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## Bob Smith says.....

Since my last notes we have experienced a very mixed bag in as much as we have managed to play two matches and had two postponed because of bad weather, but if I can reflect upon the two matches played at Swansea and Watford, these games have now renewed everyone's belief that we are going to have a very successful season and I will intentionally not say more than that because we still have many matches to play and we at the Club concentrate on taking every game as it comes and making that match our most important fixture. If we reflect upon the twenty one matches played, from which we have gained twenty six points, I can look at the poor performances included in those matches and say to you we should have attained more points. Having said that the players are now playing with the necessary character and skill to

increase that tally in the second part of the season. I feel now, and I am not one to make any outlandish statements, that we are one of the top four sides in this Division.

On a lighter note we are entertaining those supporters who have sponsored the players with their kit and ball donors of this season and on this evening the sponsors will have a chat in the Rendezvous Club with the players. This event will take place on Monday, 22nd January.

We had our own Christmas party on New Years Day evening and it was one of the most enjoyable nights I have ever had and I am sure that everyone present felt the same way. I hope that we have a repeat celebration at the end of the season.



◀ Phil Dwyer

John Buchanan ▶



# Bits and Pieces

Boxing Day was not only a successful day for the Town's current marksmen - a glance at the other results revealed that no less than four former Swindon men also found the target.

In the local derby at Chesterfield COLIN PROPHETT, who skippered the Town last season, earned his side a point in the 3-3 draw with Sheffield Wednesday.

In another derby battle, further north in Lancashire, PETER NOBLE scored the winner for Burnley against struggling Blackburn Rovers. Meanwhile Luton Town recorded only their second away win of the season when DAVE MOSS notched both goals in a 2-0 win at Millwall. CHRIS GUTHRIE went one better with a second-half hat-trick for Fulham in a 5-1 victory over Cambridge United.

The Town last met Cardiff at this stage in the F.A. Cup twenty-seven years ago this month. But City came out of the hat first on that occasion and so the tie took place at Ninian Park. Swindon trailed by a WILF GRANT goal at the interval but MAURICE OWEN equalised to force a replay here at the County Ground on Wednesday January 16 1952. After ninety minutes play neither side had managed to break the deadlock, but in extra-time that man OWEN struck again to put the Town in the Fourth Round and a home draw against Stoke City.

MAURICE OWEN



PETER NOBLE



# EXCITEMENT IN STORE FOR 1979

So the time has come to get out our crystal balls and to try and envisage how the football world will change in the New Year and, perhaps, how we can influence those changes.

Football is an over-changing world, of course. Who would ever have imagined that Chelsea would go into 1979 with Danny Blanchflower as their manager? Danny had often publicly stated that, under no circumstances would he accept the position of manager with any club other than Tottenham. But here he is with the toughest job in football charged with the task not only of keeping Chelsea in the First Division but also of keeping that fine old club in being.

The two things go hand in hand of course for, if Chelsea do go down, it could place them in even more serious financial straits.

One thing is absolutely certain. The coming year will see an increasing number of foreign players coming into our game and we shall almost certainly see at least one more coloured player --- Cyrille Regis of W.B.A. --- playing for England.

Clubs who have so far imported players have met with varying degrees of success and failure. While Spurs, inspired by the wonderful skills of Osvaldo Ardiles, have shot up the First Division table, Sheffield United --- who possess another highly skilful Argentinian in Sabella --- are struggling for their Second Division lives.

With Yugoslav Ivan Golac in their defence, Southampton have progressed to the semi-finals of the League Cup but Spurs' other Argentinian, Ricardo Villa, has spent most of the season sat on the substitute's bench and was once dropped into the reserves.

As far as Swindon are concerned the future must look far brighter now than it did at the beginning of the season. In fact, at the moment we are in a stronger position than we were at the same time last year and, with reasonable good fortune, it seems we may be enjoying Second Division football at the County Ground next season.

