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# MANAGERS' VIEWPOINT

**WITHOUT** a shadow of doubt tonight's game with Swindon and Saturday's with Tranmere are the two most important in the club's history.

They are our last two home games of the season, and if we did anything at all at Plymouth last weekend they afford us the chance of taking our promotion bid to the limit.

Naturally I'd love it if we could clinch Division Two football with a win on this ground. For that way everyone gets the maximum out of the moment, and who's to say that we won't be on that threshold come 4.30 or so on Saturday.

Not that I'm getting cocky as a result of our recent home performances and surge up the table. It's just that I've always felt that 57 points might be enough, and if we keep our heads we will soon be there or thereabouts.

Keeping our heads and using our experience is very much what it is all about at this stage of the season when the twin dangers are tension and complacency.

The quality of opposition tonight and on Saturday means that we have to battle all the way, play sensible, risk-free football and take chances as they arise.

I have long rated Swindon as one of the best squads in the Third Division, capable of playing attractive football and opening matches up, while Tranmere were earlier in the season among the promotion pace-makers.



They won't be easy to beat, although I'm not anticipating that either side will make life difficult for us in the same way that Chesterfield did.

They came here with a sweeper and proved a very physical outfit to play against, conceding nearly thirty free-kicks.

I don't make it a habit to criticise referees but can't let the official's performance in that game pass without comment.

I can never condone any player of mine being booked as Trevor Anderson was. But surely there is something wrong when he can be cautioned for dissent while other players are running around assaulting each other without a word being said?

As it happens the number of disciplinary points we have conceded this season is considerably down on last campaign and I'm delighted that that is the case.

I want players to be aggressive, to attack the ball and to be physically competitive. But I won't tolerate dirty play for the sake of it.

When players start running around doing that sort of thing they lose their heads. And when they niggle at the opposition and take part in a slanging match their concentration is gone.

Players have to accept the niggles and the good and bad decisions but there has to be commonsense on the part of referees as well, and there is a world of difference in my book between a player who jibs at a decision on the quiet and one who gives an opponent a good whack or impedes him in the air.

Forgetting that, the fever is boiling along now and supporters now seem prepared to be patient in waiting for us to break down opponents.

So give the lads a big welcome when they run out... and keep the atmosphere going for another two games.

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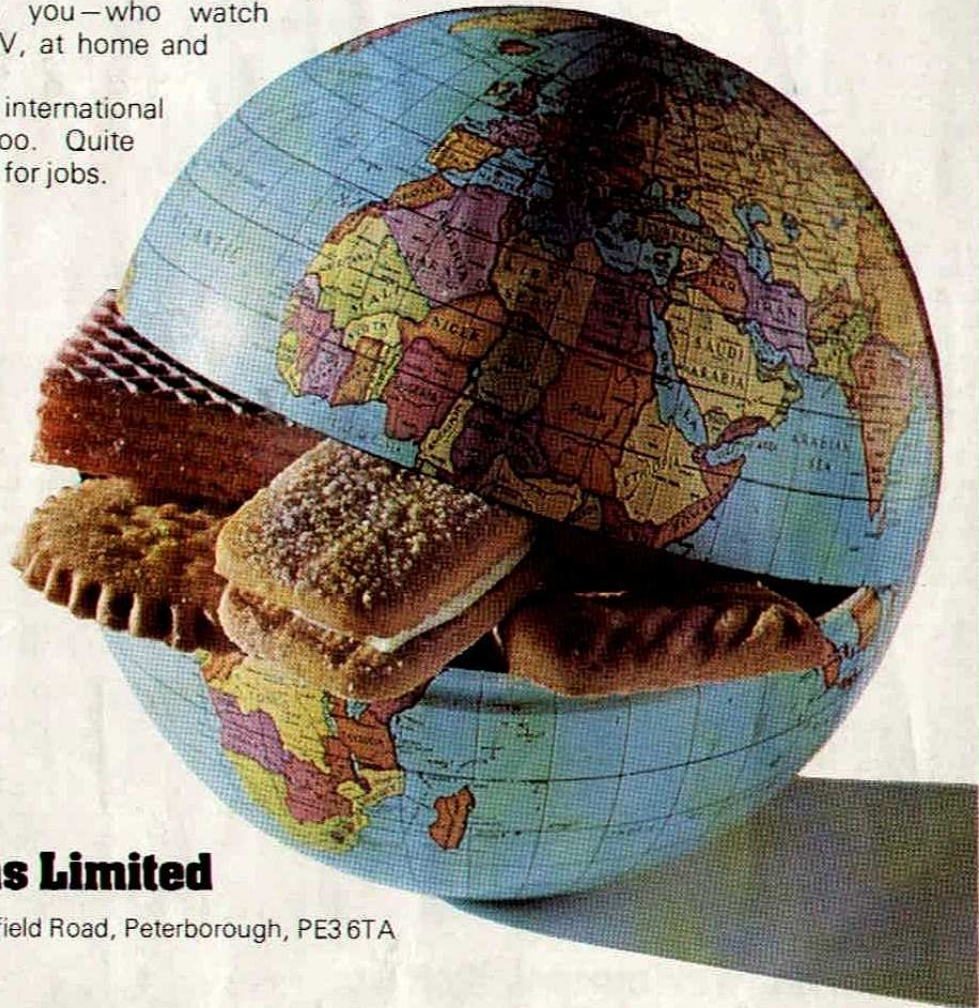


