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versus

Swindon T.

TURNER'S

Oxford United O. **Shrewsbury Town 1**

A goal by Graham Turner in the 75 minute was enough to give Town both points, and send Oxford crashing to their second

Oxford were without Hugh Curran through injury, and McGrogan wasted a fine chance, with Foley and Jason Seacole bringing saves from Ken Mulhearn.

Shrewsbury had the

more solid approach and but for goalkeeper Roy Burton might well have been leading by more than one goal at the

Loughnane, Maguire and Biggins all had shots saved.

Graham Turner — scorer of Town's goal at Oxford.

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Letter to the Times

Dear Editor,

Reading a letter from M. Peget in last Tuesday's Shropshire Star has prompted me to put my views forward and what better way than through the media of the Club's own newspaper.

M. Peget is clearly a misguided person and I shall waste no time discussing the utter rubbish that he or she wrote. However, I will take the opportunity to rebuke the Shropshire Star for consistently publishing such letters and articles of this nature regarding Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

I take the Star regularly and relying solely upon my memory, have formed the impression, that the newspaper is blased against Shrewsbury Town, I appreciate that it is the newspaper's duty to publish facts and opinions relating to the Football Club, but surely this does not include printing every letter received by cranks throughout the county.

I for my part will continue to give my support where it matters, through the turnstiles and although M. Paget will not be here today, I trust that all true supporters of Shrewsbury Town will do the same.

Wyn Jones (address supplied)



The sporting skills of Town goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn are not just restricted to goalkeeping. Since moving to the town, ken has shown that he is a first class cricketer, at club and county level. His ability with a bat was first realised at Croxten Secondary Modern School in Liverpool, and as with football ken gained representative honours with Liverpool Schoolboys and Lancashire Schools.

When Ken left school he joined Everton and later Stockport County, but still continued to play cricket in the Lancashire League. After his transfer to Manchester City Ken was regular member of the footballers cricket team.

When Ken arrived at the Town he joined Shrewsbury Cicket Club, who are now regarded as the best club side in the county, and after completing several consistent seasons Ken came out on top of the batting averages last season.

BRENTFORD

After last Saturday's game against Brentford 'Town Times' asked Club Captain Graham Turner to comment on the game and on his disallowed goal.

Needless to Graham was quite adamant that he had remained on side to receive Jimmy Lindsay's pass, being behind the ball when it was kicked. However referee Mc-Nally did not allow the goal to stand and Town had to be content with their single goal which was enough to give them

victory.

"We played far from our best," said Graham, "but even so we gained two valuable points which no one can take from us." The following night Graham undertook a spying trip to Tranmere and watched today's visitors, Swindon, draw 1-1 with the Merseyside

1-1 with the Merseyside Club.
"I was very impressed with Swindon who played some attractive football and were a little unfortunate not to take both points. Chic Bates and Ian Miller were two players who caught my players who caught my eye and they are clearly going to create tough opposition this af-ternoon."





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The work of the physiotherapist or 'trainer' at a football club is obviously specialised in so far as the injuries he is called upon to treat are generally limited to the lower limb and one 'sprained ankle' will follow a similar recovery pattern to any other sprained ankle.

At a football club TIME is the commodity which is always short when dealing with injuries, especially when the team is involved in mid-week games, but it should always be born in mind that a recovery is not influenced by an extravagant building, nor by complex chrome plated equipment, but rather by the PHILOSOPHY that is adopted as the club policy. This is perhaps worthy of comment.

PHILOSOPHY

Football is an industry and as in all walks of life, getting fit and back to work after injury is very much at ull time business. Keeping fit during a lay off caused through injury is equally important. It is very much an active-process, although rest and through injury is equally important. It is very much an active-process, although rest and the sea and when appropriate. Care must be taken that the treatment room does not become an 'escape-hatch' from the hard grind and daily routine of many and a situation should be produced whereby a player works HARDER to get fit after injury than in his NORMAL training routines. Control over the recovery environment — from onset to completion — is probably the most important single factor in restoring a player to full fitness in the shortest possible time. The player must understand that he must play his full part in this for example if MUST be clearly understood that if 'REST with the injured limb elevated' is prescribed this will NOT be achieved at a dance hall or public barl The objective is a FITEAM of high morale and this is not something which you get from tablets or being in the treatment room all day. Restoration of confidence after injury is of tremendous importance to the professional footballer and situations must be produced in his recovery programme which will prove complete fitness to the player as well as the training/coaching

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on the ball.

4. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

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Injuries — It is not the purpose of this article to go into great detail regarding the pathology of specific injuries or details of treatment, I will, however, make brief comments on two methods of treatment

SOCCER **SURGERY** by John Malam

which are often misun-derstood or abused.

Massage — The value of massage lies in the treatment of chronic injuries, but ment of chronic injuries, but in a good organisation chronic conditions should not exist. It is NEVER used as a 'warm-up' procedure before training or competitive games, nor as a cure for muscle tears or contusions, where its effect can be positively harmful.

