



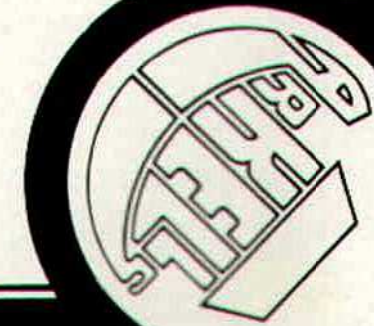
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## Talk of the Town by the Chairman

What a surprise to find ourselves playing at home in a Cup Tie after so many games played on opponents grounds and even if we win tonight's replay we shall have to travel again in the next round to Brighton. Not that we can complain about the past results but we feel that it would be nice for our supporters to be able to enjoy these games without the effort and expense in having to travel.

We are planning to hold another forum at the club in the very near future because we did say at our last get together that we would do this when the Manager had had time to settle into his new surroundings. So much has happened since the beginning of the season that I am sure another meeting at this present time would be justified.

I am sure that the inner workings of a football club must interest and perhaps mystify many of our supporters and I am sure also that there are many people who feel that given the chance they could do better in management than we in charge and of course they could be right. I can only say that we do what we consider best for the Club with the view that there is only one goal to reach and that is to gain promotion to the first division. One of the great differences between success in the lower divisions and success in the top is the finances required to sustain success and in fact of course to even reach the top.

One of the Manager's problems is to induce a player from the top divisions to join us when we are only in the third and obviously a player will not move to a lower division for less remuneration hence the variation in wages during the period that a team is building for success. This money problem is of course a problem for the Board and it all revolves around how ambitious the Board is, how successful that team is and last, but by no means least, how good the administrative staff is in organising the activities of the Club. Much has been written about Clubs that are practically insolvent when it come to balancing the budget between gate receipts and expenditure

but all Clubs survive through other outside activities such as lotteries, supporters clubs etc., and in fact the development of lotteries has given clubs a new lease of life and we at Swindon have and are seeing the benefits of this source of income and I hope it will continue successfully for a long time to come because I really feel that with this financial help we shall be able to progress to the success which I know we all want.

Since Bob Smith has taken over the management of the team many changes have taken place and I am sure will take place until he is satisfied that he has the necessary strengths to obtain his target. The buying and selling of players and the selection of teams has always been a subject in the football world that few people agree upon and of course the Manager is the one person to make the decisions because he is the ultimate one to carry the 'can'. The building of a successful side obviously takes time and success can only come to a few each year. We have tasted success in the past but during those times we had the support of many more thousands than we are getting today and if we are to reach the heights again and progress even further then it will be essential for us to again attract the support that at the moment is missing.

Our success so far in the League Cup has been made difficult for Bob Smith because during his team building he has found the problem of cup tied players in his recent signings and team changes have been forced upon him although everyone will agree that the changes he had to make did not detract from the team's performance. The performances from John Trollope, called back into the squad, will have delighted our supporters I know and again complicates the Manager's problem when it come to carrying out his other activities such as youth and reserve programmes.

Talking of playing matches away I think to date of the eight matches played by the reserve team five have been played away from home.

I hope that tonight's game will be exciting and will help to bring back our lost support.

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# Bits and Pieces

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Ten years ago this week Swindon were preparing for a League Cup Fourth Round visit to Highfield Road, Coventry. The Town warmed up for the tie with two away League trips - to neighbours Reading and to Brighton, who receive tonight's victors for the next round. Maximum points were brought back to Swindon with a 1-0 victory at Elm Park on Wednesday October 9th and a 3-1 win at the Goldstone Ground on the following Saturday. This was Swindon's last success at Hove which is not a happy hunting ground for the Town - just six wins there in forty League attempts. In two visits for F.A. Cup ties Swindon also came away empty-handed. The first marked the Town's debut in the Competition Proper and was played on January 13th 1906 - Albion winning by a comfortable 3-0 margin. Exactly twenty-eight years later to the day, 13,650 saw the home side again register three goals but this time Tom Helsby recorded a consolation effort for the Town.