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# AROUND THE FOOTBALLSCENE



POSH fans may have the opportunity tonight to pay their tribute to one of soccer's most loyal players.

For Swindon defender John Trollope has played more games for one club than any player in Football League history.

Trollope, who joined Swindon as an apprentice in 1960—the year Posh were elected to the Football League—made his 838th appearance for the club in last Tuesday's match with Walsall.

It was expected that Trollope might call it a day after being appointed youth team coach a few weeks ago, but because of an injury to central defender Steve Aizlewood he was recalled to action.

So it very much depends on the fitness of the centre half as to whether Trollope will be playing tonight in what could be his last appearance at London Road.

TOMMY Robson is now within two League goals of his 100 for the club following his two goal show against Chesterfield last Tuesday.

His goals took his League tally for the season to 12 which is one below his best for the club. It's a creditable figure considering he has only played 25 full league games this season.

With one cup goal also to his credit his tally stands at 13 which is three adrift of his record mark achieved at Northampton.

Posh's win over Chesterfield was long overdue. It was only their second success against them in 12 league meetings, the previous one being back in the 1968-69 season.

While on the subject of milestones, Barry Butlin, the goalscoring hero against Rotherham last weekend, made his 200th league appearance in the match at Plymouth.

Manager on the move is former Posh boss Jim Iley who has quit Fourth Division Barnsley to take over Division 2 side Blackburn. He takes over from Jim Smith who is making a name for himself at Birmingham.

IT looks as though at least two Third Division records will be amended at the end of the season with Posh probably holding one of them.

With only 25 goals conceded prior to Saturday's visit to Plymouth, they are well placed to erase Bristol Rovers' record of 33.

And Chester, who Posh still have to visit, need just one draw from their remaining fixtures to overtake Tranmere's record of 22 draws in a season. Port Vale have also reached the 20 mark.

While on the subject of records, it looks as though Posh will create a slice of club history even if promotion is denied them.

Prior to the weekend programme Posh were lying fourth—three points clear of the next club Gillingham—which is one place higher than their best ever season in the Football League achieved in their first Division 3 campaign in 1961-62.

They came fifth with 58 points in the season that Portsmouth won the title. Ironically, Portsmouth are now facing relegation to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

IT seems almost certain that Posh Reserves will be forced to play second fiddle to Brighton in the Midweek League.

Three successive home draws, the latest being against Northampton last Wednesday, have dashed any real hopes Posh had of pipping the sea-siders for the championship.

And a 4-0 defeat at Brighton last week in the first leg of the League Cup Final leaves Posh an awful lot to do in the return leg on April 26.

One of the goals in the draw with Northampton came from trialist striker Russell Keen who is an apprentice at Chelsea. Gary Sargent got the other.

The reserves conclude their league programme this week with visits to Portsmouth (tonight) and Millwall (Thursday).