Strappings — In injury rest, compressions and elevation is the treatment of



choice, rather than some form of strapping. As a general rule it should be understood that if a player needs a muscle or ligament strapping before he can play then by rights he should not be playing. There is a case, however, for a supportive strapping of the ankle for the first few games, following injury, but it must be remembered that for a strapping to be really effective it will also restrict the natural movement required to even kick the balli

The Malcolm Starkey Column

Major improvements during the close season

What a Jekyll & Hyde start to the season. After a hard fought win over Stockport in a game in which we did not really assert our authority, we went to Stockport and played very well as a team but lost.

We came back to The Meadow last Saturday and again struggled to show our true form, but

won by the odd goal.

After playing and
watching football virtually all my life it still
proves to be as unpredictable as ever. Maybe this is the fascination that draws us back week after week whatever the result.

Swindon, our visitors today, always prove very stern opponents and two points taken from them will be very well earned.

During the close season we had major improvements made to the playing surface, and I must say apart from one or two odd spaces where the drains were laid, it looks in excellent condition. A word of praise to Harold Bowen, praise to Harold Bowen, our Groundsman, for the sterling work he has done on it over the past ten weeks. I feel sure everyone seeing the pitch now would hardly notice any difference from previous years. will remain much drier and we hope that we will see no more matches

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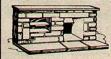
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Relegation at the end of last season was due mainly to their poor home form, gaining only 22 points. Their away form, however, was far superior to many of the Clubs above them, winning five and drawing five.

Last Season's leading goal scorer, Bob Hatten, has left the club for Luton, likewise Mickey Walsh, who made headlines with his £330,000 transfer to Everton. Together these two players scored thirty six of the total 59 goals scored by the Club.

Although there have been departures from Bloomfield Road, there have also been a number of arrivals. The close season saw the return of Derek Spence from Greek Club Olympiakes, David Wagstaffe joined them from Blackburn Rovers and Vic Davidson was signed from Motherwell, where he scored eight goals in his 29 league outings last season, enough to make his the Club's

leading goalscorer.

Mel Holden from Sunderland rejoins his former Manager and twenty two year old Bob Tynan signed from Tranmere.



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progressed in the League Cup, dispensing of Carlisle United 3-2 on aggregate and now face F.A. Cup-holders lpswich at home in the next round.

In the League Blackpool's fortunes have been mixed, winning their game against Oxford 1-0 with a goal by Vic Davidson and going down 5-1 in midweek to Watford, Brian Wilson getting the 'seasiders' consolation

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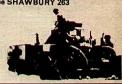
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From the Manager . . .



We welcome Swindon Town to the Gay Meadow for what is by tradition a hard fought encounter.

A special welcome to Chic Bates, who returns with the Robins this afternoon.

Chic, a popular figure at the Meadow for several seasons, now seems to have settled down in the Swindon side.

To lose at Edgley Park in the League Cup

was a disappointment, particularly as we played so well, although Stockport were a far more experienced side.

Our home game against Brentford was certainly a below par performance by the lads, but we achieved our aim and collected both points.

The defence in all our games to date have played extremely well, being matched against some of the finest forwards in the lower divisions, namely Stuart Lee and Les Bradd of Stockport, who could both hold their own in the Second Divi McCulloch and St them scored sixty Fourth Division.

The attendance was very disheal Division Rochdale of the whole Foo

this was our first L and our two presulted in a fine p victory against St One obvious re

are no new faces a

These low gates my quest to strer many, if any, pla looking for are pre in front of crowd

I hope the gate coming months formances will.



Their team includes JOHN McLAUGHLIN, who made his debut for who made his debut for Colchester in season 1971/72, but after winning England Youth honours and 66 League games he moved to Swindon in December 1973. He has made 177 League appearances for the Wiltshire club to the of last season,

mostly at right back. The player who has taken over from long serving John Trollope at left back is ANDY FORD who started his career with Bournemouth, although not reaching their League team. He moved to Southend in and made appearances moving to League before

Swindon at the start of last season.

Last season's penalty taker RAY McHALE who usually plays as the link man in midfield, signed for Swindon in Sep-tember 1976, after seeing service with Chesterfield and Halifax Town where he was top scorer in one ne was top scorer in one season, although a midfield player. Wearing the number five shirt is STEVE AIZLEWOOD, who started his League career with his hometown, Newport County, 1969 and model 191 in 1969, and made 191 appearances for them before joining Swindon in March 1976. KEN STROUD, a Londoner has been with the Club since he was an appearanties and is now appearant to the since he was an appearant to the since he was a prentice and is now one of the longest serving players at the club. Although signed as a professional in 1970 and made his League debut in 1971/72 it was not until 1974/75 that he gained a regular place in

One of the new signings is IAN MILLER who first played League football for Bury making 9 full ap-pearances and a number as substitute, before moving to Nottingham Forest, but did not make the first team until a further move to Don-caster Rovers in August 1975. CHRIS KAMARA made his League debut for Portsmouth in 1975 as one of a number of young players given a first team chance by that club due to financial problems. Those problems forced Ports-mouth to sell Chris to Swindon just before last season after 56 League games and he has since played 40 more for Swindon.