..... And exactly five years ago today, the Town were engaged in a Third Round League Cup tie at Chesterfield. Swindon had gone seven games without a win in the League and were steadily sliding towards a relegation place. A 1-0 defeat merely added to the gloomy outlook at the County Ground. But that goal marked the first of nine that season for the man who leads the Town out tonight - Ray McHale.

Peterborough's furthest progress in the League Cup was made in the 1965-66 season when United lost at the semi-final stage to the ultimate winners that year, West Bromwich Albion. After receiving a First Round bye, the Posh chalked up a fine 4-3 away victory over First Division Newcastle United. This was followed by a home win over Second Division Charlton Athletic by an identical

score and a 4-1 victory at Millwall, who had not lost a home League game in just over two years. The Fifth Round draw gave the high-riding First Division outfit Burnley a trip to Peterborough's London Road ground and United demolished the Clarets 4-0. Then came the first leg of that semi-final and Albion were held to a one goal advantage at the Hawthorns, but in the second leg Peterborough - watched by a 18,288 crowd - went down 4-2. Tony Brown, who recently equalled the Albion scoring record, hit a hat-trick whilst Ollie Conmy and Frank Rankmore replied for United.

Mr. Raymond Hopkins of 25 Chatsworth Crescent, Galloway Lane, Pudsey, West Yorkshire writes to us that, as a supporter of Bradford City the only programme missing from his last seasons collection is the one for the game at Swindon in October 1977. If anyone can assist Mr. Hopkins will give 10 different programmes of your choice or Cash. Please write to Mr. Hopkins if you have such a programme you are prepared to part with.

The full draw for the Fourth Round of the Football League Cup is as follows:

Aston Villa or Crystal Palace v. Luton  
Town  
Brighton and Hove Albion v. Peter-  
borough United or SWINDON TOWN  
Charlton Athletic v. Stoke City  
Everton v. Nottingham Forest  
Exeter City v. Watford  
Norwich City v. Blackpool or Manchester  
City  
Queens Park Rangers v. Sheffield United  
or Leeds United  
Rotherham United or Reading v.  
Southampton

Matches to be played by November 8th.

# From the **COMMERCIAL OFFICE**

Anyone who saw the game at Peterborough will I am sure enjoyed the fighting performance our injury hit team put up. A similar attitude tonight and we could look forward to a trip to Brighton. However Peterborough will be tough nuts to crack and I am sure they have their own ideas.

We need four attractive young ladies with personality to help sell half time Jackpot Tickets. If you think you fit this description ring SWINDON 31510 or 42984. Commission is paid on every ticket.

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## **Half Time Jackpot v Sheffield Wednesday**

1st	05170	Claimed
2nd	05123	Claimed
3rd	05407	Claimed

## **Half Time Jackpot v Blackpool**

1st	04411	Claimed
2nd	04701	Claimed
3rd	03698	Claimed

Full lists of winners can be inspected at The Pools Office on request.

Doug Buswell  
Commercial Manager.