HAVE you voted for your Posh 'Player of the Season'. The Evening Telegraph Trophy is due to be presented at Saturday's final home match of the season against Tranmere so fill in the entry form in the ET and vote for the player you feel has contributed most to this highly successful season.



# OUR VISITORS

**WHEN** the inquests open at the end of the season Swindon players will probably pinpoint their indifferent home form of the past few weeks as the main reason for not getting among the promotion challengers.

Their 3-2 defeat by Walsall last Tuesday was their fourth at the County Ground and they have managed only one win from their last seven home outings.

But away from Wiltshire their form has been more consistent with 11 points from the last ten journeys prior to Saturday's trip to Rotherham.

The Swindon squad has certainly undergone a few changes since the end of last season when Danny Williams' side finished eleventh.

There were no fewer than five fresh faces in the twelve for the Walsall game—Andy Ford and Dave Cunningham from Southend, £30,000 striker Chic Bates from Shrewsbury, £20,000 forward Roy Carter from Hereford and midfield man Chris Kamara from Ports-

mouth.

Another newcomer this season is former Southend striker Chris Guthrie who has been out of action because of suspension. He spent two seasons with Sheffield United having cost them £100,000.

But one of their key players is winger David Moss, top scorer last season with 14 goals, who was included in the PFA's Third Division 'select' side.

Manager Williams is in his second spell with the club.

During his first spell Swindon won the Football League Cup by defeating Arsenal and gained promotion to the Second Division.

#### OUR RECORD AGAINST SWINDON

	H	A
1961-62	3-2	2-3
1962-63	3-1	3-2
1965-66	2-3	0-3
1966-67	1-2	1-4
1967-68	1-1	0-0
1974-75	0-0	1-0
1975-76	3-1	3-0
1976-77	1-0	4-0
1977-78	—	0-2



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**JIMMY ALLEN (goalkeeper):** Scottish born 'keeper signed as an apprentice in October 1970. Kept in the shadows for a time by Posh's Jim Barron, but established himself last season as the first choice.

**JOHN McLAUGHLIN (full back):** Youth international who made his mark with Colchester before joining Swindon for £25,000 in December 1973. He can play midfield or full back and has made more than 150 league appearances for the club.

**ANDY FORD (full back):** Joined Swindon from Southend this season. He started his professional career with Bournemouth before moving to Southend where he spent four years. Last season he was in the PFA's Fourth Division 'select' team.

**JOHN TROLLOPE (defender):** The club's longest serving player with 838 league and cup appearances to his credit since he joined them as an apprentice nearly 18 years ago. He was recently appointed youth team manager, but has been recalled to the team because of injuries.

**KENNY STROUD (midfield):** Although London born he served his apprenticeship at Swindon, becoming a professional in 1970. He has made more than 130 league appearances both in midfield and defence.

**COLIN PROPHETT (defender):** Played as an amateur with Crewe before joining the professional ranks at Sheffield Wednesday. He moved to Norwich from where he was transferred to Swindon in September 1974. In his first season with Swindon he had the misfortune to provide Posh with an own goal winner at the County Ground.

**DAVID MOSS (forward):** Regarded as one of the best wingers in the lower divisions—he was in the PFA's Third Division team this season—Moss was top scorer last season with 14 goals. He made his debut in April 1972 after joining Swindon from Witney.

**CHRIS KAMARA (forward):** Signed from Portsmouth at the beginning of season. He joined Portsmouth as an apprentice and made 64 league appearances before moving to Swindon.

**CHIC BATES (striker):** Signed from Shrewsbury for £30,000 in January this year. He was top scorer for Shrewsbury last season with 13 goals and he made more than 140 league appearances for the club.

**RAY McHALE (midfield):** Signed from Halifax in September 1976. He began his career at Chesterfield where he made 123 league appearances and didn't miss a match during his two-year spell with Halifax.

**DAVID CUNNINGHAM (forward):** Signed from Southend on a free transfer at the beginning of the season. He joined Southend from Scottish club Brechin and made 56 league appearances for them. He also had a spell on loan to Hartlepool.

**ROY CARTER (forward):** Signed from Hereford this season for £20,000. He made more than 60 league appearances for the club.

