS	
S 11 SEP	(2)	H SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	5-2	MOSS, SYRETT 2, ANDERSON AIZLEWOOD	
S 18 SEP	(3)	A LINCOLN CITY	0-0	0-0		
S 25 SEP	(3)	H GILLINGHAM	1-1	2-2	STROUD, AIZLEWOOD	
W 29 SEP	(3)	A PETERBOROUGH UNITED	0-1	0-1		
S 2 OCT	(10)	A READING	0-3	1-4	MOSS	
S 9 OCT	(6)	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 16 OCT	(10)	A WALSALL	0-1	0-2		
S 23 OCT	(5)	H NORTHAMPTON TOWN	2-0	5-1	ANDERSON (2P), MOSS MCLAUGHLIN, SYRETT	
TU 26 OCT	(5)	A BURY	0-0	1-0	DIXON	
S 30 OCT	(5)	H TRANMERE ROVERS	1-1	1-1	ANDERSON (P)	
TU 2 NOV	(4)	H CRYSTAL PALACE	1-1	1-1	SYRETT	
S 6 NOV	(6)	A BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	0-3	0-4		
S 13 NOV	(11)	H ROTHERHAM UNITED	1-2	2-4	ANDERSON (P) STROUD	
S 20 NOV	(-)	H BROMLEY (FAC1)	1-0	7-0	MCHALE, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2, ANDERSON 2	
S 27 NOV	(10)	A MANSFIELD TOWN	0-0	1-1	ANDERSON	
S 11 DEC	( )	A HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2)	1-0	1-1	DIXON	
T 14 DEC	( )	H HITCHIN TOWN (FAC2R)	1-0	Aban.	SYRETT	
S 18 DEC	(12)	A CHESTER	1-0	1-2	MOSS	
T 21 DEC	( )	H HITCHIN TOWN	0-0	3-1	SYRETT, MOSS 2	
M 27 DEC	(11)	H OXFORD UNITED	0-0	1-0	PROPHETT	
S 1 JAN	(11)	H BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (Aban)	2-0	4-0	STROUD, MOSS, MCHALE 2	
S 8 JAN	( )	A FULHAM (FAC3)	3-1	3-3	ANDERSON, MOSS, MCHALE	
T 11 JAN	( )	H FULHAM	2-0	5-0	ANDERSON, SYRETT 2, MOSS 2	
S 22 JAN	(13)	A PORT VALE	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, SYRETT	
S 29 JAN	( )	H EVERTON (FAC4)	1-1	2-2	SYRETT, STROUD	
T 1 FEB	( )	A EVERTON (FAC 4 R)	0-0	1-2	ANDERSON	
S 5 FEB	(13)	A WREXHAM	2-1	2-2	MCHALE, AIZLEWOOD	
T 8 FEB	(13)	A PRESTON	0-1	0-2		
S 12 FEB	(11)	H CHESTERFIELD	1-0	3-0	AIZLEWOOD, ANDERSON, MCHALE	
S 19 FEB	(15)	A SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-1	1-3	PROPHETT	
M 21 FEB	(12)	A TRANMERE ROVERS	1-0	1-0	ANDERSON	
S 26 FEB	( )	H LINCOLN CITY (FAC5)	1-1	2-2	STROUD, MOSS.	
S 5 MAR	( )	A GILLINGHAM	0-1	2-2	MCHALE, MOSS	
T 8 MAR	( )	H GRIMSBY	1-0	4-1	DIXON, PROPHETT, SYRETT, AND	
F 11 MAR	( )	H READING	1-2	2-2	ANDERSON, MOSS	
S 19 MAR	( )	A SHREWSBURY TOWN (FAC6)	1-2	2-2	ANDERSON, TROLLOPE	
S 26 MAR	( )	H WALSALL	0-1	2-2	MCHALE, ANDERSON	
TU 29 MAR	( )	H YORK CITY				
F 1 APR	( )	A NORTHAMPTON TOWN				
F 8 APR	( )	A OXFORD UNITED				
S 9 APR	( )	H PETERBOROUGH UNITED				
TU 12 APR	( )	A CRYSTAL PALACE				
S 16 APR	( )	H BURY				
TU 19 APR	( )	A YORK CITY				
S 23 APR	( )	A ROTHERHAM UNITED (FACSF)				
S 30 APR	( )	H MANSFIELD TOWN				
TU 3 MAY	( )	H PRESTON NORTH END				
S 7 MAY	( )	A GRIMSBY TOWN				
T 10 MAY	( )	H BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION				
S 14 MAY	( )	H CHESTER				
						T 17 MAY ( ) H PORTSMOUTH