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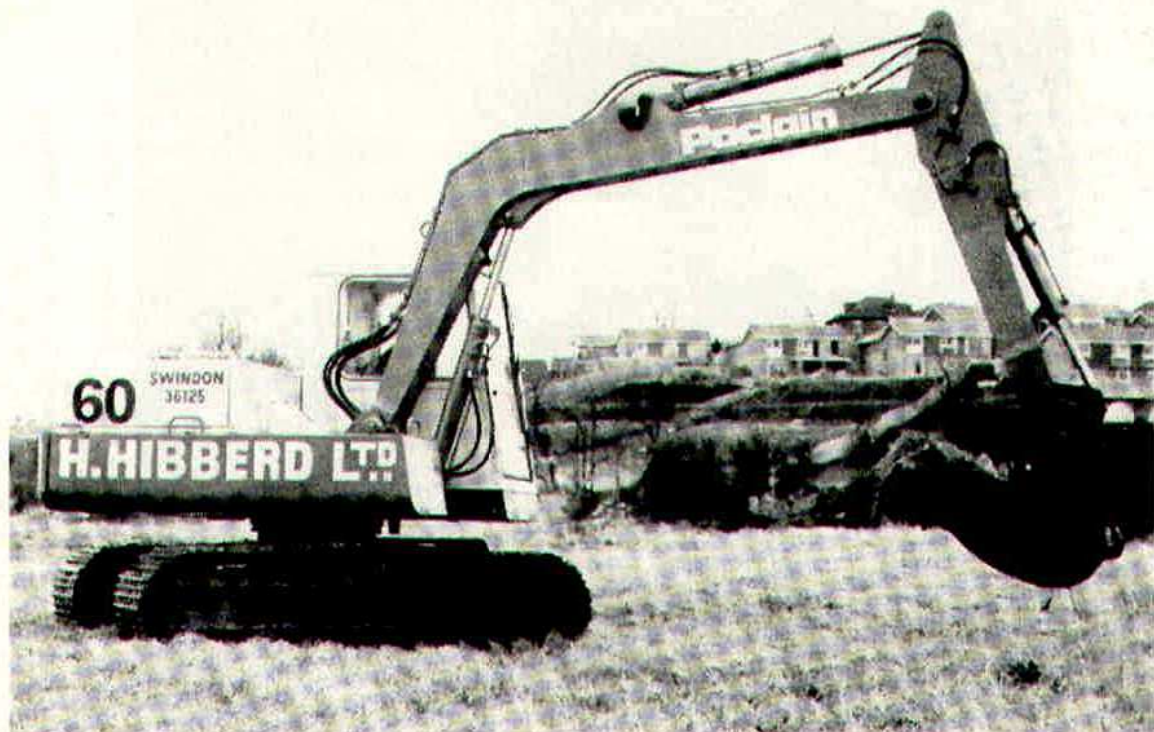
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 Stephen Sinclair, 8 Meadow Road, Stonehouse, Glos.  
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 Kevin Smith, 47 Wibilington Way, Devizes  
 Michael Daly, 7 Willow View Close, Malmesbury  
 Cyril Mulling, 28 Roseland Ave, Devizes  
 Glyn Bennett, 57 Chelworth Road, Cricklade  
 Timothy Brooks, 83  
 Rodney Little, 39 West View Crescent, Devizes  
 Troy O'Rourke, 25 Fennis Road, Devizes  
 Tracey Marshall, 32 West View Crescent, Devizes  
 Helen Leach, 34 Longcroft Ave., Devizes  
 Leslie Saunders, 112 Ladymead, Culverhay, Cricklade.  
 Andrew Allen, 10 Pike House Corner, Cricklade  
 Paul Hickey, 325 Queens Drive, Swindon  
 Graham Ash, 23 Windmill Piece, Chiseldon  
 Matthew Underwood, 3 West View Crescent, Devizes  
 Kevin Whitbread, 31 Fennis Road, Devizes  
 Stephen Robert Drewett, 30 Elborough Rd., Swindon  
 Michael John Dunlop, 7 Hanbury Rd., Park South  
 Mark Bates, 68 Bowleymead, Eldene  
 James Harnbridge, 10 Anderson Close, Swindon  
 John Philip Whyte, 1 Shelley Street, Swindon  
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# IN TOWN TONIGHT



## **PETERBOROUGH UNITED**

(Picture: Peterborough  
Evening Telegraph)

Back Row (L to R): Peter Hindley, Keith Oakes, Barry Butlin, Jim Barron, Keith Waugh,  
Bill Green, Bob Doyle, Alan Slough;  
Centre Row  
Rodney Leadbeater, Philip Chard, Steven Collins, John Winters,  
Dennis Byatt, Trevor Quow, Tony Cliss, Mick Gynn;  
Front Row:  
Lammie Robertson, Billy McEwan, Archie Styles, Trevor Anderson,  
Ian Ross, Gary Sargent, Jack Carmichael, Tommy Robson.