**STEVE AIZLEWOOD (defender):** Began his league career with home town club Newport for whom he made 191 appearances before his transfer to Swindon in March 1976. He has won four Welsh Under 23 international caps.

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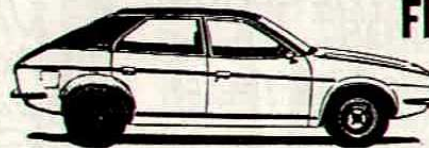
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**ABOVE:** 'Robbo' scored twice in the win over Chesterfield but was unlucky with this first-half effort. We won 2-0.

**RIGHT:** The Chesterfield goalkeeper holds a second-half centre but Posh are on the way to two valuable points.



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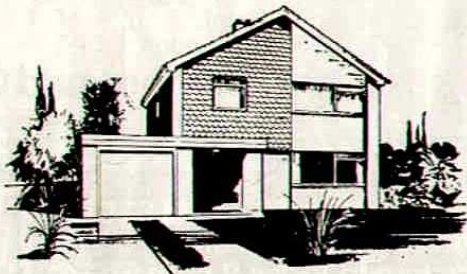
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**TREVOR Anderson's impudent skills were fashioned in the streets of Belfast with a tennis ball for bouncing, elusive company.**

Now the wiry Irishman with the George Best touch, hopes those skills can earn Posh a Second Division place and win him an Irish cap for the forthcoming Home International with England at Wembley.

All in all 1978 promises to be an exciting year for the 26-year old former Swindon and Manchester United forward, because he is a father-to-be as well.

When we spoke to him during the Midweek League game against Northampton, Trevor was naturally reticent about commenting on Posh's promotion chances.

Bur he would be drawn on his style of play, his hoped for inclusion in the Irish squad and about the uncharacteristic comment to referee John Homewood which earned him a caution last week.

Said Trevor: "I think some fans must have got me mixed up with Willie Anderson because I've never played wide nor am I a striker in the true sense of the word.

"I do get goals, in fact I've netted over fifty in the league, but I don't play all that much inside the box.

"I really play behind the target man in the team, dragging deep off the defence and hoping to draw a player out as I do it. I try and come deep and create a gap for someone else and then turn to take the return ball.

"Barry Butlin and I are beginning to work up a good relationship and having Tommy Robson in the side helps as well. He gives us width."

Trevor drifts in and out of the game using his speed and skills to buy time for the team and work openings with quick turns and flicks.

That type of play, which is natural,

Impudence  
makes him  
a danger  
near goal

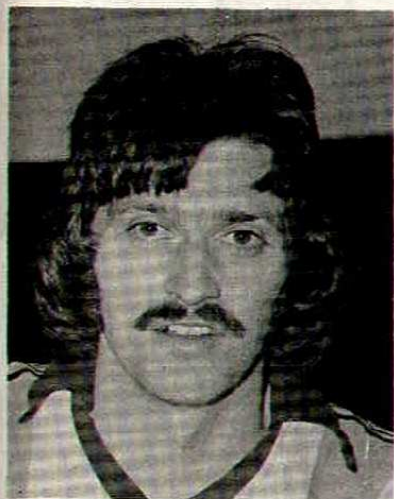
not developed in training, makes him the target for every hatchet man in the division, and it was the treatment dished out by Chesterfield which earned him one of his rare bookings.

"I don't normally say anything to referees but a player can only take so much and although it is something of a compliment to be marked tight it wears a bit thin!

"The Third is a tough division, and players should get more protection than at present although to be fair not every team plays it as physically as Chesterfield did."

Trevor's skill is admired by Irish team manager Danny Blanchflower and hopes to get the opportunity of adding to the 18 caps and





**Trevor Anderson**  
- eighteen caps for Ireland.

three goals he has earned for wearing the green shirt of his country.

"I used to want to be in the side all the time. I realise that if I'm in Division Three there are other players to keep me out. I'm happy just to be involved although a game at Wembley would be special" he said.

Trevor joined Manchester United from Portadown for a £25,000 fee and made something like 25 first team appearances for the Reds.

At Swindon he benefited from playing with strikers Peter Eastoe, Dave Sirrett and Chris Guthrie and from having winger Dave Moss in the side: "Potentially one of the best players in the country."

