

Football League Division Three

Shrewsbury Town *versus* Swindon T.

Town Times

TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY

~WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The official newspaper/programme of Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

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Good Luck Alan

Last week saw the departure of Manager Alan Durban to Stoke City. The former Welsh skipper, who enjoyed a distinguished playing career with Cardiff City and Derby County before arriving at the Gay Meadow in 1973 as assistant to Maurice Evans.

He took over the helm in February 1974 upon the departure of Evans, and although he was unable to stop Town's slide to the Fourth Division, quickly set to the task of steering Town back to the Third Division the following season, as runners-up to Champions Mansfield.

We wish him every success and hope all his ambitions will be fulfilled.

The fact that these conditions caused so much controversy, highlighted in the national press, it is understandable when these two subjects are brought together.

The chief problem, as far as the fans are concerned, seems to be the time the match is put off by the referee and one could argue the pros and cons of that at least a dozen different ways. There are those who would argue that the decision should be made by the match referee and no-one else, chiefly because conditions prevailing at 9 o'clock in the morning can change by 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

However, a late decision can cause the visiting team and supporters to become uptight if they arrive at the Ground and find the match is likely to be postponed, they argue that a local referee should be called in, before they leave, to make the decision. How can anyone reconcile such arguments? It is simple enough when



Ivor Hookway
Editor

there is a foot of snow on the pitch to call in a referee to declare the match off, it is the border line case that always presents the problem.

It seems to me that in such cases there can be no compromise made to either argument. The decision must be made at a pre-determined time, not too far removed from kick-off time, by the match referee.

Away travel

For supporters wishing to travel to the game at Port Vale a coach will be leaving the Gay meadow at 1.00 p.m. on March 4th.

Tickets are available from Chris Smith, who will be outside the club shop after today's game or from Williamson, the Newsagents, on St. John's Hill.

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The Malcolm Starkey Column



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BORDER COUNTIES FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

Wed 5th Oct	Alvechurch	A	1-0
Wed 19th Oct	Malvern Town	H	1-1
Wed 26th Oct	Oswestry	A	0-2
Wed 2nd Nov	Bromsgrove	H	1-1
Mon 14th Nov	Port Vale	A	1-1
Wed 16th Nov			
Wed 23rd Nov	Wrexham	H	0-1
Tues 29th Nov	Bilston	A	4-1
Wed 7th Dec			
Wed 14th Dec	Alvechurch	A	2-2
	(2nd Rnd Cup)		after extra time
Wed 21st Dec			
Wed 28th Dec			
Wed 4th Jan	Bilston	H	2-0
Wed 8th Feb	Oswestry	H	3-1
Wed 1st Mar	Port Vale	H	
Mon 6th Mar	Kidderminster	A	

To be arranged:- Alvechurch H. Malvern A. Wrexham A.
Bromsgrove A Lye Town A

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

August 20th	Derby C.	H	4-0
August 27th	Bristol C.	A	1-2
Sept 3rd	Stoke C.	H	3-0
Sept 10th	Notts C.	A	0-4
Sept 17th	Nottingham F.	H	2-0
Sept 24th	Aston Villa	H	3-4
Sept 28th	Bristol R.	A	0-0
October 1st	Notts C.	H	1-1
October 8th	Nottingham F.	A	3-0
October 22nd	Wolverhampton W.	H	3-2
October 29th	West Bromwich A.	A	0-1
November 5th	Walsall	H	0-3
November 12th	Aston Villa	A	1-0
November 19th	Bristol C.	H	2-2
December 10th	Bristol R.	H	1-0
December 17th	Derby C.	A	1-0
December 31st	Mansfield	H	2-1
January 14th	Stoke	A	1-0
January 21st	West Bromwich A.	H	2-0
February 4th	Port Vale	H	0-0
February 11th	Mansfield	A	
February 18th	Walsall	A	
	Port Vale	A	

To be arranged: Mansfield A Walsall A.