# STATS

(FOR DIRECTORY OF CODES - SEE BELOW)

RS ALTY	ATTEN DANCE	ACCUM PNTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
S - DENOTES SUBSTITUTED PLAYER														
RD, SYRETT	6253		01	02	03	04	05	06	07S	08	09	10	11	12
	7037		01	02	03	04S	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	6138	2	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	10	12	09	11	
	7898	2	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	09	11	14
TT	6204	4	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	08	12	09	11	
	4148	6	01	02	03	04	15	06	07	08	12	09	11	
ANDERSON	8698	8	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08	12	09	11	
	7379	9	01	02	03	16	05	06	13	08	12	09	11	
WOOD	8678	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	08	12	16	11	09
	5783	10	01	02	03	04	05	06	13	08S	12	16	11	10
	11670	10	01	02	03	04	05S	06	13	10	12	16	11	09
	9017	12	01	02	03	04	15	06	13	10	12	16	09	
	5529	12	01	02	03	04	08	06	13	16	12	10	11	
MOSS /RETT	7285	14	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	6405	16	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11	
	7776	17	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16S	11	09
	11317	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	12	16	11	
	18761	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	03S	10	12	16	11	13
ITROUD	7604	18	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	10	09	16S	11	18
T 2, MOSS 2,	6497		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	6663	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	4827		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	7261		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02S	12	16	11	07
	3399	19	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	6064		01	08	17	04	15	06	13	02	12	16	11	07
	13491	21	01	02	17	04	05	06	13	07	12	16	11	08
CHALE 2	12369	21	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
MCHALE	16460		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
TT 2, MOSS 2	23883		01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02	12	16	11	
	4446	22	01	08	17	04	05	03	13	02S	12	16	11	06
	24347		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	38063		01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
OOD	7287	23	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	19S	03
	9409	23	01	08	17	04S	05	06	13	02	12	16	19	03
ERSON, MCHALE	7901	25	01	08	17	10	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
T	11265	25	01S	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	10
	2648	27	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	10
	8644	28	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	20
	4994	29	01	02	17	10	05	06	13	08	12	16	11s	20
T, SYRETT, ANDERSON		31	21	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
	9886	32	21	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	
LOPE	2702	33	21	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	20
SON	7534	34	01	08	17	04	05	06	13	02	12	16	11	03



# PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

# Swindon v York City

# PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

## FULL LEAGUE RESULTS:

			Gate
*Sep. 12	1959	Swindon Town 1 (Layne) York City 1	12,908
Jan. 23	1960	York City 1 Swindon Town 0	5,985
Aug. 23	1965	York City 0 Swindon Town 2 (Brown, Rogers)	9,003
Oct. 19	1965	Swindon Town 6 (Brown, Lawton, Trollope, pen., Rogers 3) York City 0	12,296

## \* SWINDON TOWN IN FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES BETWEEN CLUBS:

Burton, Thompson, Bingley, Morgan, Mellor, Woodruff, Corbett, Richards, Layne, Gauld, Darcy.  
LEAGUE SUMMARY:

	W	D	L	F	A
Home	1	1	0	7	- 1
Away	1	0	1	2	- 1
TOTAL	2	1	1	9	- 2

SWINDON SUCCESS RATE: 62.5%

## TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS:

Charlie Flood from York debut v. Millwall away Feb. 26 1927  
Sam Johnson to York last app. v. Brighton home Feb. 9 1929  
Fred Laycock from York debut v. Bournemouth away Aug. 27 1932  
Jack Fountain to York last app. v. Shrewsbury home Mar. 12 1960  
Walter Bingley to York last app. v. Coventry home May 4 1960.