Says Trevor: "I'm enjoying my football here and that's a big thing for any player. It is also important for a ball player that he is happy and confident for that is the only thing which will really untrap your skills.

"I get a kick out of beating players and out of things when they come off, like scoring a goal with an overhead kick."

What Trevor would like most of all of course would be a goal against his old club tonight... fashioned as impudently as his twinkling feet can manage.



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## Football League Fixtures

Jul 30	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Shipp Cup)	2,954	0-2
Aug 2	Huddersfield (Shipp Cup)	1,453	1-5
Aug 5	CAMBRIDGE (Shipp Cup)	1,877	2-1
Aug 13	BRADFORD CITY (League Cup, 1st leg)	3,844	4-1
Aug 17	Bradford City (League Cup, 2nd leg)	3,576	1-1
Aug 20	PORTSMOUTH	6,099	0-0
Aug 23	Swindon	7,136	0-2
Aug 27	Chesterfield	4,690	0-2
Aug 30	SCUNTHORPE (L.C. 2)	3,697	1-1
Sep 3	WREXHAM	4,874	2-2
Sep 6	Scunthorpe (LC rep)	4,564	1-0
Sep 10	Lincoln City	4,898	1-0
Sep 13	CARLISLE	4,498	2-1
Sep 17	EXETER CITY	5,016	1-1
Sep 24	Sheffield Wednesday	9,620	1-0
Sep 28	Bradford City	3,217	1-2
Oct 1	WALSALL	5,389	0-0
Oct 4	OXFORD UNITED	4,183	1-0
Oct 8	Bury	5,064	0-0
Oct 15	SHREWSBURY	5,563	2-1
Oct 22	Port Vale	3,502	0-0
Oct 25	Bolton (Lc 3)	14,990	1-3
Oct 28	Colchester	4,827	0-3
Nov 5	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	7,307	2-0
Nov 12	Rotherham	4,220	1-0
Nov 19	PLYMOUTH	6,528	1-0
Nov 26	Barnet (F.A. Cup 1st round)	4,000	2-1
Dec 2	Tranmere	3,331	2-0
Dec 10	CHESTER	5,844	0-0
Dec 17	Gillingham (F.A.C-2)	10,181	1-1
Dec 20	Gillingham(F.A.C-2 Rep.)	8,540	2-0
Dec 26	Hereford	5,625	0-0
Dec 27	GILLINGHAM	10,156	1-1
Dec 31	PRESTON	7,134	1-0
Jan 2	Cambridge United	10,998	0-1
Jan 7	NEWCASTLE (F.A.C.-3)	17,621	1-1
Jan 11	Newcastle (F.A.C.-3 Rep)	25,770	0-2
Jan 14	Portsmouth	9,569	2-2
Jan 14	LINCOLN CITY	5,316	0-1
Feb 4	Exeter City	4,017	0-1
Feb 11	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	4,252	2-1
Feb 22	(5)		
Feb 25	Walsall	5,408	0-1
Mar 4	BURY	4,892	2-1
Mar 7	Carlisle	4,563	0-0
Mar 11	Shrewsbury (6)	2,591	0-0
Mar 14	COLCHESTER	4,468	1-0
Mar 17	PORT VALE	4,277	1-1
Mar 25	Gillingham	8,328	0-0
Mar 28	HEREFORD	5,036	2-1
Apr 1	Preston	9,695	1-0
Apr 4	BRADFORD CITY	6,314	5-0
Apr 8	ROTHERHAM (S-F)	7,098	1-0
Apr 11	CHESTERFIELD	7,309	2-0
Apr 15	Plymouth		
Apr 18	SWINDON		
Apr 22	TRANMERE		
Apr 26	Oxford United		
Apr 29	Chester		
May 1	Wrexham		
May 6	F.A. Cup Final		