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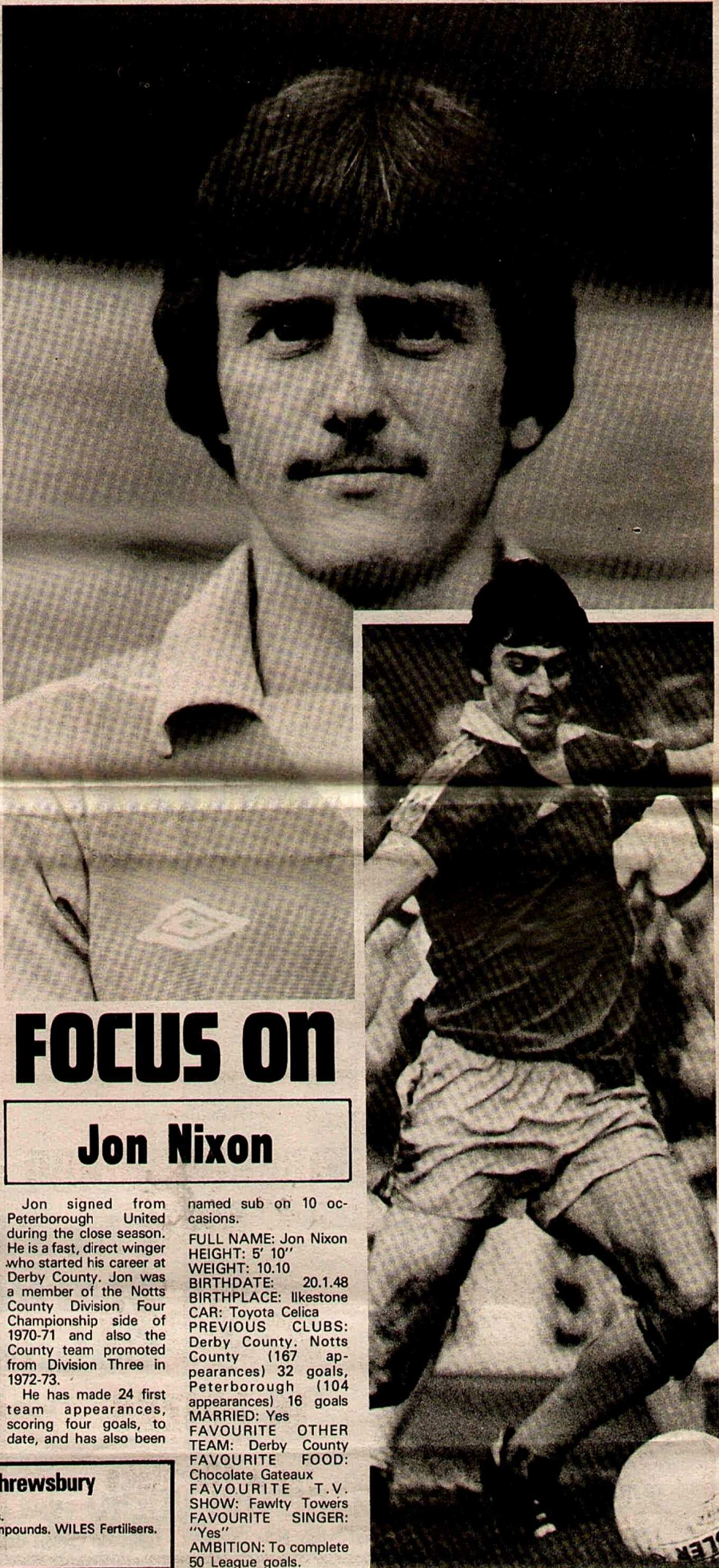
Jon Nixon

Jon signed from Peterborough United during the close season. He is a fast, direct winger who started his career at Derby County. Jon was a member of the Notts County Division Four Championship side of 1970-71 and also the County team promoted from Division Three in 1972-73.

He has made 24 first team appearances, scoring four goals, to date, and has also been

named sub on 10 occasions.

FULL NAME: Jon Nixon
 HEIGHT: 5' 10"
 WEIGHT: 10.10
 BIRTHDATE: 20.1.48
 BIRTHPLACE: Ilkestone
 CAR: Toyota Celica
 PREVIOUS CLUBS: Derby County, Notts County (167 appearances) 32 goals, Peterborough (104 appearances) 16 goals
 MARRIED: Yes
 FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Derby County
 FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate Gateaux
 FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Fawley Towers
 FAVOURITE SINGER: "Yes"
 AMBITION: To complete 50 League goals.





