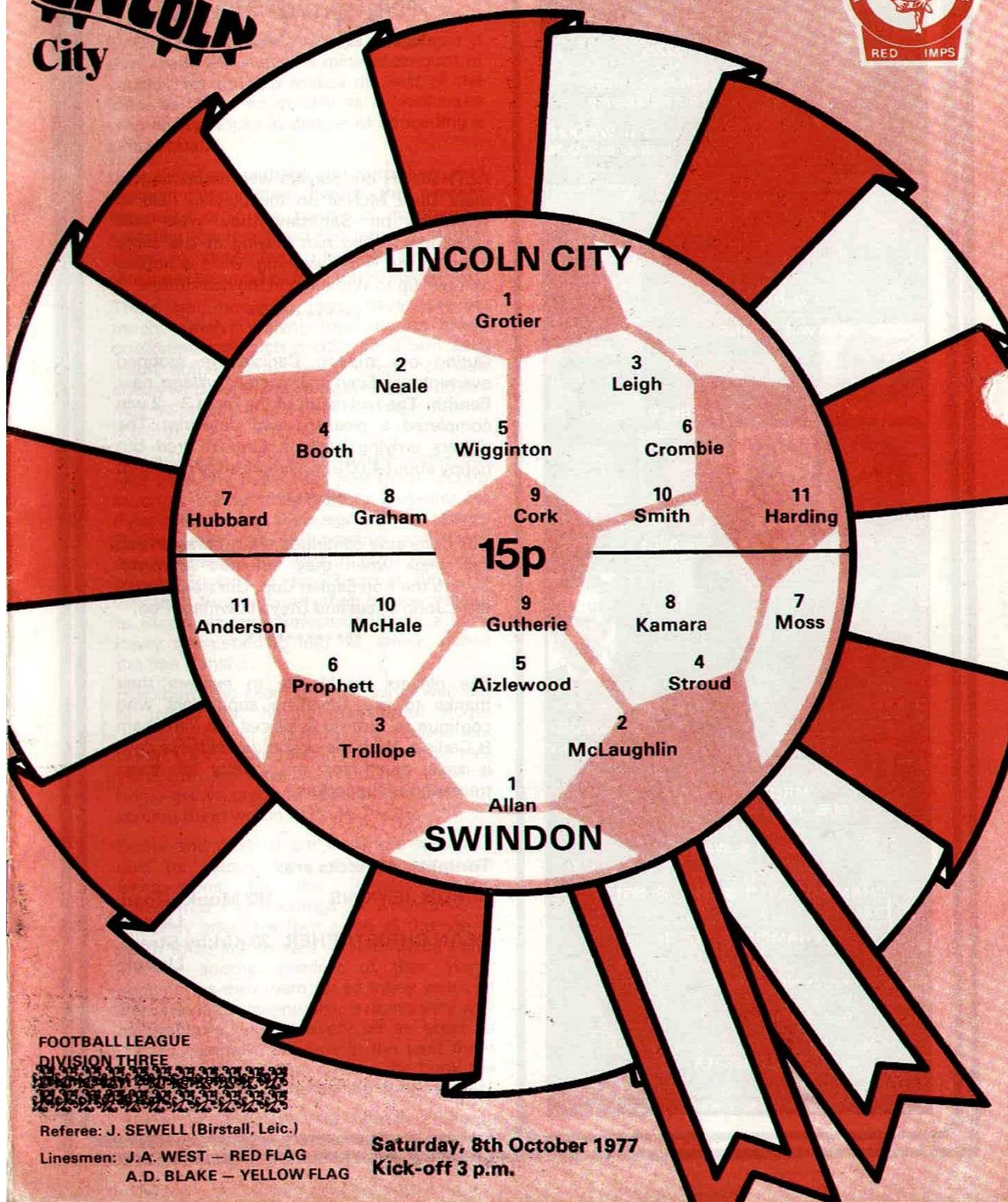


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# SINCIL BANK Chit Chat

ALTHOUGH our players were expecting to meet Dixie McNeil on the playing field at Wrexham on Saturday they were not expecting to find him staying at the same hotel on the Friday evening. Dixie is hoping to move up to Wrexham in the near future.

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During our trip to Carlisle we stopped overnight at Eden hall a small village near Penrith. The end result of the trip a 3—2 win completed a pleasant two day trip. The players arriving back in Lincoln tired but happy about 4.00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

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Our Colts side continued their unbeaten run last week when they defeated Manvers. 2—1 in the Ron Eaglen Cup. Our goalscorers were John Skeet and Steve Lowman, Pen.

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The players would like to express their thanks to our travelling supporters who continue to turn up at places like Wrexham & Carlisle. With the cost of *travel these* days it says much for the loyalty of these tremendous supporters.

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# DISCUSSION

## POINT OF CONTROVERSY

EVERY team needs a reliable goalkeeper if they are to attain even a minimal amount of success for nothing makes the rest of the team so jittery so quickly as a goalkeeper who always looks in danger of conceding a simple goal.

It is therefore perhaps not surprising that several clubs either before the present campaign or in the course of its opening matches, have entered the transfer market either to strengthen their last line or to replace someone just transferred elsewhere.

There can, however, rarely have been so much transfer activity involving so many goalkeepers in such a short time and as a result some teams would seem to have achieved outstanding bargains while others may be reflecting just how much a vital save is worth.

Stoke City certainly seem to have come out well from the deals that saw them recoup much of the fee they paid to Leicester for Peter Shilton and then sign free of charge Roger Jones, an outstanding goalkeeper now displaying the sort of form that won him an England Under-23 cap in 1968. He was with Bournemouth then before moving to Blackburn and Newcastle where a knee injury threatened to end his career, hence the free transfer.

Blackburn too seem to have come well out of things for, having transferred Roger Jones and Paul Bradshaw (to Wolves last week) for 6-figure fees in the space of two years they still have John Butcher, another home-grown product, apparently capable of serving them well in Division Two.

Spurs and Arsenal are too more teams to end up happy after their close-season transactions for the former, having transferred Pat Jennings to Arsenal for a relatively small fee (but a fee all the same) seem to be just as well served now by Barry Daines, another product of their youth scheme, as they were for so many years by Pat. The latter meanwhile, is doing very well at Highbury, in fact every bit as good as Jimmy Rimmer has done in the past three seasons and they also have in the bank the sizeable fee paid by Aston Villa for the latter.