At international level, the England team has certainly been providing a far higher level of entertainment and, under Ron Greenwood's careful guidance, will continue to do so in '79. Whether or not Mr Greenwood has the players available to put England back at the top of the

international tree seems doubtful at the moment. Some of the points we have collected in the European Championship so far --- particularly in the 4-3 win in Denmark and the 1-1 draw in Dublin --- came our way rather fortuitously.

It seems, now, that England will probably be good enough to top the qualifying group. But have we sufficient players of quality to take us through the later stages of the competition. That's one of the questions that has to be answered in 1979.

There's little doubt that, at club level, England is still the best country in the world. England possesses about six clubs good enough to win European competitions on current form, plus several other quality teams.

Nottingham Forest, given freedom from injuries, have the ability to win the European Champions' Cup though they could still, as so many other fine club sides before them, find lack of European experience a handicap in the later stages of the competition. It is rare for any club to do well in their first attempt at winning Europe's number one tournament.

We still have Manchester City and West Bromwich left in the UEFA Cup while Ipswich Town survive in the Cup-Winners' Cup. We would well have a potential winner in W.B.A. Manchester City's recent form in the League suggests they will soon meet their match in Europe. Ipswich, taking part in the east of the three tournaments, could forge their way on to the final if they produce the sort of performance that saw them crush Bolton 3-0 recently.

It is in European club competitions, and at international level, that we must compare our game with our rivals abroad and I think 1979 will see England move further towards the top again.

But where are the honours going back home? We all have our private fancies, of course. I believe Everton will win the Championship, Southampton will win the League Cup and Arsenal will take the F.A. Cup back to Highbury.

Whether or not our own particular hopes materialise, 1979 promises us all a year of exciting and entertaining football.

From Tony Pullein

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# Talk of the Town by the Chairman

On behalf of the Swindon Town Board of Directors, may I wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

New Year is usually a time of good resolutions, which are easy to make and equally easy to break, but we are determined to keep our New Year resolutions to do everything in our power to help bring a higher division of football to Swindon. By this I mean that our Board of Directors will give every encouragement and backing to our Manager that he deems necessary.

I have to apologise for my mistake in the Enfield programme, when I said that the Compton Brothers had originated from Enfield Football Club, when in fact I have now been told that it was from Hendon Football Club. The fact that Enfield was at one time acting as a Nursery Club to the Arsenal might have misled my informant.

Congratulations to our Swindon Schoolboy team who have now reached the last sixteen in the competition and they have been drawn at home to Slough Town and I understand that if they are successful against Slough they will be rewarded with another home draw in the next round. In this competition they seem to draw the home and always well in advance. To win against Barking schoolboys in London was an excellent performance and I have been told that it was a great team performance. It is very rewarding for the school teachers who spend so much of their free time in organising school football. We hope that perhaps one or more of these boys may one day play for us and I am sure that John Trollope will be watching their progress with his in mind. Already John has Paul Rideout signed on schoolboy forms.

It is not many years ago that footballers played matches on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and sometimes this could mean three games in four days when Christmas Day fell on a Monday and of course travel was more difficult then that it is today with motorways, and in those days one would often get a home and away fixture with

the same club and if there had been any friction on the first game, it often carried over to the return match. Very often this caused freak results with big scores being often prominent.

The Christmas period usually brought large crowds to most games, but times have changed and apart from the successful clubs, the support has been disappointing. We hope that our cup fixture with Cardiff will bring back a few more of our supporters and we know that Cardiff will bring along their contingent of support.