No joy in derby game

Shrewsbury were quick to find their feet on a difficult Fellows Park pitch. Jon Nixon and Sammy Irvine both had chances to take the lead, but it was Walsall who found the net after 34 minutes, when Miah Dennehy headed home a Jeff King centre.

Although Town fought back with Walsall keeper Kearns, forced to make saves from Jimmy Lindsay and Ian Atkins, it was the Saddlers who increased their lead, when Buckley was brought down by Colin Griffin and he took the spot kick to score his twenty-first goal of the season.

Town continued to battle on, but their fate was sealed and two minutes from time Sevetta made it three. **SHREWSBURY:** Mulhearn, King, Griffin, Turner, Keay, Atkins, Irvine, Lindsay, Hornsby, Nixon, Maguire, Sub: Moore.



Walsall 3, Shrewsbury Town 0

Graham Turner and former Town favourite Alf Wood in action during the recent Walsall derby game.

Division Three

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Cambridge	31	16	8	55	39	39
Tranmere	31	14	8	44	27	37
Gillingham	29	12	4	52	36	37
Wrexham	27	14	4	44	28	37
Preston	28	12	6	36	24	34
Colchester	29	10	8	38	28	31
Bury	28	10	7	40	35	31
Chesterfield	28	12	10	34	27	30
TOWN	30	10	10	43	38	30
Walsall	28	9	7	35	30	30
Peterborough	27	10	7	21	20	30
Chester	28	8	6	33	38	30
Swindon	26	10	7	45	36	29
Carlisle	29	9	9	37	36	29
Lincoln	30	9	11	33	39	28
Exeter	30	10	12	33	42	28
Oxford	30	8	12	39	45	26
Sheff Wed	28	8	12	30	36	24
Port Vale	29	6	11	32	43	24
Rotherham	26	7	11	32	40	22
Plymouth	29	6	13	34	45	22
Hereford	29	5	13	21	38	21
Portsmouth	30	4	14	29	51	20
Bradford	28	6	15	32	51	19



STAR SOCCER VIEW BY GARY NEWBON

Away Travel

The North Shropshire Branch of the Supporters' Club will be running a coach to Port Vale on 4th March.

The coach will be leaving Ellesmere at 1.00 p.m., Wem at 1.30 p.m., and picking up at Prees, Market Drayton, and en route. For booking details telephone Wem 33487.

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It's Alf Wood getting in the thick of things again, this time he takes on Jack Keay with Alan Evans looking on.



Jack Keay

Shrewsbury's break-aways were always dangerous and Atkins might have scored, but his shot was scooped over.

Despite Wood's power in the air, I thought Shrewsbury's 17 year old centre half John Keay showed a lot of promise.



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Mulhearn made a spectacular one-handed stop to flick out a hard header from Alf Wood.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

It was Shrewsbury who seemed to settle to the difficult pitch better and Sammy Irvine had a surprise thirty yard drive saved by Mich Kearns.

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This year marks the 96th in the history of the Swindon Town Football Club. The nucleus of the early playing staff was provided by a team known as the Spartans, the Captain of which was Prebendary W. B. Pitt.

With a collection of players from the local amateur sides of the day, he formed a team and friendlies were organised, home games being played at Bradford's Field — where railings protected spectators from a quarry at one end of the pitch. Unfortunately, at least one fan is known to have fallen into the quarry whilst a game was in progress! Fourteen matches were played in the 1883-84 season, ten being won — with a goal average of fifty-three against eight. The venue for home matches was switched to Vickery's Field for a short while until the move was made to the Croft.

The Club became the first holders of the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1886/87 and held the trophy each year until 1892/93 when Swindon Athletic claimed it.

In 1894 Swindon Town became a founder member of the Southern League, but at the end of the first season finished at the foot of the table.

The Club turned professional in February 1895 and the first professional player to be engaged was believed to be James Munro, from the Burton Swifts Club. The County Ground was used for League matches from September 1895. Under the guidance of captain Dick Jones, the Club gradually climbed the table until reaching fifth place in 1899-1900. However, two seasons followed as wooden-spoonists of the division. The green jerseys used until this time were changed in favour of white — but in 1902/03 a further switch was made to the red of today.