But what of Aston Villa, beaten at home

# CORNER

twice already last season, who twice in two years pay out six-figure fees a goalkeeper and yet find themselves struggling more at the moment than at any time since coming up from Division Two. Burridge and Rimmer have both had excellent games for the club and neither can be readily faulted, but some Villa fans maintain that Jake Findlay, a product of their Youth scheme, is just as capable of holding his own in Division One.

Villa's neighbours Wolves have also made an expensive signing this season in Paul Bradshaw from Blackburn. Paul made a successful debut against Leicester last week and seems destined to go far in the game but £150,000 is a great deal of money for a goalkeeper from Division Two where two other custodians, Rod Arnold of Mansfield and Jeff Wealands of Hull are giving their sides very good service despite the fact that both were released Wolves on free transfers a few years back, Nottingham Forest too have set their fans wondering whether an England international in his late 20's (Peter Shilton) is that much more effective than an England Under-21 cap (John Middleton) who at a fee reputed to be considerably lower than the one paid out for Shilton, has joined. Derby County, who have had one of the outstanding goalkeepers of the last decade, Colin Boulton, who himself may have moved by the time you read this.

All in all it does seem to be a case of 'all change' where goalkeepers are concerned this season, but do clubs really need to spend vast sums of money on a 'last line'. Many clubs in the lower divisions have picked up goalkeepers from the reserve ranks of First Division clubs, often without a fee. Crewe's Geoff Crudgington and York's Graeme Crawford are outstanding examples of this. First Division clubs, if they haven't just the right man graduating from their junior ranks, have often found just the player they've needed in the lower divisions. Liverpool's Ray Clemence, Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes and Leicester's Mark Wallington, three of the outstanding goalkeepers in Division One today were all obtained in this way-and none of them cost anything approaching a 6-figure fee.

Come to think of it are there not more good goalkeepers around than players for any other position?



# NEWS ON THREE



FRIDAY night soccer certainly brought entertainment for home crowds last week with both Swindon and Tranmere getting five goals. Swindon's 5-0 win over Shrewsbury brought immediate revenge for their 5-2 defeat at Cambridge three days earlier and gave a severe jolt to the Shrews' promotion hopes, this being their heaviest defeat since they lost by the same score at Southport in 1968/9. They have not had much joy from recent visits to the County Ground, this being their fourth game in a row there which they have lost without scoring.

Tranmere's 5-0 win over Chester was their biggest win for almost two years, the game being a personal triumph for Mark Palios, who netted the first hat-trick of his career. With eight wins and two draws in their last ten home games Rovers are proving one of the best home teams in the country and they are currently looking more like promotion to Division Two than at any time since their one brief sojourn there in 1938/9.

If Tranmere are one of the best home teams in our Division, what about Walsall, the team who up to last Saturday had played fourteen consecutive away games without defeat. This run dates back to early March when Dave Mackay was appointed Manager and is easily the best run away from home in the history of the club, who have incidentally lost four home games during this remarkable spell. On Saturday they played at Peterborough, one of the teams unbeaten at home this season and both clubs' records remained intact with the game ending 0-0 for the third time in four seasons.

Top v bottom clashes do not always end predictably but the one at Rotherham on Saturday did so with the home side chalking up their fifth win in six home games this season against a side that has picked up just one point away from home so far, finding the going particularly tough on their return to Division Three. Rotherham, who have now won each of their last four games against City at Millmoor, were indebted to midfielder Mark Rhodes and defender John Breckin for the goals in their 2-0 win on Saturday, this being John's first for over two years.

One of the teams in contention with Rotherham near the top are Colchester, who after four games without a win clicked back into form with a 3-1 success at Carlisle, last season's top scorer Colin Garwood and this season's top scorer Bobby Gough both finding the net in what was their first-ever win at Brunton Park, which they last visited in 1964/5.

Also running back into form are Hereford after a dreadful start. After taking only two points from their first six games they have now taken six points from four games, defender Julian Marshall getting a last minute winner in a 2-1 win over Oxford on Saturday, this being his first goal in league football.

Despite losing both Manager John Neal and striker Bill Ashcroft to Middlesbrough Wrexham are again well up in the promotion race their 1-0 win over us on Saturday bringing former Walsall and Cambridge striker Bobby Shinton his seventh goal of the season.

This was the fourth time in our last five games that the issue has been settled by a single goal and no fewer than seven of our games this season have now ended in a 1-0 scoreline. We have now failed to score on each of our last three visits to the Racecourse Ground.

LINCOLN City's young reserve side, played some attractive football last night at Sincil Bank particularly in the second half to trounce Scunthorpe reserves 5-1. Mark Cox three, Alan Eden one, and Glen Cockerill scored the goals, Cockerill's goal being a brilliant individual one, picking the ball up 30 to 35 yards out he cut through the oppositions defence and hit a strong shot past O'Meara to make the score 5-1.

Jimmy Gordon at twenty-one the eldest player in the side made some good saves late in the game, but was beaten by the visitors full-back by a goal similar to the one Cockerill scored.

Mick Smith and Tony Loxley looked very strong in the centre of the back four,

flanking these two, Steven Ward and Keith Laybourne gave strong performances also.

Chris Smith, Dave Burrows and Glen Cockerill worked hard in mid-field with Burrows showing some excellent control on the left flank.

Mark Cox, Mick Harford and Alan Eden caused Scunthorpe a lot of problems and Cox on his eighteenth birthday scored a hat-trick, although the first goal a shot cum centre from Chris Smith was already on its way into the net, but Cox made absolutely sure, afterwards Chris Smith gave the goal to Mark Cox "A birthday present" he says but that little gesture typifies the spirit flowing through the club especially at Junior level.



Peter Mellor in action against the Red Imps during the last home game.

## Today's "Whistler"

JEFF SEWELL (Leicester). Started refereeing when 16 in local Leicestershire leagues, and progressed via the Central League to the Football League full list. Refereed the 1970 F.A. Sunday Challenge Cup Final and was senior linesman in an Under-23 International-23 International Belgium v. France 1975'



A married man, he has a daughter, and is a Technical Sales Engineer. Spends much time instructing and lecturing new referees, but is interested in all sports, generally, and plays squash, tennis and cricket.