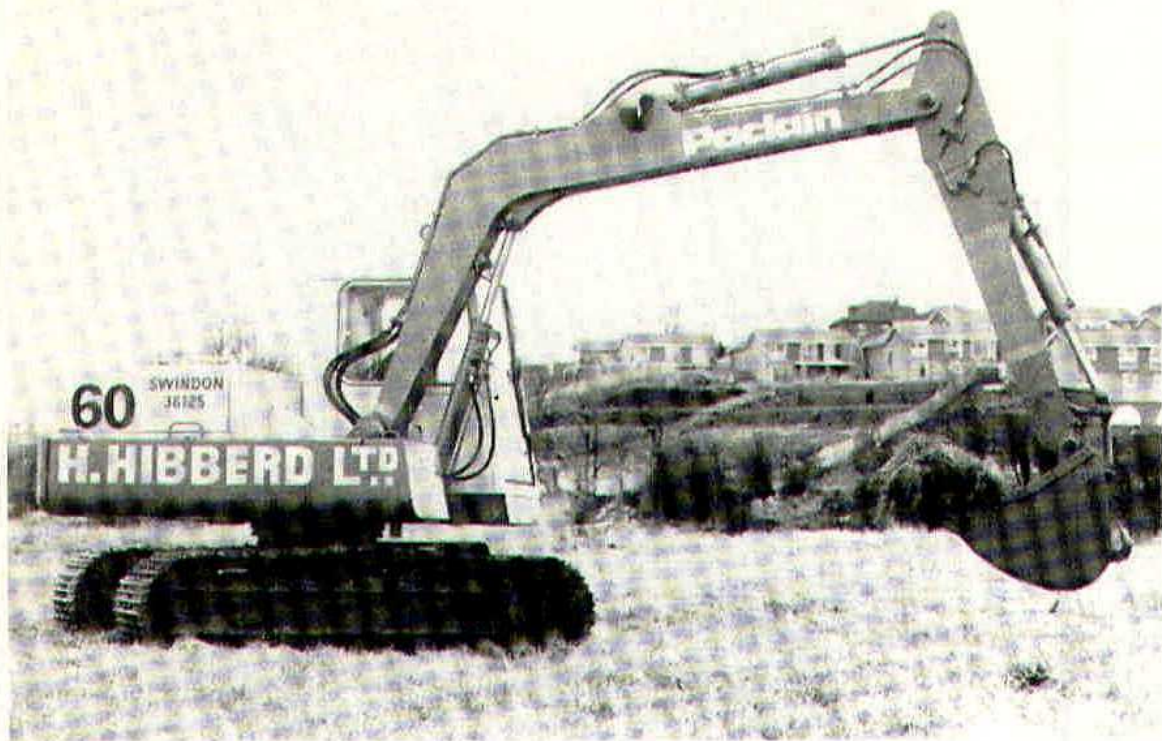
On New Years Day the players and their wives held their Christmas Party in the Rendezvous Club, joined by the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Club and their wives and husbands. That was the first opportunity that the players had had time to really relax.

Our Christmas programme was curtailed through the weather with our two home fixtures against Exeter and Oxford having to be postponed and fixed on a midweek night game.

Having beaten Swansea on the Vetch Field, we were disappointed to lose at Watford after dominating the game for long periods and as several impartial onlookers from other clubs remarked, we looked the more skillful side on the day, but in the long run, one has to score goals, which we did not, but it is very encouraging to see our lads playing so well these days.

On behalf of all at the Club I wish to thank everyone who volunteered and turned up to clear the snow from the ground and the terraces on Monday, but although their efforts were in vain as regards Mondays game, it was not wasted labour and has gone a long way to enable todays game to be played. Our own staff also helped and it was an unusual sight to see Ron Morse on the end of a wheelbarrow. Bob Jefferies also spent most of Sunday on ground clearing.

I hope that you will enjoy the game and thank you for your support.



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# IN TOWN TODAY



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J. Buchanan, F. Pethard, S. Grapes.  
Front Row: G. Byrne, R. Thomas, B. Attley, P. Dwyer, R. Morgan, (Manager),  
R. Bishop, A. Evans, D. Giles.

## CARDIFF CITY



# IN TOWN TODAY

Today's F. A. Cup tie enables Cardiff to forget for a while their League problems. New manager Richie Morgan has been desperately seeking a winning combination as the bluebirds battle for survival in the Second Division. So far he has met with only limited success.

The return of Tony Evans, following injury, and the form of new boy Gary Stevens have been two pleasing features for Cardiff, however.