Swindon gained exemption until the first round of the F.A. Cup Competition for the first time in 1907/08, the season that Harold Fleming — later an England International — was signed.

The Town first gained recognition in the football world when Burnley, Tottenham and Manchester City were all defeated in the cup run of 1909/1910. Swindon fell to Newcastle United in the semi-final. This stage was reached again only two years later when Barnsley won through to the Final at the second attempt. Sandwiched between, in 1911, was the first of two

Southern League championship wins, giving the club the right to meet the Football League champions, Manchester United, in the Charity Shield. Swindon was defeated by eight goals to four. First place was attained again — on goal average this time — in 1914. With the entire Southern League First Division, Swindon Town was elected to the Third Division of the Football League in 1920 and started with a bang! Luton Town was defeated in the first match by nine goals to one, a margin of victory the club has been unable to surpass in League games to this day. In 1926, Harry Morris joined the Club and netted 47 goals in his first season, amassing 216 in only 260 appearances before joining Clapton Orient in 1933. It was in his last season with the club that Swindon finished in bottom place and thus had to seek re-election for the first time.

After a post-war boom assisted by the consistent goal-scoring of Maurice Owen, the club fell upon hard times in the mid-fifties, applying for re-election to the League in two consecutive years, 1956 and 1957. When Bert Head took over as Manager

towards the end of 1956, he began a Youth Policy which produced such talent as Ernie Hunt, Don Rogers and Mike Summerbee. Blended with the experience of players such as Sam Burton and Maurice Owen — each playing for fifteen seasons — Swindon Town reached the Second Division for the first time in 1963. After an impressive start in the higher sphere — nine games without defeat — the Town ended the 1963/1964 season in a modest 14th place and when Danny Williams arrived in 1965 he found the Club back in the Third Division. In four years he moulded a side which brought about the finest achievement in the history of the club — the winning of the Football League Cup at Wembley on March 15th, 1969, coupled with the regaining of Division Two status less than two months later. Swindon secured fifth place at the end of 1969/1970 — the highest League position ever attained — and became the first winners of the Anglo Italian Cup by defeating S.S. Napoli in Naples by a 3-0 margin.

After making his 400th League appearance for the club in October 1972, Don Rogers left

Swindon for a club record fee. In 1974 the Town left stranded at the bottom of the Second Division when Danny Williams returned. Peter Eastoe, brought to Swindon for another club record fee after a loan period late in 1973, notched 26 League goals in 1974/75.

Efforts to regain a Second Division place at the first attempt fell short of the target by just two points.

STEVE AIZLEWOOD

Began his League career at the age of sixteen with Newport County Football Club, his home town Club for whom he made 191 League appearances before his transfer to Swindon in March, 1976. He won four Welsh under-23 caps with Newport and had made 43 League appearances for Swindon to the end of last season.

JIMMY ALLEN

Born in Inverness he was signed from Brora Rangers in October 1970 as an apprentice. Signed on full forms in July, 1971, he made his League debut two months later, but had only occasional spells as first choice until last season by the end of which, he had made a total of 114 League appearances.

DAVID CUNNINGHAM

A Scot from Kirkcaldy his first Club was Brechin City for whom he made 44 League appearances before moving to Southend in 1973. He made 56 League appearances for Southend and spent a period on loan to Hartlepool before signing for Swindon on a free transfer in the 1977 close season.

ANDREW FORD

A Somerset lad, born in Minehead, he played for Somerset Schoolboys and Youths and Minehead in the Western League whilst still at school. Upon leaving school, aged 17, he joined A.F.C. Bournemouth as a professional and stayed with them for two years. At 19 he joined Southend Utd. and became a regular member of their first team, winning the player of the year award for that Club last season. He was also in the Fourth Division team selected by the P.F.A. after four years with Southend. He joined Swindon in August, 1977. He made 135 First Team appearances for Southend.

MICKY FRENCH

A native of Eastbourne his first professional club was Q.P.R. but in

SWINDON T.



CHIC BATES

Chic signed for Swindon last January from Shrewsbury. A hard working striker, born in West Bromwich, he is making his debut for Swindon today.

Season 1974/1975 he moved to Brentford without any League experience. He played 56 League games for Brentford before his transfer to Swindon in February, 1977, since which time he has made four full and four substitute appearances for the Club.