# IN TOWN TONIGHT

Peterborough United have achieved some outstanding Cup successes in their time and they added to their list of giant-killing achievements when they beat First Division Middlesbrough in the last round of the League Cup.

The Posh drew 0-0 at Ayresome Park and then won the replay 1-0 thanks to a goal by Tommy Robson. But they had their work cut out to earn tonight's replay when we held them to a 1-1 draw at London Road last week.

Peterborough's equalling goal against us was scored by left-back Archie Styles - his first since joining the club from Birmingham this summer. Styles was one of two close-season signings made by manager John Barnwell. The other was centre-back Bill Green, a £70,000 arrival from West Ham.

Styles began his career with Everton and made 20 or so First Division appearances for the Toffees. He moved to Birmingham in 1974 as part of the deal which took Bob Latchford to Goodison Park.

Green made his name with Hartlepool and was transferred to Carlisle for £15,000 in 1973. He played in the Cumbrians' Second Division side for three years until West Ham signed him for £75,000.

Styles and Green usually appear in a back four of Peter Hindley, Green, Ian Ross and Styles.

Hindley spent many years in the First Division, making almost 400 League appearances for Nottingham Forest and Coventry before joining Peterborough on a free transfer two seasons ago. He is a former England under-23 international. Ross is also a First Division performer of note, having began his career with Liverpool. Villa paid £70,000 for him and he joined Peterborough as player-coach in 1977 after serving them for a while on loan the previous season.

Keith Waugh has regained the goalkeeping spot from Jim Barron. Waugh served his

# WE HOLD THE PETERBOROUGH GIANT-KILLERS By Tony Pullein

apprenticeship at Sunderland and joined Peterborough in 1976.

Midfield players include former Swindon man Trevor Anderson plus Alan Slough, Bob Doyle, Willie McEwan and Jack Carmichael.

Anderson is a regular member of the Northern Ireland international team and he now has 18 caps to his name. He was first spotted playing for Portadown and Manchester United signed him for £20,000 in 1972. He made just over a dozen First Division appearances for United before moving on to us for £25,000 in 1974.

Slough is one of the most versatile players in the game and he has even played in goal in a League game! Alan began with Luton but, when they were hit by their financial whirlwind, they were forced to sell him to Fulham for £35,000 in 1973. Peterborough signed him from Fulham for £20,000 in 1977. Doyle joined the Posh from Barnsley for £20,000 last season while McEwan is yet another of last season's new arrivals. Willie served Hibernian for many years before transferring to Blackpool in 1973. He moved on to Brighton a few months later and another move took him to Chesterfield in 1974. Last season he signed for Mansfield where he remained until his latest transfer.

Carmichael began his career with Arsenal though he did not get into their League eleven. He spent a period on loan at Hull but it wasn't until after his transfer to Peterborough in 1970 that he made his League debut. For Posh he has played both in defence and midfield.

Peterborough's two chief strikers are Barry Butlin and Tommy Robson. Butlin arrived from Nottingham Forest for £25,000 last season.

Robson also has a wealth of experience behind him. He began his League days with Northampton in 1961/62 and he helped the Cobblers rise from the Third to the First Division.