# VISITORS

## WELCOME TO SWINDON TOWN

SWINDON Town have made a good start to the present campaign, their best in fact since the 1968/9 season when they not only won promotion to Division Two but also won the Football League Cup with a remarkable 3-1 win over Arsenal at Wembley.

They are thus well in the running for a third spell in Division Two for since first being elected to the old Division Three (South) in 1920 they have gone up on two previous occasions (in 1963 when they stayed just two years and in 1969 when the spell was one of five seasons).

Since being relegated in 1974 they have had mixed fortunes. Despite a poor start to 1974/5 they finished in fourth position, but a year later they struggled throughout and were within a point of going down to Division Four for the first time in their history. Then last season after a useful start which saw them as high as sixth in mid-November they slipped again, but rallied to reach eleventh position after winning each of their last three games.

## NEW SIGNINGS

Manager Danny Williams, now in his second spell at the helm, was active in the transfer market during the close season, selling striker Dave Syrett to Mansfield and obtaining Chris Guthrie (who some years earlier had been transferred from Southend for a 6-figure fee) from Sheffield United. In addition promising teenager Chris Kamara has been signed from Portsmouth to give a further boost to the attack while defender Andy Ford and midfielder Dave Cunningham have both been signed from Southend.

In an attack which has scored 19 league and cup goals at the County Ground this season Trevor Anderson (ex-Manchester United) and David Moss, a local lad, usually operate as conventional wingers and both are competing with Chris Guthrie for the position of top scorer. Chris Kamar and Ray McHale (from Halifax last season) have also found the net and even long-serving defender John Trollope and Steve Aizlewood, the Welsh Under-23 man who came from Newport last season, have got in on the scoring act already this season.

Partnering John Trollope at fullback we are likely to see John McLaughlin, who came from Colchester in 1973 and has since

moved back from midfield while at the heart of the defence Colin Prophett, now in his fourth season after previous service with Sheffield Wednesday and Norwich is now partnered by Steve Aizlewood.

Behind them Jimmy Allan made his debut in 1971 after coming south from a Scottish junior side and completing the lineup in midfield we are likely to see Londoner Kenny Stroud, a former English youth international.

So far on their travels Swindon have beaten Swansea in the League Cup and in Division Three have drawn at Preston and Sheffield Wednesday and lost at Walsall, Wrexham and Cambridge, while at home the only point dropped to date was at Bury last month.

All of which spells a most useful side quite capable of emulating the feats of men like Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Bobby Woodruff and Don Rogers in the sixties.

## STAR VISITOR

### John Trollope

Swindon's captain John Trollope is without doubt one of the most remarkable players in Division Three and at 33 is still young enough to get his name firmly implanted in soccer's record book.

A native of Wroughton he joined Swindon straight from school and made his debut on the opening day of the 1960/1 season, helping his side to a 1-1 draw against Halifax in Division Three. The Swindon side of that time included Maurice Owen, at centre half and Mike Summerbee and Ernie Hunt in the attack and Terry Wollen, a 17 year old in the other fullback position to form one of the youngest club partnerships on record.

Amazingly John was to hold his place for over eight years, playing in 368 successive league games until having to drop out for a spell in August 1968 after breaking an arm in a game at Hartlepool. He had by that time helped Swindon to promotion in 1962/3 and though they slipped back again two years later he was soon in the news again when in April 1966 both he and fullback partner Owen Dawson scored within two minutes of each other in a game against Mansfield.

Having recovered from his broken arm he then enjoyed his most successful season, being a member of the Swindon side that against all the odds won the Football League

*Back row left to right: M. French, K. Stroud, R. Brinkworth, R. Lewis, A. Gilligan, P. Collicutt.*

*Middle row: J. Allan, J. Trollope, C. Prophet, C. Kamara, C. Guthrie, S. Aizlewood, A. Ford, K. Roberts.*

*Front row: D. Moss, D. Cunningham, J. McLaughlin, T. Anderson, R. McHale, H. Goddard.*



Cup in 1968/9, beating Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley, to complete a remarkable double, for they won promotion again in the same season.

Back in Division Two John was an ever-present again in 1969/70 and when he achieved this feat again in 1971/2 and 1974/5 he set up an all-time record of playing in every game in no fewer than ten different seasons. The previous record holder was Tranmere's Harold Bell with nine, Harold of course being the man whose record of 401 successive games would almost certainly have been beaten by John but for that broken arm mentioned above.

Meanwhile during the course of 1973/4 he had passed Maurice Owen's record of 554 games for Swindon, it being particularly appropriate that Maurice had been in the Swindon defence when John had first come into the team. It was at the end of that season that Swindon were relegated again, but John maintained his consistency by playing in every game during the next two seasons. It did seem, however, that his tremendous run in the first team had come to an end last season when former Crystal Palace man Tony Taylor took over at left back for the first two months of the season and was the main in possession for the game here. John came back for the game against Northampton in mid-October, however,

Swindon won 5-1 and John stayed in the team.

Not only has he played in every game since, but in the present campaign he has netted twice, against Swansea in the League Cup and last week against Shrewsbury. In the game against Portsmouth at the end of August he became the fifth player in the history of the game to have played in 700 league games and a fortnight later against Chesterfield he reached a tally of 800 league and cup games, a total only previously reached by Jimmy Dickenson and Terry Paine.