CHRIS GUTHRIE

Born in Newcastle, but only made five appearances for his home town Club before moving to Southend where he made 107 League appearances and in two seasons was leading goalscorer and voted player of the year for that Club. Transferred to Sheffield United during the 1975 close season, but although he made 58 League appearances in his two seasons there he did not settle well and moved to Swindon in July, 1977. He also played for England Schoolboys.

RUSSELL LEWIS

From South Wales he was signed from Welsh League side Everwarm in October, 1976, making four League appearances for Swindon last season.

RAY McHALE

A native of Sheffield he played 123 League

games for Chesterfield before moving to Halifax Town in October, 1974. In almost two years there he did not miss a match, making 86 League appearances and was leading goalscorer in 1975/1976. Transferred to Swindon in September 1976 he made 41 League appearances to the end of last season and likes to score goals coming from positions in midfield.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN

Born in London and served his apprenticeship with Colchester United for whom he made 66 League appearances. He has played for England at Youth level and attracted a £25,000 fee when signing for Swindon in December, 1973. A regular member of the team since then he was originally a full back and spent most of last season in that position, but has also spent some quite lengthy periods in midfield. Made 136 League appearances to the end of last season.

DAVID MOSS

Signed from non-league football with Witney, his local team, he made his League debut for Swindon in April 1972 and has since played 172 League games to the end of last

season. Last season's leading goalscorer and player of the year he is an orthodox winger and although usually played on the left can play either side.

COLIN PROPHETT

Comes from Crewe where he played as an amateur for Alexandra, but made his professional debut and a total of 113 League appearances for Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Norwich City in 1973. He played 34 First Division games there before his transfer to Swindon in September 1974, since then his League appearances total 112 to the end of last season. Usually plays as sweeper from which position he captained the team during 1976/1977.

KEVIN ROBERTS

Signed for Swindon in March 1977, after several years as a part time player with Welton Rovers in the Western League, but had not appeared in the First Team at the end of last season.

KENNY STROUD

Although London born he served his apprenticeship at Swindon becoming a professional in 1970, but had to wait several

seasons to gain a regular first team place. Has played as a central defender but is usually found in midfield from where he scored a spectacular goal against Everton last season which was captured by T.V. cameras. Had made 120 League appearances to the end of last season.

JOHN TROLLOPE

The Club's longest serving player he is a former apprentice and signed professional in August 1960. Also holds the club appearance record with 698 League appearances to the end of last season and around 800 in all competitions. Now the only playing survivor with the club of the promotion winning sides of 1963 and 1969 the latter of which also beat Arsenal in the League Cup Final at Wembley. Born a few miles from the most loyal and hard-working players in the game.

CHRIS KAMARA

Born in Middlesex, and signed Schoolboy forms for that Club. Joined Portsmouth as an Apprentice and signed a full professional contract in December, 1975. He made 64 First Team appearances for Portsmouth signing for Swindon in August, 1977.

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Richie Barker Writes

This afternoon we welcome to the Gay Meadow the players and officials of Swindon Town Football including their latest signing, Chic Bates, who will need no introduction.

This will be my first game as Manager of Shrewsbury Town and I hope that today will see the beginning of a successful period in the history of this club.

I am sure that all of you would like to wish our former Manager, Alan Durban, the very best of luck in his new post as Manager of Stoke City.

Since our last home game we have progressed into the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup and would dearly love a home tie with

Wrexham to see if we could deny them yet again a place in the lucrative European Cup Winners Competition.

Our trip to Walsall was disappointing, but as many of you would have seen on television, the conditions were far from perfect. In my opinion the pitch was not playable and on a day

when horse-racing was cancelled throughout the country, it seems ludicrous to expect professional footballers to produce their skills in such conditions, but it is the referee who makes the final decision and not members of the Club.

The attendances at The Meadow have been disappointing this

season, but then again so have some of the performances by the team. I know that the only way to get the fans to come regularly to support the team is to produce a winning formula.

I hope that this afternoon the crowd will respond and give the players vocal support.

The game that never was

Town Times Issue Number 18 was published on 4th February, 1978, but unfortunately the game against Sheffield Wednesday was cancelled.