# DIVISION 3 - 1978-79

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score	Scorers	Attendance
Aug. 12	Portsmouth FLC1	A	F A		
15	Portsmouth FLC1	H	0 - 0		9261
19	Bury	H	4 - 2	Aizlewood, Williams, Miller, Guthrie	7165
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	2 - 1	Bates, Miller	5428
26	Shrewsbury Town	A	1 - 1	Carter	2150
30	West Ham FLC2	A	0 - 0	-	2672
Sep. 2	Mansfield Town	H	2 - 1	Miller, Guthrie	19672
9	Walsall	A	1 - 0	Bates	6195
12	Brentford	H	1 - 4	Williams	5024
16	Plymouth Argyle	A	2 - 0	McHale, Bates	6685
23	Blackpool	H	0 - 2		6099
27	Chester	A	0 - 2		3311
30	Sheffield Wednesday	H	3 - 0	Bates, Rowland, Gilchrist	5857
Oct 3	Peterborough FLC3	A	1 - 1	Aizlewood	6132
6	Colchester United	A	2 - 3	Bates, Gilchrist	3324
10	Peterborough FLC3R	H			
14	Rotherham United	H			
17	Peterborough United	H			
21	Lincoln City	A			
28	Carlisle United	A			
Nov 4	Southend United	H			
8	League Cup 4				
11	Mansfield Town	A			
18	Shrewsbury Town	H			
25	F.A. Cup 1				
Dec. 2	Chesterfield	A			
9	Hull City	H			
13	League Cup 5				
16	F.A. Cup 2				
23	Exeter City	H			
26	Swansea City	A			
30	Watford	A			
1979					
Jan. 1	Oxford United	H			
6	Brentford (3)	A			
13	Walsall	H			
17	League Cup SF				
20	Plymouth Argyle	H			
24	League Cup SF				
27	Blackpool (4)	A			
Feb. 3	Chester	H			
10	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
17	Colchester United (5)	H			
24	Rotherham United	A			
Mar. 3	Lincoln City	H			
10	Carlisle United (6)	H			
16	Southend United(LCF)	A			
24	Tranmere Rovers	H			
27	Bury	A			
31	Gillingham (SF)	A			
Apr. 7	Chesterfield	H			
11	Exeter City	A			
14	Swansea City	H			
16	Oxford United	A			
21	Watford	H			
24	Peterborough Untd.	A			
28	Hull City	A			
May 5	Gillingham	H			
10	12 F.A. Cup Final				

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(TOTALS INCLUDE APPEARANCES AS SUB)

Goals in parentheses	Lge.	FLC	FAC	TOTAL
KEVIN ROBERTS		1		1
JOHN McLAUGHLIN	8	3		11
ANDY FORD	11	4		15
RAY McHALE	11(1)	4		15(1)
STEVE AIZLEWOOD	10	4(2)		14(2)
KENNY STROUD	11	4		15
IAN MILLER	9(1)	3(2)		12(3)
CHRIS KAMARA	9	4		13
CHIC BATES	11(5)	4		15(5)
BRIAN WILLIAMS	8(1)	3(1)		11(2)
ROY CARTER	11(1)	3		14(1)
CHRIS OGDEN	11	3		14
RUSSELL LEWIS	4	1		5
PAUL GILCHRIST	3(2)			3(2)
ANDY ROWLAND	4(1)			4(1)
JOHN TROLLOPE	3	1		4
DAVE CUNNINGHAM	1	1		2

Also appeared: Chris Guthrie (transferred to Fulham) - 9 apps. 2 goals.

# Football Combination

DATE	OPPONENTS	F	A	APPEARANCES & SCORERS	
1978					
Aug. 19	Ipswich Town	A	0 - 4		
22	Fulham	H	0 - 0	Appearances & Scorers	
26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1 - 3		
Sept. 2	Plymouth Argyle	A	0 - 2	Allan	7
9	Leicester City	H	0 - 1	Hatter	3
16	Birmingham City	A	1 - 1	Trollope	7
26	Bristol Rovers	A	0 - 0	Hughes	4
7	Hereford United	A		Henry	5
14	Norwich City	A		Collicutt	7
21	Oxford United	H		Abbley	7
24	Luton Town	A		Gilligan	4
28	Chelsea	H		Page	7
Nov. 4	Orient	A		Barry	7
11	Ipswich Town	H		Cox	2
18	Tottenham Hotspur	A		Wood	2
21	Plymouth Argyle	H		Lewis	5
25	Queens Park Rangers	A		Norman	5
Dec. 2	Crystal Palace	H		Prophett	2
9	Bristol City	A		Gilchrist	3
12	Southampton	H		Cunningham	3
16	West Ham United	H		Brown	1
20	Cardiff City	A		Walters	1
30	Arsenal	H		Hehir	1

## THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of results to Tuesday, 3rd October 1978 (Not incl)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	10	9	1	0	37	14	19
Southampton	9	6	2	1	16	7	14
Norwich City	8	6	1	1	21	6	13
West Ham United	8	5	2	1	16	7	12
Chelsea	7	4	2	1	14	7	10
Queens Park Rangers	7	4	2	1	14	11	10
Bristol City	8	3	3	2	14	10	9
Bristol Rovers	7	3	3	1	9	6	9
Ipswich Town	7	3	2	2	15	10	8
Arsenal	8	2	4	2	16	14	8
Fulham	9	3	2	4	15	15	8
Luton Town	7	4	0	3	12	14	8
Oxford United	9	3	2	4	14	16	8
Birmingham City	8	2	3	3	7	9	7
Plymouth Argyle	10	3	1	6	10	16	7
Leicester City	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
Crystal Palace	8	2	1	5	12	17	5
Reading	6	0	3	3	7	13	3
Swindon Town	7	0	3	4	2	11	3
Hereford United	8	0	3	5	8	22	3
Orient	8	0	3	5	4	23	3
Cardiff City	7	0	1	6	5	16	1

## MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE w/e 30.9.1978

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	4	3	0	1	12	4
Leicester	4	2	1	1	9	4
Coventry City	3	1	2	0	7	5
W.B.A.	3	2	0	1	7	6
Derby County	3	2	0	1	7	7
Birmingham	4	2	0	2	7	7
Luton Town	3	1	1	1	7	5
Northampton	3	0	2	1	2	4
Bristol City	4	0	2	2	4	8
Swindon Town	3	0	0	3	1	13

# ACTION REPLAY



Swindon's recent signing Paul Gilchrist (left) gets up high to head goalwards against Sheff. Wed. at the County Ground.



Andy Rowland, Swindon's new forward, is halted by two Sheff. Wed. players during his run at goal during the County Ground League match.

# NATION WIDE

By Tony Pullein

The Scottish F.A., looking for a lucky omen since their World Cup disaster in Argentina, were hoping it would be a case of third time lucky with Jock Stein. Twice in the past they had offered the Scottish team-managership to Mr Stein, when he was Celtic's manager, but each time he turned them down. Last week he reflected upon the ironies of life when he was offered the post a third time. "Life can be very difficult," he shrugged, "Here am I with a wonderful job at Leeds, surrounded by so many excellent people, and then I have to face this choice. "Wouldn't it have been nice to have faced a similar situation much earlier in life when times were hard?"

This time it was expected that the decision would largely rest with Mrs Stein. "It's a fact that she doesn't like the idea of giving up our Glasgow home and that could decide it," said Mr Stein.

Leeds had done everything in their power to keep their manager. They had suggested that Mrs Stein should continue to live in Glasgow for six months and that, during that time, they would find a suitable home for her in Yorkshire. They also offered to release Mr Stein to manage Scotland part-time while still remaining with Leeds.

Mr Stein himself turned down that one. "It wouldn't be fair to either Scotland or Leeds," he cried. "A club like Leeds needs someone around all the time. I couldn't have gone off on international scouting missions and felt easy at leaving the club. Neither could I have done justice to Scotland on a part-time basis." Former Liverpool defender Tommy Smith was again the centre of controversy last week after a tough tackle on Stan Bowles close to the end of Swansea's League Cup tie at Q.P.R. Bowles was assisted off the field and made doubtful for last Saturday's game following a bruising tackle from Smith.

"I can't really say that it was an intentional kick," he conceded. Neither did the referee think it worthy of a free-kick. But Q.P.R. manager Steve Burtenshaw considered it "a bit

heavy". He also praised Bowles' restraint. "He has had a lot of these tackles on him this season but he hasn't even got up in anger, let alone complained to the referee."

Swansea, who had beaten Spurs at White Hart Lane in the previous round, were well beaten by Rangers and once again it proved a frustrating trip to London for the Swans' Robbie James. "I don't like London at all," he smiled. "I was given what some people might consider the chance of a lifetime when Swansea loaned me to Arsenal for a month with the possibility of a full transfer to follow.