Evans who joined Cardiff from Blackpool in 1975, was top scorer in his first two seasons with 24 and 23 goals. Since returning, he scored in five matches out of seven. Stevens was signed from non-League Evesham Town during the close-season and it wasn't many weeks before he got his chance in their first-team. Gary responded by scoring five goals in one seven-match spell.

The versatile Phil Dwyer has been playing in attack, too, though he is normally a defender. Phil joined Cardiff as a schoolboy in 1969 and made his League debut during the 1972/73 campaign. He has been Cardiff's rightback ever since and last season he was picked for his first full Welsh caps, playing all three matches in the British Championship.

Midfield players include John Buchanan, Alan Campbell, Ray Bishop, Brian Attley and John Lewis.

Buchanan, who has scored eight goals, joined Cardiff from Northampton in 1974 and was Cardiff's top scorer last season with 12 goals. Campbell is a former Scottish youth and under-23 international who began his League career with Charlton in 1965/66. He moved to Birmingham City in 1970 and made many First Division appearances for the Blues before he linked with Cardiff in 1976.

Bishop, Attley and Lewis are with their first League club and the former was introduced to League football last season. Lewis was spotted in Welsh League football and has been given his chance in Cardiff's senior side this season. Attley has been a member of the first-team squad for almost four years.

Former Swindon player Rod Thomas has been appearing in an ever-changing defence with David Roberts, Keith Pontin, Alber Larmour and Freddy Pethard.

Rod was spotted by us when playing for Gloucester City and was signed up in time to make his League debut in 1965/66. After gaining under-23

## CARDIFF SEEK CUP RELIEF

caps, Rod played for the full Welsh team on 50 occasions and was a member of our shock League Cup winning team in 1969. He moved on to Derby for a £100,000 fee in 1974 and transferred to Cardiff last season.

Roberts has been capped by Wales on 18 occasions. Dave opened his career with Fulham but didn't get many first-team opportunities at Craven Cottage. He joined Oxford in 1971 and it was with them that he attained international status. A financial crisis forced them to sell him to Hull City for £70,000 in 1975. Last season Cardiff signed him for £50,000.

Pontin served his apprenticeship with Cardiff and made his first League appearance two seasons ago. Larmour joined Cardiff from N. Ireland club Linfield in 1972 and he has been a regular member of the defence for four years. Pethard turned professional with the club in 1969 and he has now played more than 150 senior games for them.

Cardiff have called upon four different goalkeepers this season though Ron Healey is the usual choice. Healey's first major club was Manchester City and, while on their books, he was loaned out to Coventry and Preston. He initially joined Cardiff on loan and completed the transfer in 1974.

The Bluebirds have had little cause for celebration in any competition so far this season. They were beaten 2-4 on aggregate by Third Division Oxford in the first round of the League Cup while, in the Second Division, they found themselves bottom of the table after collecting only one point from their opening four games.