## SWINDON'S PAST MARKSMEN.....PART 4..... 1960 TO DATE

(Top Scorers in Football League Games only)

1960-61	Ernie Hunt	14 goals	1968-69	Don Rogers	22 goals
1961-62	Ernie Hune	18	1969-70	Arthur Horsfield	18
1962-63	Ernie Hunt	24	1970-71	Don Rogers	16
1963-64	Ernie Hunt	12	1971-72	Peter Noble	14
1964-65	Mike Summerbee	13	1972-73	Ray Treacy	13
1965-66	Keith East	19	1973-74	Peter Eastoe	8
1966-67	Don Rogers	24	1974-75	Peter Eastoe	26
1967-68	Don Rogers	25	1975-76	Trevor Anderson	15

01	JIMMY ALLAN	29	100
02	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN	27	194/8
03	TONY TAYLOR	15	288/16
04	KENNY STROUD	29/3	115/9
05	STEVE AIZLEWOOD	28/4	230/21
06	COLIN PROPHETT	32/5	254/15
07	DON ROGERS	2/1	500/182
08	WILL DIXON	29/2	283/10
09	HOWARD GODDARD	11	75/18
10	GERRY O'BRIEN	14	107/2
11	TREVOR ANDERSON	29/13	119/32
12	DAVE SYRETT	31/7	110/29
13	DAVE MOSS	31/9	172/39
14	PHIL HARRIS	1	1
15	FRANK BURROWS	3	484/14
16	RAY MCHALE	31/7	237/53
17	JOHN TROLLOPE	21/1	684/21
18	JOHN GILLIGAN	1	6/1 †
19	WYN HOOPER	2	178/21 †
20	MICKY FRENCH	3	49/12 †
21	JIM BARRON	3	395

\* Includes 4 apps., 2 goals for Halifax Town.

† Not including apps. for other clubs this season.



A black and white line drawing of a book, a ribbon, and a bookmark. The book is on the right, with a bookmark sticking out of it. The bookmark has a decorative ribbon bow at the top. The ribbon is tied around the book's spine. The bookmark has a small label at the top that says "BOOKMARK".

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# When The Lights Go Out

by Tony Pullein

Familiarity breeds contempt, they say. And, when we have become accustomed to having something around us for a lengthy period of time, we tend to take it for granted. So it is in football with floodlights. These days artificial lighting enables us to enjoy soccer on winter evenings and to adopt more convenient kick-off times in the darker months.

Only when something goes wrong with the circuit do we realise how dependent we have become on the electricity supply!

A few weeks ago Aldershot's lights failed when they led Exeter 1-0 and there were only two minutes to play. Because the result could ultimately effect the Fourth Division promotion issue, the game had to be replayed in full. It's difficult to recall how things were before the advent of floodlighting.

Floodlighting transformed football and radically changed our soccer habits. No longer did we have to kill off all our grandmothers to get time off for mid-week afternoon games - we could go to football at night. And, of course, Saturday games could kick off at a standard time throughout the season.

During the three-day-week crisis several clubs hired generators to provide electric power. But, in much earlier times, other ingenious methods had been experimented with. In 1899 Manchester's City and United met under OIL lamps.

For the first recorded floodlit match, at Bramall Lane in 1878, the power was generated by two portable engines, one behind each goal, driving dynamos.