## Midweek League Fixtures

Aug 24	BRIGHTON	2-0
Aug 31	Southend	5-0
Sep 7	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	0-0
Sep 13	Brighton	2-0
Sep 21	GILLINGHAM	5-2
Sep 28	CHARLTON	2-0
Oct 5	NORTHAMPTON (L.C.)	3-1
Oct 12	Watford (L.C.)	4-3
Oct 19	WATFORD (L.C.)	2-1
Oct 25	Charlton	4-5
Nov 9	WIMBLEDON	1-5
Nov 16	WATFORD	3-0
Nov 23	Northampton (L.C.)	3-2
Dec 7	SOUTHEND	1-1
Dec 14	Gillingham	1-2
Jan 16	Cambridge United	2-4
Jan 25	MILLWALL	5-0
Feb 15	Brentford	1-3
Mar 1	Wimbledon (L.C.)	5-0
Mar 8	PORTSMOUTH	1-1
Mar 15	Northampton	2-1
Mar 21	Wimbledon	2-0
Mar 30	BRENTFORD	1-1
Apr 5	WATFORD	0-0
Apr 10	Brighton (LCF)	0-4
Apr 12	NORTHAMPTON	2-2
Apr 18	Portsmouth	
Apr 20	Millwall	
Apr 26	BRIGHTON (LCF)	

Don't forget Posh conclude their Third Division home programme against Tranmere this Saturday.



## DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrexham	40	22	12	6	68	39	56
Preston	41	18	15	8	54	33	51
Cambridge	42	20	11	11	67	50	51
<b>POSH</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>50</b>
Gillingham	42	14	19	9	62	52	47
Walsall	41	15	16	10	51	42	46
Chester	42	12	22	8	50	52	46
Tranmere	42	15	14	13	52	45	44
Swindon	40	14	15	11	59	50	43
Bury	41	13	16	12	57	48	42
Chesterfield	40	15	12	13	47	39	42
Carlisle	42	12	18	12	54	55	42
Colchester	41	14	14	13	50	42	40
Sheffield Wednesday	40	13	13	14	44	47	39
Exeter	41	13	12	16	42	54	38
Oxford	42	12	12	18	58	62	36
Port Vale	42	8	20	14	43	58	36
Rotherham	39	11	12	16	45	53	34
Plymouth	41	8	16	17	49	62	32
Bradford	41	11	10	20	49	71	32
Hereford	41	9	12	20	32	54	30
Portsmouth	42	5	17	20	37	71	27

(up to and including last Wednesday's results)

### THIRD DIVISION APPEARANCES

	App	FLC	Gls
Waugh	20	4	—
Hindley	34	6	—
Lee	26	10	—
Doyle	40	10	1
Turner	40	10	6
Ross	40	10	—
Slough	39	10	6
Camp	6	3	2
Sargent	18	9	7
Robson	25	6	13
Rogers	2	4	—
Hughes	17	4	1
Oakes	4	1	—
Carmichael	27	8	1
Butlin	28	5	7
Cozens	7	—	1
Barron	20	6	—
Cliss	3	—	1
Earle	1	1	—
McEwan	23	5	1
Anderson	20	—	4