### IN RETROSPECT

#### LINCOLN CITY v SWINDON TOWN

**1976/7** Lincoln 0 Swindon 0

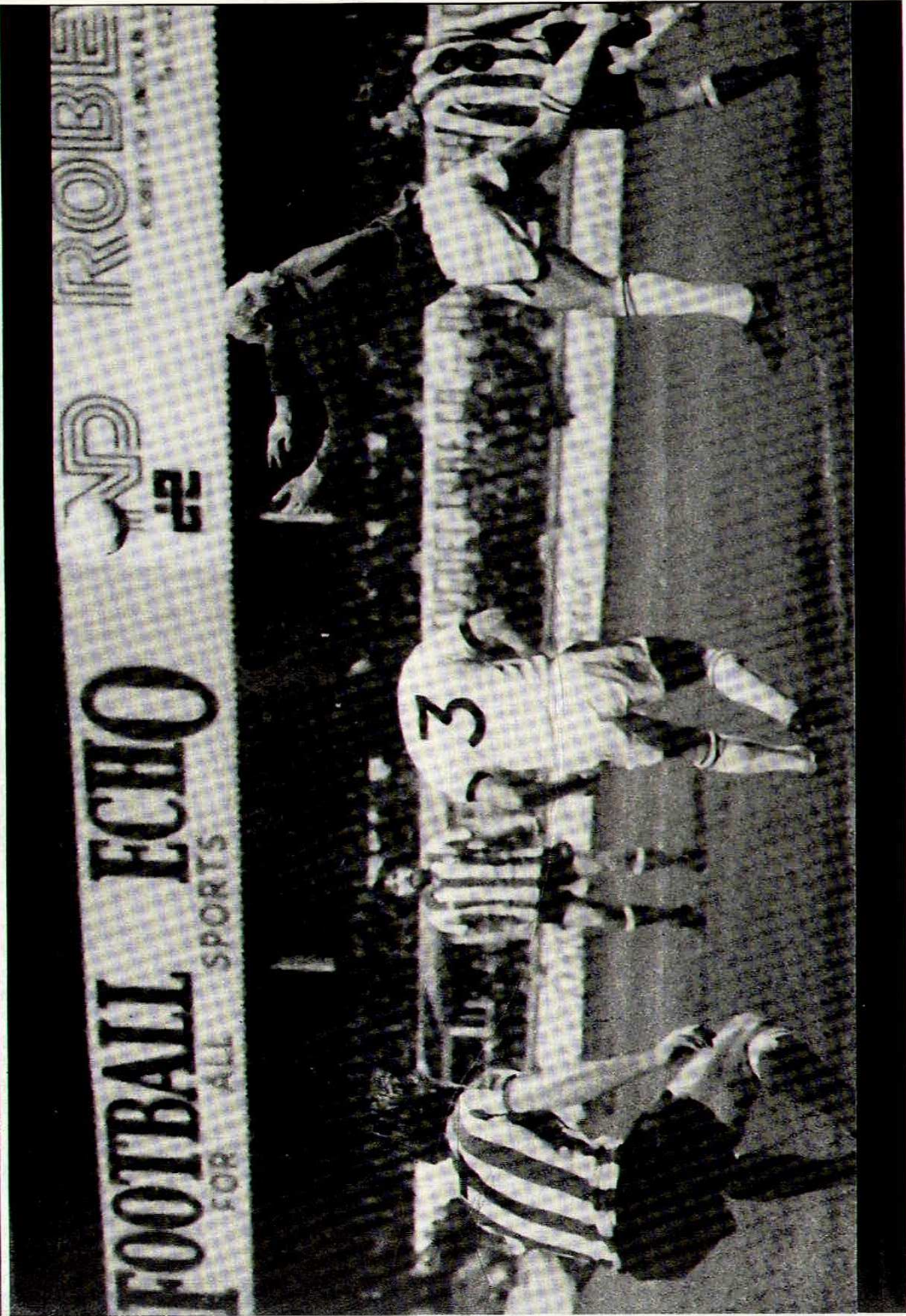
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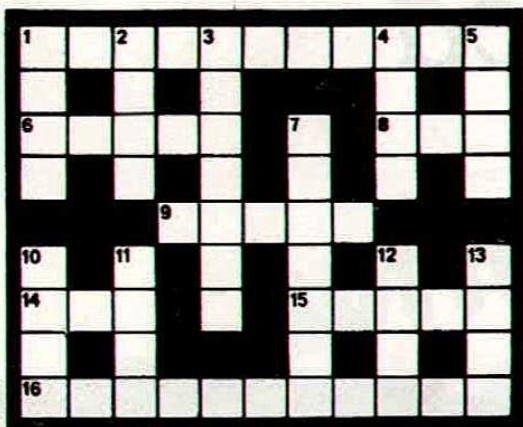
LINCOLN: Grotier, Branfoot, Neale, Booth, Ellis, Cooper, Fleming (Hubbard), Ward, Freeman, Smith, Harding.

SWINDON: Allan, McLaughlin, Taylor, McHale, Aizlewood, Prophet, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, Goddard, Anderson.

Attendance 7,379



# "PIT YOUR WITS"



## TEAM CHANGES No. 7

Use the letters in the names of these 'players' to spell two First Division sides.

STAN LONG  
MATT HOVIS  
IAN LOFTER

## WHAT'S IN A NAME No. 7

What is the longest single word you can make using only letters appearing in this name? (The figure in brackets is our best attempt — can you beat it?)

GRESTY ROAD (8)

## FILLER CAP No. 7

Here is a former England player with any letters E,N,G,L,A,N,D removed from his name. Can you name him, his main club, and the number of his caps?

\_\_ U \_\_ C \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ W \_\_ R \_\_ S

## CLUES — Across

1. Old Manchester United and England defender (4,7)
6. Hansbury or Hynd (5)
8. .... Bhealey (Cardiff City) (3)
9. ITV soccer man who wrote "The Story of Football" (5)
14. .... Hartford (Manchester City & Scotland) (3)
15. Eire's European Cup representatives this season (5)
16. Former manager whose postings included Carlisle, Grimsby, Workington and Huddersfield (4,7)

## CLUES — Down

1. Club that scored the biggest-ever F.A. Cup final victory (4)
2. Crewe defender who played for Fort Lauderdale in the summer (4)
3. Rangers and Scotland defender (7)
4. Former Daily Express writer who recently left the post of Cosmos president (4)
5. Nickname of Dumbarton (4)
7. Luton buy from Boro (7)
10. Ex-Preston player at Port Vale (4)
11. Top-scorer for Plymouth last season (4)
12. Martin or Mills (4)
13. Towner or Towers (4)

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Down  
1. Bury (v. Derby, 6-0, 1903)  
2. Lugg  
3. Forsyth  
4. Kerr  
5. Sons  
7. Boersma  
10. Lamb  
11. Hall  
12. Mick  
13. Tony

Across  
1. Bill Foulkes  
6. Roger  
8. Ron  
9. Tyler  
14. Asa  
15. Sligo (Rovers)  
16. Bill Shankly

(Duncan Edwards, Manchester United, 18)