But the acceptance of floodlighting in modern times threw up a new hazard, one which can vitally affect promotion and relegation - power failures! One early disaster in 1966/67 caused a Fourth Division match between Crewe and Lincoln to come to a halt and the visitors were possibly robbed of two points which might well have proved vital. The game was abandoned after 36 minutes, with Lincoln winning 1-0, when the lights went out. When the game was replayed, Crewe won 3-0. In 1959 Shrewsbury almost lost promotion to Division III. They were winning 5-2 at Watford when the lights went out with only 12 minutes left. They returned to Vicarage Road on the last day of the season knowing at least one point was required for promotion. Fortunately, they won 4-1.

Southampton ran into trouble at The Dell in 1961 when their League Cup tie with Leeds

was plunged into second-half darkness for an hour while repairs were effected. A freak game, undoubtedly influenced by this distraction, ended 5-4 to Southampton with Derek Reeves scoring all five of their goals - one of only two cases in the whole history of this competition where any player has scored so many in a game.

It was in Sheffield, as I said above, that floodlit football was born, but there was no serious attempt to develop the technique until the late 'twenties. Because they were not satisfied with the standard of lighting, the F.A. banned all floodlit football in 1930 and didn't relax for a full twenty years.

Replayed cup-ties, prior to round three, and rearranged mid-week League games were permitted under lights in 1955, then a year later the present ruling, allowing games to be played wholly or partly under artificial light, was introduced.

## DANNY'S DESK

Welcome to the players, officials and if any have made the long journey, supporters of York City, our opponents this evening. This match has been postponed on two occasions once because of our F. A. Cup involvement with Everton and the second time because of weather, but we have finally made it and I hope you see an entertaining game here this evening.

Last week Jim Barron cancelled his registration with us and agreed to join the Connecticut Professional Soccer Club of the North American Soccer League and we all wish him well. He starts his association with his new club in Portugal where they are making a pre-season tour and he plays his first home League game on the 10th May at Handen Connecticut in a stadium or bowl, where they can accommodate over 50,000 persons, all in uncovered accommodation. All types of sports are played in these American Stadiums, of course their weather assists them, but that a contrast to this country where, apart from match days the ground is dark and drab, unused and wasted. Maybe the picture will change eventually, even more likely if the government will only recognise the need for improvement and direct a proportion of the tax and profits derived from the football pools back into the game. The perhaps we could play on artificial turf and encourage other activities to utilise our facilities.



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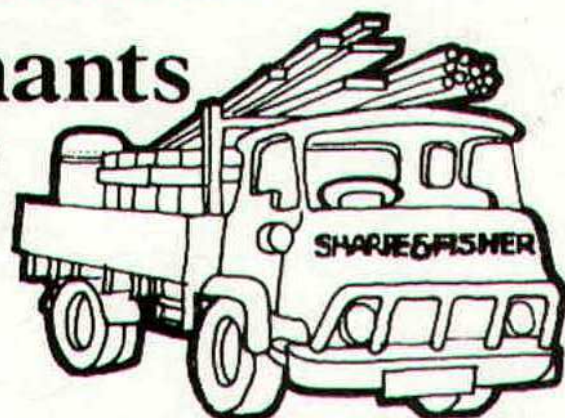
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2. Dixon
3. Trollope
4. Stroud
5. Aizlewood
6. Prophett
7. Moss ✓
8. McLaughlin ✓
9. Syrett ✓
10. McHale
11. Anderson
12. French

at 7.30p.m.



Referee:  
Mr. C. L. NEWSOME (Broseley, Shropshire)  
Linesmen:  
Mr. E. J. ATTWOOD (Radstock) Red Flag:

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## York City

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| David  | 12. Morris     |

### REFEREE

BERT NEWSOME (Broseley, Shrops) Started refereeing whilst in the Army then progressed through local Shropshire Leagues, Midland Intermediate and Central Leagues to the Football League. Refereed the 1974 England v. Wales Youth International, and lined the France v. Spain International - in Paris - in 1961. Officiated in Italy for the 1972 Anglo Italian competition.

He is a National Distribution Manager and his interests are gardening, home decorating, cooking, most sports - but especially, squash - and antiques.

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