"But I stayed only two days and then caught the train home to Swansea!"

It wasn't that James was ungrateful to the people who had given him the chance to become a First Division star. "I just feel that personal happiness should always come first," he said. "I know I could never live in London and therefore could never give my best to a London club. If I am ever to play in the First Division it will have to be with Swansea." Bob Latchford, who equalled the League Cup individual match total with five goals against Wimbledon in the previous round, didn't hit target against another Fourth Division side Darlington last week. Latchford had been hoping to add to his tally and go for the competition's best total for a season. Eleven goals is the target he has to beat but he didn't find Darlington in accommodating mood and it was left to Martin Dobson to score the only goal of the game.

As forecast in this column recently the F.A. has gone ahead with its plan to ban England fans from away matches by refusing to accept any allocation for this month's European Championship tie against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. It is easy to sympathise with their reasons for doing this, in view of the ugly behaviour of a few fans in Luxembourg and Copenhagen and their endeavour to improve the image of English football abroad.

But the ban brought justified indignation from many groups of responsible fans who have travelled two continents in support of England. Surely it would not be too difficult to maintain a register of well-behaved fans who should always be permitted to spend their hard-earned money on following England if they so desire?

One popular F.A. move, however, was the decision to try and fill the void by the loss of amateur internationals when all footballers were re-classified simply "players" a couple of years ago. Lancaster Gate officials have been negotiating with several other countries to introduce a form of "Non-League" international matches.

Players would be selected from competitions like the Isthmian League and it is hoped to stage an eight-nation tournament at this level in the near future.

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Another sort of international football tournament was mooted last week at a meeting of the European Federation of Football Supporters' Associations held in Amsterdam. Eventually it is hoped that a sort of European championship of supporters' international teams can be staged. Last season the first-ever supporters' international was staged when West Germany met Holland.

Supporters' football in this country has not yet been organised at this level though, of course, many supporters' clubs have their own football teams.

To cater for these the EFFSA is, in the mean time, hoping to organise a European Cup for individual supporters' clubs. It is suggested that each country should hold a national competition with, perhaps, the last two or four from each country travelling to a final tournament to be held alternately in member countries of EFFSA.

Another subject discussed at the EFFSA meeting was the bad behaviour of English fans travelling abroad --- and steps to stop them travelling. The English delegation was at pains to point out that the evil ones are in the vast minority but, as countries as far away as Finland pointed out, the only news they ever read of English fans is when they riot. Then they

are splashed over the front pages of every newspaper in Europe.

Sadly, newspapers have got their priorities hopelessly wrong. But what can we do about that?

The only way is to make noises like the F.A. have done, and slapped a ban on travelling fans. But it is always the good fans who suffer. And this does not seem right.

It's a question of gradually wearing away the rotten stone. Football Magazine took one praiseworthy step by introducing its Super Fan Trophy. At the moment this is confined to First and Second Division clubs with home clubs voting on the sportsmanship and good behaviour of all visiting supporters.

At the end of the season each club's average vote is worked out and this year the winners were Norwich City. The handsome trophy was presented to representatives of Norwich Supporters' Association before the kick-off of last Saturday's home game against Liverpool.

Last year's winners were Sunderland with Norwich runners-up. No doubt the rest of the country will note Norwich's record of good behaviour and in some way make it know that Norwich fans will always be welcome visitors.



A determined Chic Bates slides in to rob a Sheff. Wed. defender of the ball to mount a Town attack at the County Ground.



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5. R. Lewis
6. K. Stroud
7. I. Miller
8. R. Carter
9. C. Kamara
10. T. Bates
11. B. Williams

at 7.30 pm



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8. B. McEwan
9. B. Butlin
10. T. Anderson
11. T. Robson
12. T. Quow

Linesmen: Red Flag: MR. K.R. BELL, Southampton. Yellow Flag: MR. K.S. BISSIX, Bristol.

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