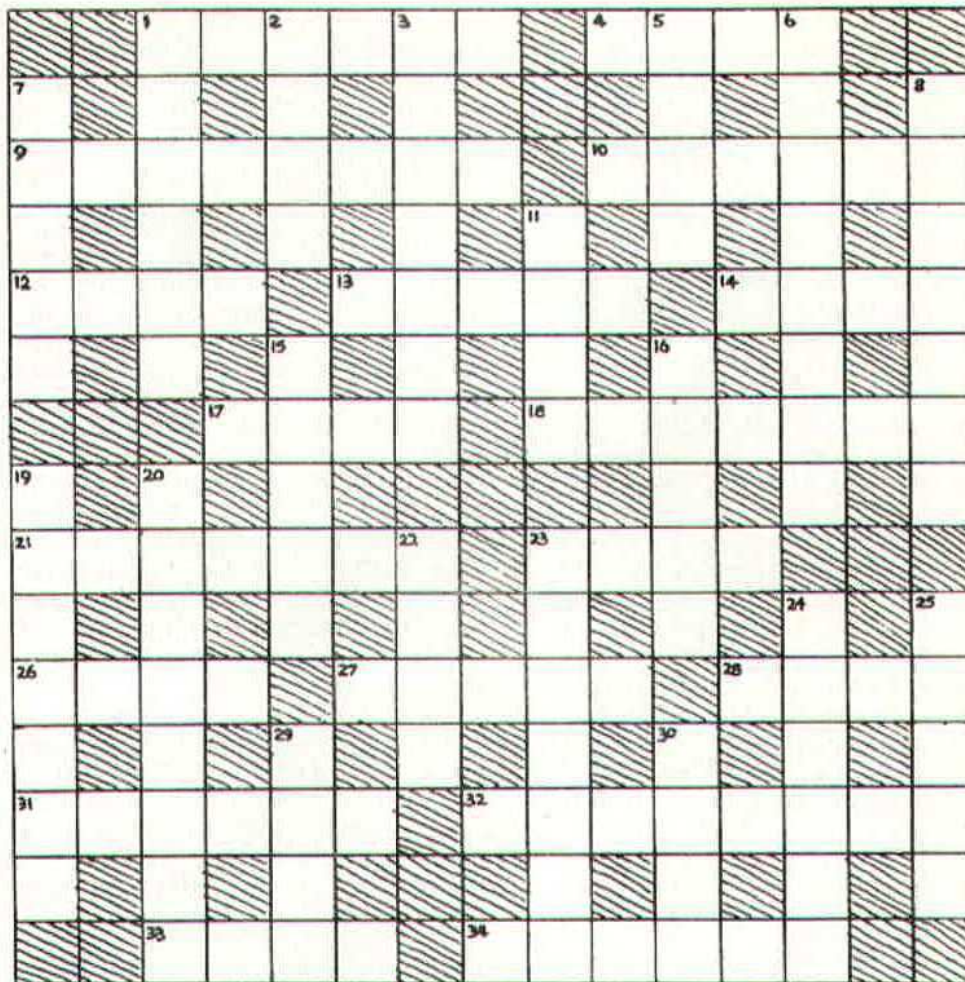
Later they lost 1-7 at Luton and, when the situation became acute, manager Jimmy Andrews was sacked. Several names were mentioned as his successor - - - including Terry Yorath, the Welsh skipper - - - but the board decided to give Richie Morgan the job until the end of the season.

Mr. Morgan has been at Ninian Park since leaving school and, during his playing days, he was capped by the Welsh under-23 side. When he finished playing, he helped with the club's promotional and commercial activities until being given his present job.

The new manager has been promised money for team strengthening but is anxious to spend it wisely. He will not be rushed in any speculative deals.

## PRIZE CROSSWORD

The first three correct solutions opened will receive a prize of £5.



**Across:**

1. Long ones can be as effective as a free-kick or a corner (6).
4. Dave \_\_\_\_\_, former Town striker — now a 'Hatter' (4).
9. League club based in Devon (8).
10. Ted Lea might be this after scoring a goal (6).
12. Large cat to be found down Cold Blow Lane? (4).
13. Ivan \_\_\_\_\_, Saints Yugoslave defender (5).
14. The space between the six-yard line and the goal-line is known as the goal \_\_\_\_\_ (4).
17. Former Swindon manager now with 11D (4).
18. See 29D.
21. John \_\_\_\_\_, ex-Bristol City midfielder who spent a period on loan here in 1975 (7).
23. It goes into action just before the kick-off (4).
26. The Town striker who is also known as Philip (4).
27. The half-time interval (5).
28. Former Brazilian star, real name Edson Arantes do Nascimento (4).
31. What the ball does when it's not stationary (6).
32. Evening matches are this during most of the season (8).
33. Highest number of goals scored by the Town in a Football League game (4).
34. Gay \_\_\_\_\_, home of a Third Division club (6).