Filler Cap No. 7

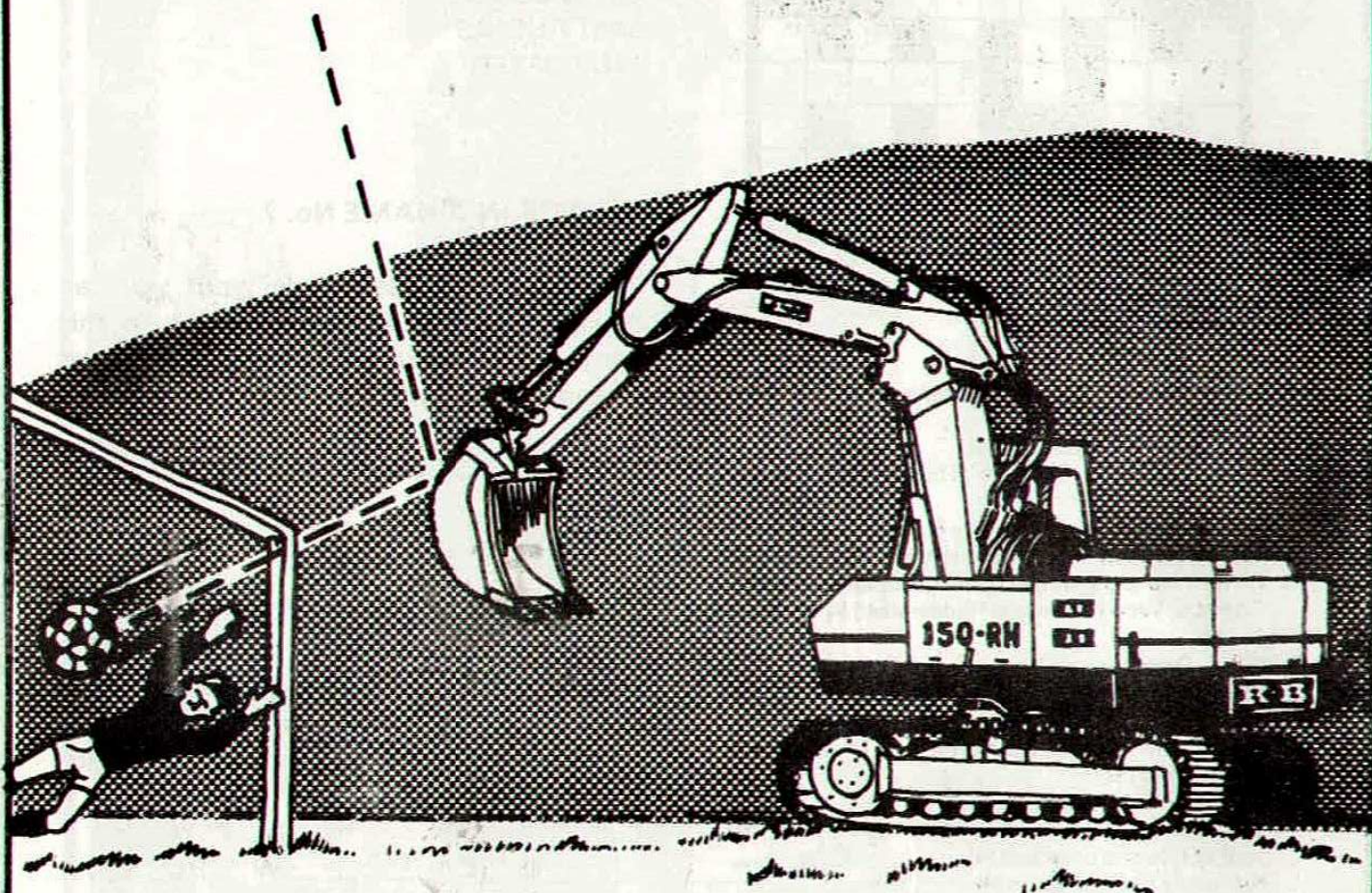
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What's in a Name No. 7

(Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest)

Team Changes No. 7

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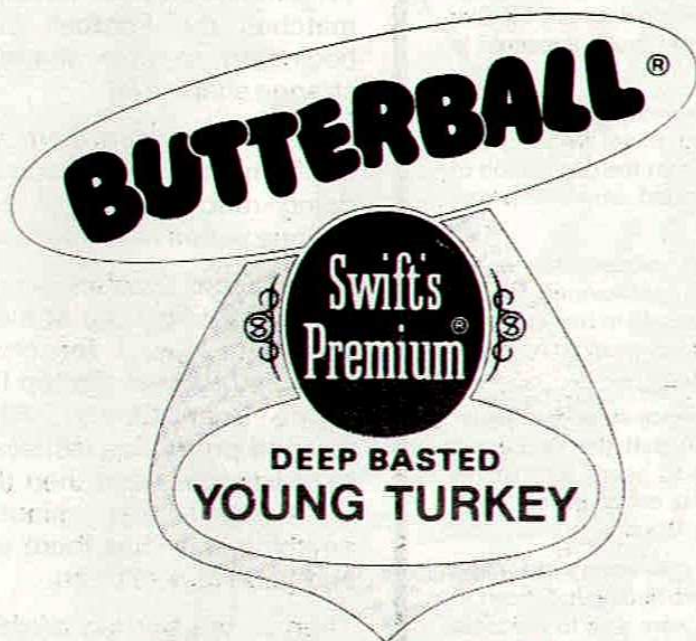


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# SPORTS

# REPORT

by MAURICE BURTON  
Sports Editor, Lincolnshire Echo

AFTER two successive victories and a draw without conceding a goal, it was a big disappointment for City manager George Kerr when the old faults appeared in the trip to Wrexham.

City were beaten more comprehensively than the single goal margin would indicate, and there were so few direct shots at the Wrexham goal that the destination of the two points was virtually decided when Wrexham went into the lead.

City's almost non-existent attack caused little or no trouble for the new Wrexham goalkeeper, Welsh international Dai Davies, who is certain to have tougher times ahead, even though Wrexham seem to have got over their poor start to the season.

Happily for City, the new-look defence stood firm under pressure, and it is to their credit that the dangerous Dixie McNeil, eager as he was to score against his former club, was denied a goal. He made up for it with two against Cambridge United on Monday.