For all supporters who collect 'Town Times' this issue may be purchased for a fee of 10p from the Club Shop.

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Club captain Graham Turner, scorer of Town's goal against Chesterfield on Tuesday. Match report on Page 4.

SOCCER
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SOCCER **LEAPFROG**

If there is any subject more talked about in this country than soccer it is the weather and it would not be difficult to find adjectives to describe the conditions experienced last week end.

The fact that these conditions caused so much controversy, especially at 9 o'clock in the morning, is highlighted in the national press: it is uncharacteristic when these two subjects are brought together.

The chief problem, as far as the fans are concerned, seems to be the time the match is set off by the referee and one could argue the pros and cons of that of late a more direct way.

There are those who would argue that the decision should be made for the match referee and

involving the visiting team and the referee to become involved if they wish at the time the match is set off. However, a fair decision can cause the referee to become involved if they wish at the time the match is set off. However, a fair decision can cause the referee to become involved if they wish at the time the match is set off.

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The Malcolm Starkey Column



Weather conditions make the game a lottery

For the past two weeks we have been enduring one of the coldest periods for many years and it is due to the efforts of the groundsmen that this afternoon's game is being played.

Protested

Although we played at Walsall, I must agree with Alan Durban who protested strongly against having to play the match. The Walsall players did adjust to the conditions better, but when players are having to think about trying to stay on their feet, it tends to make the game a lottery.

The result was rather

unfortunate, but I wonder what the outcome would have been under normal conditions.

Ambitious

The game was also Alan's last as Town Manager before he took up his new appointment as Manager of Stoke City. We have always known that Alan had ambitions to manage at a higher level and this ambition has now been realised. On behalf of everyone at the Club we wish him every success, both on and off the field.

Appointment

Following the departure of Alan

Durban we are all delighted that Richie Barker has decided to stay at the Club as Manager.

In nearly all new appointments the new man makes various changes and I feel sure Richie will follow this pattern for he has very definite, not to say revolutionary, ideas on football and we are all very confident he will quickly adapt to his new position and prove to be a forthright, honest and shrewd manager. We wish him all the very best.

Re-arranged

The weather also caused the post-

ponement of the Midland Intermediate League game at Wolverhampton and the Border Counties Floodlight League game at Bromsgrove. Both pitches were frost-bound. Although these two games have not yet been re-arranged, the cup replay game against Alvechurch is now to be played on March 15th and the League game against Kidderminster on March 22nd, both at home.

The Third Division match against Sheffield Wednesday will now

take place on Tuesday 28th February, with a 7.30 p.m. kick-off.

Our injury situation has almost cleared and for the first time for some weeks have very nearly a full squad to select from. Steve Biggins is making excellent progress after his operation and has now started light exercises.

Semi-finals

Two goals by Paul Maguire were enough to give us victory against Bridgend and put us

through to the Welsh Cup semi-finals for the fourth successive season.

Finally a warm welcome to Swindon Town for our first home game since 31st January and a special welcome to Chic Bates making his first return to the Meadow since his transfer.

We were on the receiving end of a 5-0 defeat at the County ground earlier this season, but we shall be hoping to reverse that result today.

NEXT MATCHES AT THE GAY MEADOW



Tuesday, 28th February. Div. III. Sheffield Wed. Kick off 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 11th March. Division III. Peterborough U. Kick off 3.00 p.m.

Semi-final place for Town

WELSH CUP VICTORY

BRIDGEND 1 SHREWSBURY TOWN 2

Town once again entered the Welsh Cup semi-finals, this time at the expense of Southern League side Bridgend. Shrewsbury made a shaky start falling behind to a first minute goal, but it took them just 15 minutes to get the equaliser, when a Peter Loughnane cross was headed home by Paul Maguire.

Town's winner came after 40 minutes again scored by Maguire, this time from a cross by Jon Nixon.