**Down:**

1. Gerry or Tony? Both were Town full-backs during 1976 (6).
2. This caused Swindon's Anglo-Italian Cup Final to be abandoned twelve minutes from time \_\_\_\_\_ (4).
3. Last season's Fourth Division champions (7).
5. These night creatures nest at Hillsborough (4).
6. It's when most matches are played (8).
7. Three times Swindon have had to \_\_\_\_\_ for re-election to the League (5).
8. Chester's new Welsh International forward, Ian \_\_\_\_\_ (7).
11. Southern League club based at Twerton Park (4).
15. Home or away - it's where the match is played (5).
16. What the players have to do during most of the week (5).
19. Shown to a player about to be dismissed (3, 4).
20. One of the hosts to Swindon on the pre-season tour last August (8).
22. Malcolm \_\_\_\_\_, Hull City forward (4).
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Henry, young Town centre-half (7).
24. Colour featured in the team strip of 3D (6).
25. One of Swindon's League Cup-winning wingers (5).
- 29 and 18A. Town's Wembley skipper (4, 7).
30. Boreham \_\_\_\_\_, knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Swindon last season (4).

Please send your entry to the Secretary.

## IT HAPPENED IN JANUARY

### A Diary of Town events that have occurred in the New Year

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# 1897

After a crushing defeat, 2-8, at Southampton in the F.A. Cup, Swindon rectified matters with a fine 1-0 League victory over Tottenham. The game marked the debut of Town keeper Jimmy Cook and the winning goal came from the former Everton forward Joey Murray.

# 1909

Swindon cruised to three League wins and a draw, netting fourteen goals and conceding one in the process. Five came against Reading at the County Ground, where Harold Fleming claimed a hat-trick, then Archie Bown did the same two weeks later - when the Town stormed to a 6-0 victory over Southampton at the Dell. The only sour note of the month was a 0-1 defeat at Plymouth in the First Round of the F.A. Cup.

# 1914

Manchester United were visitors to the County Ground in the F.A. Cup and 18,107 turned up to see Harold Fleming get the vital goal in a 1-0 win for the Town.

# 1926

Town centre-forward Frank Richardson grabbed four goals as Swindon demolished Bournemouth here by eight goals to two. Cyril Daniel weighed in with two while Charlie Petrie and Jim Thompson got the others. It was a splendid 58th birthday present for secretary-manager Sam Allen.

# 1933

Swindon finished on the wrong end of a 7-1 scoreline against rivals Reading at Elm Park. In an effort to halt the flow of goals against, amateur goalkeeper Sid Giles was recalled for the away game at Clapton Orient two weeks later - but the Town crashed to defeat by an identical margin.

# 1950

The Town slumped to a 0-5 home defeat by Nottingham Forest - the worst suffered at the County Ground since the War. That margin was unequalled until Newcastle United came here and won 6-1 in November 1964.

# 1963

Swindon played just one League game this month as the country was caught in the grip of a long icy spell. On January 12, on a snow-covered pitch, the Town entertained Q.P.R. and a Jack Smith hat-trick contributed to a 5-0 win. Don Rogers and Bobby Woodruff completed the scoring.



JACK SMITH, who hit three goals against Q.P.R. during the big freeze of January 1963.

# 1972

On new Year's Day, Swindon chalked up a fine 4-2 victory at Craven Cottage - Arthur Horsfield and Don Rogers sharing the goals. The Town had also scored four in the home encounter of the previous September, but on that occasion Fulham failed to register a goal.

Every week up and down the country regular followers of football - whether the outdoor type who attend matches or the armchair variety who don't - read about the exploits of their idols in the local Pink 'Un, Green 'Un, Sports Argus or whatever. If Swindon Town is your chosen team you can read how the team 'plundered' an away win, 'wrested' a point from the League leaders or, if someone has injury problems, learn how the 'beleaguered' manager is going to find a replacement. But if you had followed the fortunes of the Town eighty years ago, what would you have had available to read?