By then, City were preparing for their match at Carlisle on Tuesday. Like City, Carlisle were finding it difficult to strike form at home, and Lincoln were able to welcome Alan Harding back to their squad, leaving out Alan Cork, the forward on loan from Derby.

At that time also, it had become more than apparent that City had need to go out and sign at least one new attacker to boost any flagging morale, particularly among the regular supporters.

As City did not arrive back until the early hours of Wednesday morning, manager George Kerr was left with little time in which to try and beat Thursday's transfer deadline for today's matches.

Irrespective of the Carlisle and Swindon results. I believe it is vital for Lincoln to go out and find new faces. John Ward may or may not be back in the near future, depending on medical advice regarding his injured knee, and time is no longer on City's side.

They need to reach at least a respectable mid-table position by the time the New Year comes along, for they will then have completed half their Third Division fixtures.

Past experience has shown that teams near the bottom at Christmas or thereabouts are usually involved in the relegation fight to the end of the season.

City's place in the Third Division was too hard-earned to be put at risk in that manner.

by JOHN BRADSHAW  
Sports Editor, Lincolnshire Chronicle

WITH most teams having played 9 to 10 matches the Football League tables are beginning to take shape — and what a strange shape it is.

As in every season there are teams who are confounding pre-season predictions and doing much better — or worse — than anyone would have forecast.

In the First Division we have Nottingham Forest fighting it out at the top with the best of them. Now I for one thought Forest would struggle in the top flight Brian Clough or no Brian Clough. After all they only scraped promotion last season in third place in division two and then that was due more to Bolton's last minute slip-ups than anything else. But there they are at the top and good luck to them.

Then at the bottom of the division we find Leicester City and Newcastle United. I expected them both to be somewhere on the fringe of the title race but instead they now look fair bets for relegation.

Sunderland were favourites for a quick return to the first division after being relegated last year. But after 8 games they had only 6 points and have so far shown no sign of the form which made them one of the best sides in the first division in the second half of last season.

The Third Division has also thrown up a few surprises. At the top we find Gillingham who I thought were the worst team to visit Sincil Bank last season.

And near the bottom we find two of last season's promotion contenders Lincoln City and Sheffield Wednesday. We all know the problems which have contributed considerably to Lincoln's poor start — injuries and the like. Wednesday's start has been totally unexpected. Under Len Ashurst I expected them to do well.

You just cannot predict anything in football. The only thing that is certain is that the Football League will throw up a few more surprises before the season's end.

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# PLAYERS FROM THE PAST

## They gave the Game Colour **BILLY WRIGHT**

NOWADAYS Billy Wright is well known to the younger generation in the Midlands as ATV's Head of Sport, but a generation ago he was an even more familiar figure to Midlanders who were solidly behind a Wolves side that in the early days of floodlight soccer and European competition beat the best European clubs in games that generated tremendous emotion.

That was, however, the ultimate climax of a career that began just before the Second World War when the diminutive fair-haired Billy, a native of Ironbridge, was first signed on amateur forms by Wolves. Soon he was being told by Major Frank Buckley, their Manager of that time that he was too small, but the old Major, a forthright and impetuous character, saw the lad's disappointment and decided to keep him on the ground staff for a time.

Soon after the outbreak of war Billy was playing outside right and scoring goals in the hastily-arranged wartime soccer, but then came another setback, a broken ankle. On his recovery he was old enough to join the services and when he next cropped up at Molineux (having managed to be stationed locally at Cosford) he was at wing-half, his fair hair bobbing about here, there and everywhere.

Then in the last wartime season, 1945/6 he played mainly at inside left, scoring a hat-trick in one game against Nottingham Forest and it was in fact in this position that he was first selected for England, moving to right half when Frank Soo of Stoke City dropped out.

Billy's first Division One game was the first post-war fixture and it could hardly have been a more auspicious one, Wolves beating Arsenal 6-1. He only just missed a Championship medal that season with Wolves being pipped in the last game by Liverpool, but honours were not far away. With the retirement of Stan Gullis, Billy took over as Wolves captain and by 1949 he was leading them to a Wembley victory over Leicester City in the F.A. Cup Final.

At this stage he was playing at left half for Wolves and right half for England in a day when positions meant more than they do today. This was how things remained until 1954 when he led Wolves to their first-ever First Division Championship and Billy switched to centre half during the 1954 World Cup.

It was from the position of centre half that Billy led Wolves to those floodlight victories over Moscow Spartak and Honved of Budapest, games that were a major factor in the setting-up a few years later of organised European competitions and still more glory remained for Billy as he moved into his thirties. He led Wolves to two successive First Division championships in 1957/8 and 1958/9 and played in his hundredth international against Scotland in April 1959.

He was still in the England team that won 8-1 against the U.S.A. a month later, but then, with everyone expecting him to play at least one more season he announced his retirement after Wolves' pre-season practice match of 1959.

By this time he was married to Joy Beverley, one of the famous singing sisters and after a spell as England Under-23 and Youth team manager he had three years as Manager of Arsenal, years of moderate but not outstanding success.

Since 1966 he has been with ATV, but as one sees him on the screen talking enthusiastically about the game, one still sees in the mind's eye that same enthusiasm carrying him all over the field of play, leading his men by example, that fair hair, now a little grey, one still sees rising to seemingly astronomical heights as he out jumped forwards inches taller than himself.

Bare statistics tell only part of the story — 490 league games, 105 games for England, 90 of them as captain, never booked in his career and still the yardstick against which promising young versatile players are compared today.

# 25 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 11th, 1952 saw us beaten 3—1 at home by Rotherham to extend our winless spell to eight games, a bitter disappointment after we had won three of our first four games that season.

All the goals came in the first half with Whittle netting our solitary response to goals from Rickett, White and Gladstone Guest.

The teams were:

**LINCOLN:** Jones, Dykes, Graham, McGlen, Emery, Owen, Ryan, Gibson, Graver, Whittle, Finch.

**ROTHERHAM:** Quairney, Selkirk, Williams (H), Edwards, Hussey, Williams (d), White, Guest, Grainger, Rawson, Rickett.

**Attendance: 19,547**

Whilst we were now slipping well down the table with a few points to spare over bottom clubs Barnsley and Doncaster (both of whom dropped home points again) Rotherham were now getting well into the promotion race, this being their fourth win in a row though their poor start meant that they were still four points behind Second Division leaders Sheffield United, who beat Leeds 2—1 with Jimmy Hagan getting the winner and three behind second place Huddersfield, who after losing their unbeaten record a week earlier bounced back with a 2—0 win over Luton.