Signing for Swindon in December 1977, ROY CARTER made 18 League appearances for the Robins by the end of last season. He signed from Hereford United and was a member of



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lan Atkins in action during the League Cup game against Stockport County at the Gay Meadow. Town won 1-0.

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54/55	7-0	1-2
55/56	1-1	1-2
56/57	7-3	2-1
57/58	1-3	0-1
59/60	3-0	2-4
60/61	1-1	2-2
61/62	1-3	2-1
62/63	1-2	0-1
65/66	1-1	0-0
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67/68	1-1	0-0
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their team that won promotion to the Second Division in 1975/76. CHIC BATES needs no introduction, making 160 appearances for Town, before signing for Swindon in January 1978, making a further eleven league appearances.

The Club's other close season signing is BRIAN WILLIAMS who played 148 games for Bury until present Swindon

manager Bobby Smith sold him to Q.P.R. at the end of the 1977 season. He made 22 First Division appearances for Q.P.R. last season, before moving to

Swindon last June.

A young player,
RUSSELL LEWIS made
six League appearances
to the end of last season
in a central defensive
role, after signing from
Welsh League football in
the early part of the
1976/77 season.

Solution to last week's Crossword

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1 See 2dn. 3 solo. 6 Amancio. 7 Ron. 8 Marsh. 10 Wyn. 11 Chelsea (1971). 12 & 13 Alan Biley.

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season to five.

A good win at Exeter was followed by defeat at Crystal Palace — but it was a defeat without disgrace, by the odd goal in five, with a spirited second half rally that might well have brought victory. good goal for the Town two minutes after the change over and it was Johnson who scored Town's second goal in the 69th minute. Gallanth, though they strove, Shrewsbury failed to get the equaliser. Both Jackson and Johnson were injured in the closing stages and the Shrewsbury goal was saved on several occasions through very good work by McBride.

August 29th 1953

Exeter 0, Shrewsbury Town 1

Alec McCue, Shrewsbury Town's new outside-left, playing his first game of the Season at Exter, was presented by a gift goal by City Centre-half Godderd who failed to intercept a long clearance from Bannister and McCue cleverly by-passed the right back Walton and put the ball past Kelly to score what proved to be the winning goal of the match.

Shrewsbury were the dominating side in the first half until the last ten minutes, when Exeter's pressure gave the visitors a rather anxious time.

In the second half Exeter put on terrific pressure and there is no doubt that they missed chances.

Towards the close Shrewsbury again got on top and it was a sound partnership between Fisher and Jackson on the right which gave Exeter most trouble.



INSIDE MEN **HURT IN** PALACE GAME

September 2nd 1953

Crystal Palace 3, **Shrewsbury Town 2**

Shrewsbury Town failed to repeat their last season? performance against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park, but they made a grand rally in the second half after being two goals down.

half after being two goals down.
Shrewsbury suffered a blow in the first minute when Foulds took a free kick and Randall headed a goal.
In the 18th minute, the Palace went further ahead. Randall scoring again. Following further pressure by the Palace, Thomas got their third goal in the 22nd minute.

their tillia goal in the same minute. Shrewsbury's play after the interval kept Palace supporters on tenter-hooks. Johnson scored a

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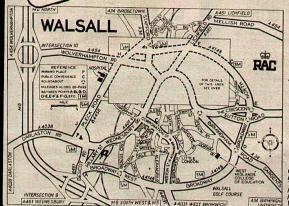
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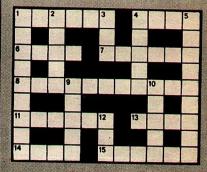
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- 1 Top scorer for Barnsley for the last two seasons (6)
 4 McMordie or McManus (4)
 6 Scores (4)
 7 Where Jack Rowley and Gordon Hurst each did two turns as manager (6)
 8 Former Bristol Rowers and Plymouth Argyle forward who is now a test match umpire (6,5)
 11 Ex-Chelses, Southampton and England striker now with Philadelphia Fury (6)
 13 Brighton forward in the PFA's 1978 Division Two team selection (4)
 14 Dundee are domiciled at...Park (4)
 15 He scored over 100 goals shared between Spurs, Millwall, Palace and Orient (6)

- Jan . . . (Rods JC & Holland) (9)
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- 9 3). Hall is the home of Southend United (5) 10 Old Liverpool and Scotland stopper (5) 12 Long-range shots often catch keepers out when they do this (3)

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