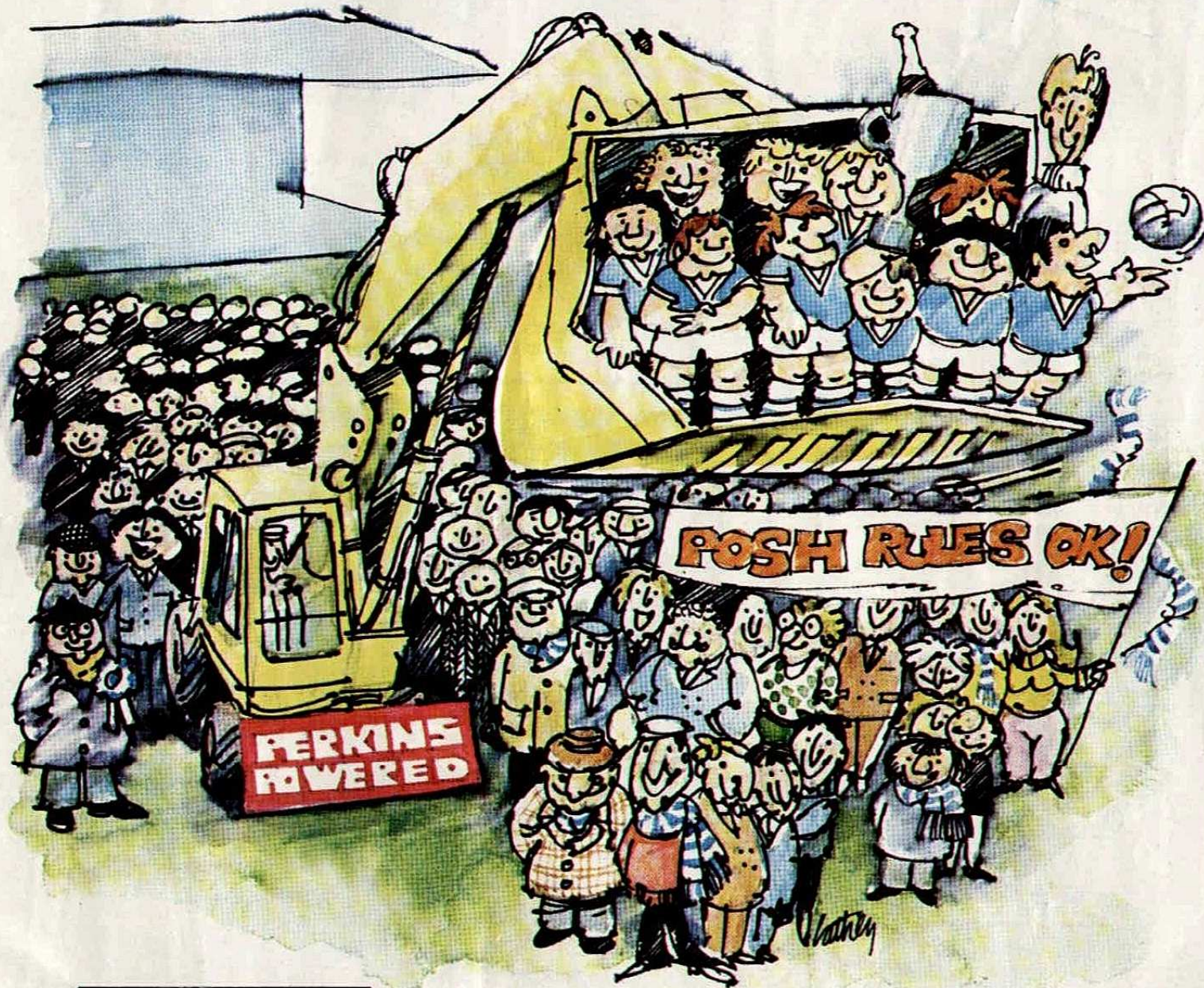
### RESERVE APPEARANCES

	App	Gls
Barron	12	—
Gynn	23	—
Dennis	23	—
Leadbeater	13	1
Oakes	22	7
Winters	22	—
Carmichael	7	—
Quow	20	6
Evans	22	9
Cliss	16	9
Rogers	17	1
Cozens	7	7
Salvage	4	1
Hughes	12	1
Sargent	8	4
Waugh	12	—
Camp	13	6
O'Brien	3	—
Robson	6	2
Hindley	2	—
Butlin	2	1

TONIGHT'S referee Ray Lewis (Great Bookham, Surrey) started refereeing in 1962 and progressed through the Isthmian League to the Football League. Has lined a UEFA Cup quarter-final and an FA Cup semi-final.







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● There were two Golden Goal ticket winners at the Chesterfield match. T. Bains, of 93 Francis Gardens, Peterborough, went home £50 the richer, and Roger Kisbee, of 163 Alexandra Road, Peterborough, collected £5 for his 10p stake.

Don't forget that the Golden Goal ticket sellers are situated inside the ground at most turnstiles.

● Although 74 Club memberships don't expire until August, members are requested to renew their cards as soon as possible after the current season has finished.

The popular club has limited membership and there is already a waiting list for next season.

## YOUR ROUTE TO OXFORD

**PETERBOROUGH**—A605 through Alwalton and Oundle to Thrapston. Leave Thrapston along the A604 and 4 miles on turn left along the A510 to Wellingborough. A45 to Northampton (42 miles.) A43 via Towcester, Silverstone, Brackley and Middleton Stony to the junction with the Oxford by-pass. Turn left along the A423 and 1½ miles on turn left along the A40 and follow signs "High Wycombe". At 3½ miles on at roundabout turn right along the A420 Headington Road and continue to: **OXFORD UNITED FOOTBALL GROUND.** (86 miles.)