Leicester showed that they were still in contention with a fine 3—1 win at Nottingham Forest and Everton, despite losing their first three games of the season, were now coming up fast, a Wally Fielding goal bringing them the points against Notts County before a 40,000 crowd at Goodison Park.

In Division One Wolves kept up the pressure with a 2—0 win over Newcastle, as did Blackpool, who beat Burnley 4—2, while Liverpool's hopes of two points at Bolton were pegged back by two goals from Nat Lofthouse in 12—2 draw.

In a spectacular high-scoring game between two mid-table teams Chelsea beat Preston 5—3, but the continued failure of

Manchester United continued to provide a talking point. After a 6—2 defeat at Wolverhampton a week earlier they lost 2—0 at home to Stoke City, who had previously lost five away games in a row and the gate of 29,698 at Old Trafford, was the second lowest of the day.

Neighbours Manchester City were in an even more parlous state, a 2—1 defeat at Portsmouth leaving them with just five points to show for their efforts so far and a return to Division Two looking very much on the cards.

Aston Villa and Derby, two other teams in trouble, improved their situations a little, Villa beating Middlesbrough by the only goal of the game at Villa Park and Derby sharing in a goalless draw with Spurs.

Division Three (North) leaders Grimsby picked up a point in a 2—2 draw at Stockport, but Oldham had a bit of a setback, being beaten 1—0 at Gateshead who were themselves only a few points behind the leaders. Bradford improved their prospects with Derek Kevan netting twice in their 2—1 win at Darlington, but there was still little joy for Accrington or Workington, the bottom two clubs who went down at Southport and Crewe respectively.

It is also interesting in this Division to see Port Vale's player-manager of that time, Freddie Steele, sharing the goalscoring honours in 13—0 win over Chesterfield with Roy Sproson, then a young player just coming into the side and now the club's Manager.

Finally in Division Three (South) Bristol Rovers picked up a point in a 2—2 draw in a promotion battle at Northampton while Newport (4—2 against Shrewsbury) and Norwich (1—0 at Reading) also kept up the pressure. Two clubs in re-election danger met at Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace coming out on top, 3—1 against Walsall with over 12,000 there to see them do so. Two teams now in Division One met in a mid-table clash at Ipswich with the home side beating Coventry 3—0.

# Red Imps Association

## SOUVENIR SHOP

THE Red Imps Souvenir Shop welcomes all fans to look at their wide range of souvenirs both for Lincoln City and other Clubs. Compare our competitive prices with other shops and buy a present for a friend or a member of the family. If you require any assistance in your choice then Margaret or Jane will be very pleased to help.

Whilst in the shop, look at the wide range of Football Programmes available from Barrie. Barrie is always on the lookout for old or special programmes. If you have any of these you would like to dispose of, then please see him.

## AWAY TRAVEL

Today gives you your chance to obtain your tickets for the trips to Sheffield Wednesday on October 22nd and Rotherham on October 29th. Please call at the Away Travel Hut on St. Andrews Car Park to buy your tickets.

## LOTTERY/BINGO TICKETS

Just 10 pence a week, that's all it will cost you to join our Weekly Lottery. This will give you three numbers that will go into our weekly draw for prizes of £100; £40; £20 and watches; also many consolation prizes of £1.

Our Bingo tickets are also available at just 10 pence each and these could win you numerous money prizes. So all you need to do is pick up the phone and ring Lincoln 22224/5 and ask for Vic or David and they'll give you further details about the Lottery and the Bingo Tickets.

## LONG WEEK-END TRIP

Bill Stacey and Chris Ashton are at present organising a long week-end trip to Exeter and Plymouth to take in the matches on the 11th and 13th March, 1978. This week-end will be from the Saturday until the Tuesday. We realise that it is early days yet, but we have got to get booked in at a hotel as soon as possible, so if you are interested in this, please could you let Chris or Bill know as soon as possible.

# Lincoln & District Football Supporters Club

THE afternoon we welcome Swindon Town to Sincil Bank. Like most teams, Town have got off to a better start points-wise, but a victory today would close the gap considerably at this early stage of the season.

As is usually the case, agents are required for most districts locally. If you would like to set up an agency (you don't even have to sell a tremendous number of tickets) then the Supporters' Club would be glad to see you. So if you want to do a worthwhile job whilst earning yourself a bit of commission, then contact our members in the Supporters' Club hut between the St. Andrews and South Park Stands.

Only four correct entries were sent in regarding the stand ticket competition in the Chesterfield and Hereford programmes. I was most disappointed that nobody took up the offer of sending in their answers on £5 note, but one of those who sent in postcards

had to be a winner; and only one unfortunately in a draw, Mr. G. Johnson of Hough on the Hull, Grantham won the prize, and his ticket can be collected from the Secretary's office. For those of you who had your fivers ready stamped but could not arrive with the correct solution here are the answers. The centre-forwards were:

- |         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| Bird    | — Peacock (Middlesbrough, Leeds) |
| Car     | — Bentley (Chelsea)              |
| Biscuit | — Crawford (Ipswich)             |
| Dog     | — Pointer (Burnley)              |

Today's quiz has nothing at stake except your reputation as a Soccer know-all. Which present Football League Club once played its matches at Wembley Stadium?

# What the papers say

## SPORTS ECHO — Wrexham 1 Lincoln City 0

LIFE continues to be hard in the Third Division for Lincoln City.

Despite a tremendous rearguard action in which Crombie and Hubbard were outstanding, they fell behind to a rather fortunate Wrexham goal after 66 minutes of a game spoiled by a high wind.

Wrexham had to make a change at centre half because John Roberts damaged an ankle in training. He was replaced by young reserve Wayne Cegielski.

As I expected, City plumped for a defender as substitute, and it meant a return to the first team squad for Terry Cooper.

## SUNDAY PEOPLE — Wrexham 1 Lincoln 0

WREXHAM were in such command that they should have had this game wrapped up in the early stages.