Firstly, let us imagine the Swindon of the 1890's and what was happening in the football world at that time. The area now known as Old Town was originally the centre of population and extended as far as Commercial Road. Beyond that was the fast-developing town of New Swindon, built around the nucleus of the railway village. The two rapidly grew closer together but were treated as separate boroughs and were governed by separate councils. Railway industry in the New Town was thriving but it was still ten years before trams appeared on the street. The combined population of old and new Swindon was just under forty thousand.

Swindon Town FC had just recently adopted professionalism and had moved to a new home on the outskirts of town, the Wilts County Ground - beyond which were just fields and the occasional farmhouse. The club, captained by a robust little Scottish defender named Jimmy Munro, competed in the Southern League - a powerful unit comprising such names as Tottenham, Bristol City, Southampton and Luton. There were just two Divisions in the Football League and the team of the moment was Aston Villa. Harold Fleming was at school and the likes of Chelsea, Leeds and West Ham had yet to be born. The wagebill at Swindon, at just £30, was one of the lowest in the League - but even that princely sum aggravated the Town's financial instability. A match ball would cost the club 7/- (35p) and in return 6d

(2½p) per head was collected as admission charge to League matches. Even so, many customers were dissatisfied at having to incur this expense as one close-season review commented "the club has, in the past, had to suffer the recrudescences of the Swindon public".

The Saturday evening sports paper in those days was the Borough Press and a gentleman who signed himself 'Coup-de-Pied' passed comment on the state of affairs at the Town. It was not always possible to determine just who was responsible for scoring a goal, as on frequent occasions it appeared that the entire Swindon forward line would descend upon the opponents goal like the charge of the Light Brigade, to bundle the ball and the unfortunate goalkeeper over the line! The ball was rarely referred to as such - it was termed the 'sphere', 'globe' or 'leather' - and the goalkeeper was known as the custodian' who would guard the 'citadel', the 'sticks' or even the 'perpendiculars'. When the Town forwards took the ball into their opponents half it was said that they 'pedipulated it upfield' and if a player headed the ball he 'applied his cranium to advantage'.

So, as another new year dawns and Swindon Town again looks towards the Second Division, we can only hope that Chic Bates, Paul Gilchrist and Co. will continue to 'steer the globe between the perpendiculars' on many more occasions this season!

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# NATION WIDE

By Tony Pullein

Part of the magic of the F.A. Cup is that, though we might have to think hard to recall who won it, say, five years ago, the deeds of Walsall, Yeovil Town, Colchester United, Hereford United and Wimbledon remain vividly in our minds though, in most of those cases, their moment of fame were achieved many years ago. It's the minnows who help to make the F.A. Cup what it is. That's why it was a little sad to find only two non-League clubs -- Altrincham and Maidstone -- getting through to the third round this season.

Indeed, this is one of the worst years ever for the outsiders. Back in 1968/69 only one non-League appeared in round three; usually there is a fair sprinkling. Last season, for instance, we had six non-League clubs still in at this stage.

In the first two rounds this season there were only three instances of non-League clubs ousting League opposition. Worcester City scored a deserved 2-0 success over Plymouth Argyle and Droylesden won 1-0 away to Rochdale in the first round, while Maidstone beat Exeter City 1-0 in round two.

Mind you, there were one or two other close things. Woking, for instance, enjoyed an outstanding run, even though it ended in round two. They played two 3-3 draws with Barnet before beating their stubborn foes 3-0 at Brentford.

Then Woking travelled to star-studded Swansea City where we all expected to see their hopes well and truly buried. But no! Woking twice came back from behind to draw 2-2. Even in the replay they held the Swans to 3-3 at 90 minutes, after trailing 1-3 at the interval. Eventually, stamina told on them as they went out gallantly 3-5 after extra-time.

But 27 goals in two rounds made it tip-top entertainment for Woking's supporters!

One sad aspect of Woking's first game at Barnet was the sending off of former England star Jimmy Greaves for dissent. Maybe if Jimmy had not thus ruled himself out of the Barnet side for the first replay, his presence might just have tipped the tie their way?