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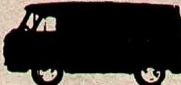
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- Sept. 3rd Exeter
- Sept. 13th Cambridge
- Sept. 17th Walsall
- Sept. 27th Rotherham
- Oct. 8th Port Vale
- Oct. 22nd Portsmouth
- Nov. 5th Hereford
- Nov. 19th Carlisle
- Dec. 6th Gillingham
- Dec. 10th Preston
- Dec. 17th Stockport County
- Dec. 27th Bradford C.
- Dec. 31st Colchester
- Jan. 7th Chesterfield
- Jan. 21st Lincoln
- Feb. 4th Sheffield W.
- Feb. 18th Bury
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- Mar. 11th Peterboro
- Mar. 25th Chester
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TEAMCHECK

SHREWSBURY TOWN

Blue and Gold

- Ken Mulhearn 1
- Jake King 2
- Carlton Leonard 3
- Graham Turner 4
- Jack Keay 5
- Colin Griffin 6
- Sammy Irvine 7
- Brian Hornsby 8
- Ian Atkins 9
- Peter Loughnane 10
- Jon Nixon 11

SWINDON TOWN

Red and White

- Jimmy Allen
- John McLaughlin
- John Trollope
- Kenny Stroud
- Steve Aizlewood
- Colin Propphet
- David Moss
- Ray McHale
- Chris Guthrie
- Chic Bates
- Chris Kamara

Scores

A. Challinor Referee

Mr. Arnold Challinor from Maltby, Nr. Rotherham commenced refereeing in 1955 with Rotherham Leagues and then via Midland and Central Leagues to the Football League line in 1971 and later to the referees list. He refereed the Midland League Championship and Cup Final matches, and lined an International Youth Tournament match in 1976 and a sixth round F.A. Cup match the same year.
Mr. Challinor is a married man with a married daughter and younger son. He works as a colliery deputy and is interested in youth clubs, gardening, badminton and table-tennis.
Linesmen: D. Delaney (Red Flag), J. F. Pardoe (Yellow Flag).

Voucher number
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- A BRADFORD C. ROTHERHAM U.
- B BURY PORT VALE
- C CAMBRIDGE U. PRESTON N.E.
- D CHESTER TRANMERE R.
- E COLCHESTER U. CARLISLE U.
- F EXETER CITY CHESTERFIELD
- G GILLINGHAM PLYMOUTH A.
- H OXFORD U. HEREFORD U.
- I SHEFFIELD WED. PORTSMOUTH
- J WALSALL PETERBOROUGH U.
- K BIRMINGHAM ASTON VILLA
- L LEEDS U. CHELSEA
- M LEICESTER C. WOLVERHAMPTON W.
- N LIVERPOOL MANCHESTER U.
- O MANCHESTER C. EVERTON
- P MIDDLESBROUGH DERBY C.
- Q NEWCASTLE U. IPSWICH T.
- R NORWICH C. NOTTINGHAM F.
- S QUEENS PARK R. BRISTOL C.
- T WEST BROMWICH A. COVENTRY C.
- U WEST HAM U. ARSENAL
- V STOKE C. BOLTON W.
- W TOTTENHAM H. ORIENT
- X HARTLEPOOL CREWE ALEX.