## YOUR ROUTE TO CHESTER

**PETERBOROUGH**—A605 via Alwalton and Elton to Oundle. A427 through Great Weldon, Corby, Market Harborough and North Kilworth to the traffic lights junction with the A426. Turn left along the A426 to the Intersection with the M6 Motorway. (51 miles.) M6 North for 87 miles passing Service Areas at Corley (16 miles), Hilton Park (42 miles) and Keele (71 miles) to Intersection (18) Middlewich, North Wales, Chester, A54. (138 miles.) A54 via Middlewich, Winsford, Over and Kelsall to the Tarvin by-pass. At end of by-pass keep right along the A51 to Chester entering by Tarvin Road. Follow signs "Queensferry A458" through Chester leaving by Sealand Road. Continue to: **CHESTER FOOTBALL GROUND.** (161 miles.)

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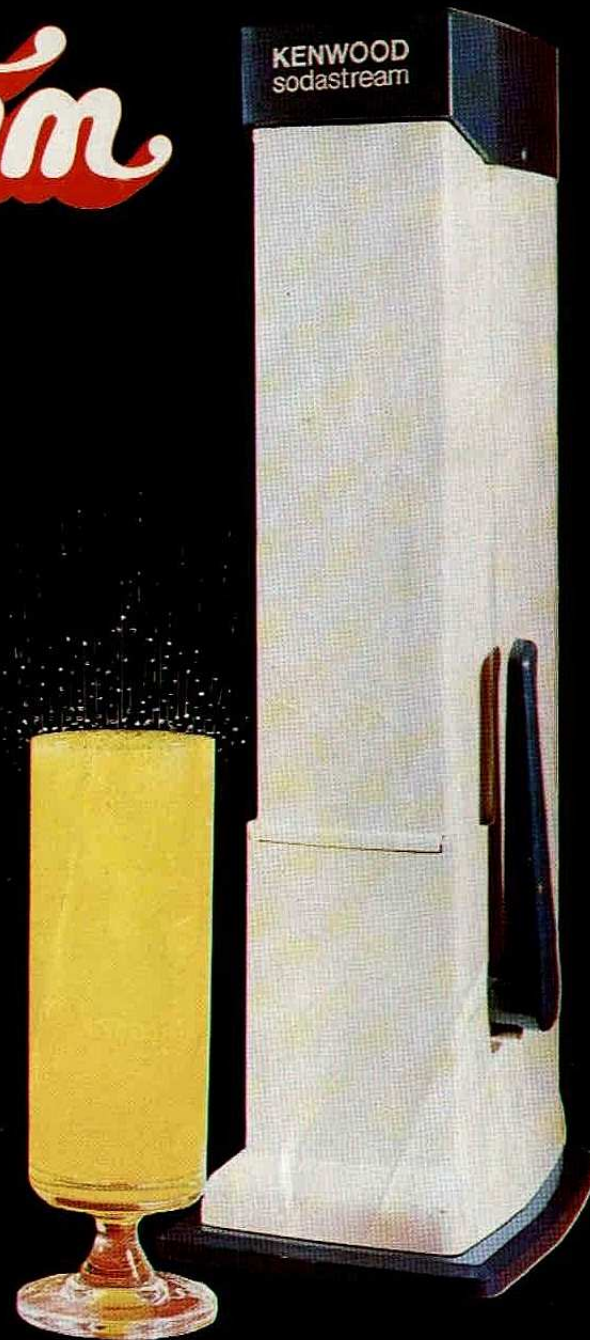


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Lyndon HUGHES	3
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Chris TURNER	5
Ian ROSS	6
Alan SLOUGH	7
Billy McEWAN	8
Barry BUTLIN	9
Trevor ANDERSON	10
Tommy ROBSON	11
Jack CARMICHAEL	12

## SWINDON OUR VISITORS

(red)

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John McLAUGHLIN
Andy FORD
John TROLLOPE
Ken STROUD
Colin PROPHETT
David MOSS
Chris KAMARA
Chic BATES
Ray McHALE
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