Whittle and Sutton missed open goals in the first few minutes, and Shinton lobbed a shot on to the bar in the first minute of the second half.

When Shinton did get a goal it was the simple sort always likely to win a moderate match.

Wrexham's player-manager, Arfon Griffiths, came on as substitute and solved the problem when he placed a corner to the overcrowded far post. The ball dropped free and Shinton stuck out a foot to score.

Whittle, who had a quiet match, found his shooting boots in the closing minutes but Grotier touched his rasping drive over the bar.

And Crombie headed a fierce shot from Sutton off the line with Grotier beaten.

Cegielski had a fine game in the heart of the Wrexham defence and Booth and Neale strove bravely for Lincoln.

## DAILY MIRROR — Carlisle 2 Lincoln 3

JOHN FLEMING blasted a late winner.

Phil Bonnyman (4 mins.) and Ian McDonald (36) got the goals that put Carlisle in command.

But then Lincoln fought after the break as Fleming, the visitors, danger man, pulled one goal back.

Alan Harding latched on to a half clearance and hammered an 18-yard equaliser into the corner and then Fleming grabbed the winner.

# Today's match ball donor



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I request you to place my name on the List of Proposed Members for election at the next meeting of the Committee, and agree to pay a Subscription of £1.00 (V.A.T. Inclusive), Ladies 50p (V.A.T. Inclusive). Applicable to year 1977/78 only.

I am 18 years of age and in sympathy with the objects of the above Social Club, and if elected, I hereby agree to abide by the rules, Byelaws and regulations whatsoever for the time being in force relating to such election.

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Saturday, October 15th

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Sunday, October 16th

**MARK DARRELL** Country  
Western

## forthcoming matches

### LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday 15th October

EXETER CITY

### NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Tuesday 18th October

YORK CITY

### NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Wednesday 19th October

GRIMSBY TOWN

## away with the



### LINCOLN

A57, via Saxilby, Dunham Bridge (Toll), Markham Moor,  
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Motorway. 37 miles

Follow signs "Sheffield" along the M1 for 7 miles to  
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A630. 44 miles

Follow signs "Sheffield" along the A630 to the junction  
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### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL GROUND

49 miles

# League Tables

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Gillingham	10	3	1	1	11	6	2	2	1	10	9	13	
Bury	9	3	1	1	7	5	2	2	0	7	5	13	
Colchester	10	3	1	1	10	4	2	1	2	6	4	12	
Tranmere	9	4	1	0	12	3	1	1	2	2	3	12	
Shrewsbury	10	2	2	1	9	7	3	0	2	8	9	12	
Rotherham	9	3	1	0	4	1	2	1	2	10	12	12	
Swindon	10	4	1	0	13	3	0	2	3	5	11	11	
Oxford	10	3	1	1	8	4	1	2	2	9	10	11	
Chesterfield	10	4	1	0	8	2	1	0	4	4	10	11	
Walsall	10	2	1	2	6	5	0	5	0	5	5	10	
Wrexham	10	3	2	0	8	4	0	2	3	5	9	10	
Peterborough	10	1	4	0	5	4	2	0	3	3	6	10	
Exeter	9	1	1	2	6	5	2	2	1	6	3	9	
Preston	9	2	2	0	6	3	0	3	2	1	4	9	
Cambridge	9	2	1	1	9	6	1	2	2	4	9	9	
Chester	10	2	3	0	9	5	0	2	3	3	13	9	
Carlisle	10	1	3	1	6	6	1	1	3	4	6	8	
Plymouth	9	1	2	2	6	7	1	2	1	3	4	8	
Portsmouth	9	1	2	1	5	4	1	2	2	2	5	8	
Hereford	10	3	0	2	7	5	0	2	3	2	8	8	
Port Vale	9	2	1	2	5	6	1	1	2	5	9	8	
LINCOLN	10	1	2	2	4	6	2	0	4	6	7	8	
Bradford	10	2	1	2	10	7	0	1	4	2	10	6	
Sheffield	9	0	3	2	2	4	0	2	2	3	7	5	

## NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull City	6	4	2	-	13	2	10
Sheffield Wednesday	6	2	4	-	7	4	8
Scunthorpe United	6	2	4	-	7	5	8
Middlesbrough	6	3	1	2	13	8	7
Sunderland	6	1	5	-	11	6	7
<b>Lincoln City</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
Barnsley	6	2	3	1	9	7	7
Grimsby Town	6	2	3	1	8	8	7
Chesterfield	6	3	-	3	12	10	6
Leeds United	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
Newcastle United	6	2	2	2	5	6	6
Sheffield United	6	3	-	3	10	12	6
Hartlepool United	6	2	1	3	13	14	5
Rotherham United	6	-	4	2	7	9	4
Huddersfield Town	6	-	2	4	4	8	2
York City	6	-	-	6	3	25	0

# with the Intermediates

THE game was spoiled somewhat by the very strong winds which prevailed last week, but once again our youth side showed a great deal of skill and general ability which promises well for the future.

Sunderland opened the scoring soon after half time following a fine run by Gratton the Sunderland right winger.

It took Lincoln a full 30 minutes to get the equaliser with a goal from Mick Smith, a goal that must have given him a lot of personal satisfaction being a ex Sunderland trialist at one time. This finished the scoring and a draw was about right for both sides. For Lincoln, Carter in goal showed his continuing improvement and both centre backs Lodley and Smith M. had fine matches.

**Team: Carter, Ward, Laybourne, Smith C., Loxley, Smith M., Cockerill, Cox, Harford, Robinson and Patterson.**

Next week our juniors have no game arranged.

# with the North Midlands

AFTER playing against some experienced teams in recent weeks, it was our turn to field senior players against a very young Rotherham side. Terry Cooper, Dave Smith and Alan Harding, recovering from injuries, helped our youngsters to a creditable 1-1 draw to retain our unbeaten record.

In the first half of the game the experience of our players showed through, and we were well in control of the game, only to be shocked out of our complacency by a Rotherham goal just before half time.

The second half provided excellent entertainment, with the young Rotherham team gaining in confidence, and providing lively opposition. The point was eventually won for Lincoln by a cracking 25 yarder from Dave Smith.

It was another creditable performance by the North Midlands league team, both 'young uns' and 'old uns' alike.

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