FACTS & FIGURES 1977-78

Town's score first		+ Denotes substituted player													
Date	Fixture	Attendance	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 13	Oxford (LCI) A	3,894	0-3	Mulhearn	Irvine	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon	Hornsby	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire	Lindsay
16	OXFORD (LCI) A	2,263	2-2	Mulhearn	Hayes	Roberts	Turner (1)	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon	Hornsby	Bates (1)	Irvine	Maguire	Lindsay
20	WREXHAM A	5,261	2-1	Mulhearn	Hayes	Roberts	Turner (1)	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon+	Hornsby	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire (1)	Loughnane
26	Lincoln A	4,714	3-1	Mulhearn	Leonard	Roberts	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon	Hornsby+	Bates	Irvine	Maguire	Keay
Sept 3	EXETER A	3,302	0-2	Mulhearn	Leonard	Roberts	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon	Hornsby+	Bates	Irvine	Maguire	Keay
7	Chesterfield A	4,060	1-3	Mulhearn	Leonard	Roberts	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire (1)	Nixon
10	Sheffield W A	10,234	1-0	Mulhearn	Leonard	Keay	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire	Nixon
13	CAMBRIDGE A	2,616	3-3	Mulhearn	Leonard	Keay	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine (1)	Hornsby (2)	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire	Nixon
19	WALSALL A	4,636	0-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Atkins	Turner	Irvine	Hornsby	Bates	Lindsay	Maguire (1)	Nixon
24	Bury A	5,430	3-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins (1)	Irvine	Hornsby (1)	Lindsay	Bates (2)	Maguire	Nixon
27	ROTHERHAM A	4,191	4-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Nixon
30	Swindon A	6,809	0-5	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Nixon
Oct 4	Plymouth A	4,661	2-2	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins (1)	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates (3)	Nixon (1)	Moore
8	PORT VALE A	3,553	3-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban+	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon	Loughnane
15	Peterborough A	5,561	1-2	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban (1) +	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon (1)	Loughnane
17	Truro (Senior Cup Final) A	2,491	2-3	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Maguire +	Griffin	Atkins (3)	Irvine (1)	Hornsby (1)	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon (1)	Maguire
22	PORTSMOUTH (Senior Cup Final) A	3,726	6-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Maguire	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon	Loughnane
28	Gillingham A	7,938	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban (1)	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Maguire	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon	Keay
Nov 5	HEREFORD A	6,116	3-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine (3)	Maguire +	Keay	Bates	Nixon	Keay
12	Truro A	4,708	0-2	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Maguire +	Keay	Bates	Nixon	Loughnane
18	CARLISLE A	3,701	0-3	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Atkins	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Nixon	Maguire
26	Doncaster Rovers (FA Cup) A	5,279	1-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban+	Griffin	Lindsay	Irvine	Hornsby	Maguire	Bates (1)	Nixon (1)	Atkins
Dec 3	Oxford A	4,551	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Durban	Griffin	Lindsay	Irvine (1)	Hornsby	Maguire	Bates	Nixon	Loughnane
6	GILLINGHAM A	2,507	1-2	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Atkins	Griffin	Lindsay	Irvine	Hornsby	Maguire	Bates	Nixon+	Maguire
10	PRESTON A	3,764	0-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Durban	Irvine	Hornsby+	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire (1)	Nixon
17	STOCKPORT COUNTY (FA Cup 2) A	4,482	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Durban	Irvine	Nixon	Lindsay (1)	Bates	Maguire (1)	Nixon
18	Stockport County (Replay) A	8,379	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Durban	Irvine	Nixon	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Atkins
25	Chester A	5,701	0-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Durban	Irvine	Nixon	Lindsay	Bates (2)	Loughnane	Hayes
27	BRADFORD A	3,929	4-0	Wardle	Leonard	Griffin	Hornsby (1)	Turner	Atkins	Irvine (1)	Nixon	Lindsay	Bates	Loughnane	King
31	COLCHESTER A	4,336	1-1	Wardle	Leonard	Griffin	Hornsby	Turner	Atkins	Irvine (1)	Nixon	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Durban
Jan 2	Hereford A	6,382	1-1	Wardle	Leonard	Griffin	Atkins	Turner	King	Biggins (1)	Hornsby	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Loughnane
7	Blackburn Rovers (FA Cup 3) A	12,712	1-2	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Atkins	Nixon	Hornsby (1)	Lindsay	Bates	Maguire	Nixon
14	Wrexham A	13,631	0-0	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Hayes	Durban	Irvine	Hornsby	Loughnane	Maguire	Nixon
21	LINCOLN A	3,365	0-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Hayes	Durban	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Maguire	Leonard
28	Exeter A	3,306	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Keay	Nixon	Irvine	Hornsby (1)	Lindsay	Maguire	Atkins
31	CHESTERFIELD A	2,018	1-1	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner (1)	Griffin	Keay	Nixon	Irvine	Hornsby	Lindsay	Atkins	Maguire
Feb 11	Walsall A	8,341	0-3	Mulhearn	King	Leonard	Turner	Griffin	Keay	Nixon	Irvine	Hornsby	Atkins	Maguire	Moore
18	BURY (5) A														
25	SWINDON A														
28	SHEFFIELD W A														
Mar 4	Port Vale A														
7	Cambridge A														
11	PETERBORO (6) A														
18	Portsmouth (LCF) A														
26	CHESTER A														
27	Bradford A														
April 1	Colchester A														
8	Rotherham A														
15	TRANMERE (SF) A														
22	Carlisle A														
29	OXFORD A														
29	PLYMOUTH A														
29	Preston A														
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