Worcester City, after putting Argyle out, were a little unfortunate in the next round when they drew away to Newport County 0-0. They led 1-0 at half-time in the replay and then one of their defenders had the misfortune to concede an own-goal. Howard Goddard popped up with a late winner for Newport.

Crystal Palace today create a new F.A. Cup record when they travel to Middlesbrough. This is the tenth time in succession they have been drawn away from home -- the first time this has happened in the competition's 107 year history.

Not that away ties hold any fears for them. In 1975/76, when the sequence began, Palace battled their way into the semi-finals for the only time in their history, on the way scoring impressive away victories at Leeds, Chelsea, and Sunderland before losing to Southampton in the semi.

Two seasons ago Palace held Liverpool to a 0-0 draw at Anfield but last season their luck ran out and they were beaten in the third round at Hartlepool (1-2).

For Millwall there was little point in being given a home draw. Their ground at The Den has been banned from staging F.A. Cup ties for two years following crowd riots during last season's sixth round tie against Ipswich.

So, though the Lions came out of the bag first against Blackburn Rovers, they are having to make the long journey up to Ewood Park to fulfil the engagement.

Leeds United are another club banned by the F.A. -- but for just one year. They were drawn away in their round, anyway, so only any replay arrangements are affected.

Jimmy Adamson, appointed manager of Leeds United this season, takes his side into its first F.A. Cup tie under his guidance up to face Hartlepool.

More than 70 places separate these two clubs in the League tables yet few people at Elland Road forget a similar situation precisely eight years ago when their favourites were at the height of their power. Leeds then visited Fourth Division Colchester, went 0-3 down within an hour and were eventually beaten 2-3.

At that time Leeds held a three-point lead at the top of the First Division.

Only Paul Madeley and Peter Lorimer survive at Elland Road from the team that day and they will certainly be under no illusions about their task today.

Hartlepool, meanwhile, are inspired by the fact that last season they defeated a club from a higher division in the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history. They ousted Crystal Palace 2-1 to earn a place in round four for only the second time. They were beaten 1-4 at Ipswich, who went on to win the trophy.

Ipswich, who have been savagely hit by injuries this season, have been running into their top form just recently and they look likely to overcome their Third Division visitors, Carlisle United, at Portman Road this afternoon.



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10. C. Bates
11. C. Kamara
12. B. Williams



NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 13th January, 1979

Division III

WALSALL

K.O. 3.0 p.m.

## CARDIFF

1. R. Healey
2. P. Dwyer
3. F. Pethard
4. A. Campbell
5. K. Pontin
6. A. Lamour
7. B. Attley
8. J. Lewis
9. A. Evans
10. R. Thomas
11. R. Bishop

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. D.A. Holloway - Halesowen Yellow Flag: Mr. R.I.C. Thomas - Southampton

## REFEREE:

**THOMAS G.O.P. BUNE** (Billingshurst, Sussex)

Began refereeing whilst at school then via local, Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to Football League line in 1968 and subsequently to full list. Refereed England v. Scotland Amateur International (1974), and Oxford v. Cambridge at Wembley in 1972, linesman in European Nations Cup match (1975) and reserve official for the Sunderland v. Leeds F.A. Cup Final. Married, has two boys and is a Computer Salesman. Helps to run a local boys football team and likes village cricket, swimming, squash and tennis.

## KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Birmingham v Burnley
- B Brighton v Wolverhampton
- C Bristol City v Bolton
- D Coventry v West Brom. Alb.
- E Fulham v Q.P. Rangers
- F Hartlepool v Leeds
- G Middlesbrough v Crystal P.
- H Newcastle v Torquay
- I Preston N.E. v Derby
- J Sheffield Utd. v Aldershot
- K Sheffield Wed. v Arsenal
- L Southend v Liverpool
- M Stoke v Oldham
- N Sunderland v Everton
- O Swansea v Bristol Rvrs.
- P Tottenham H. v Altrincham
- Q Wrexham v Stockport
- R Wimbledon v Southampton
- S York City v Luton
- T Plymouth v Oxford Utd.

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