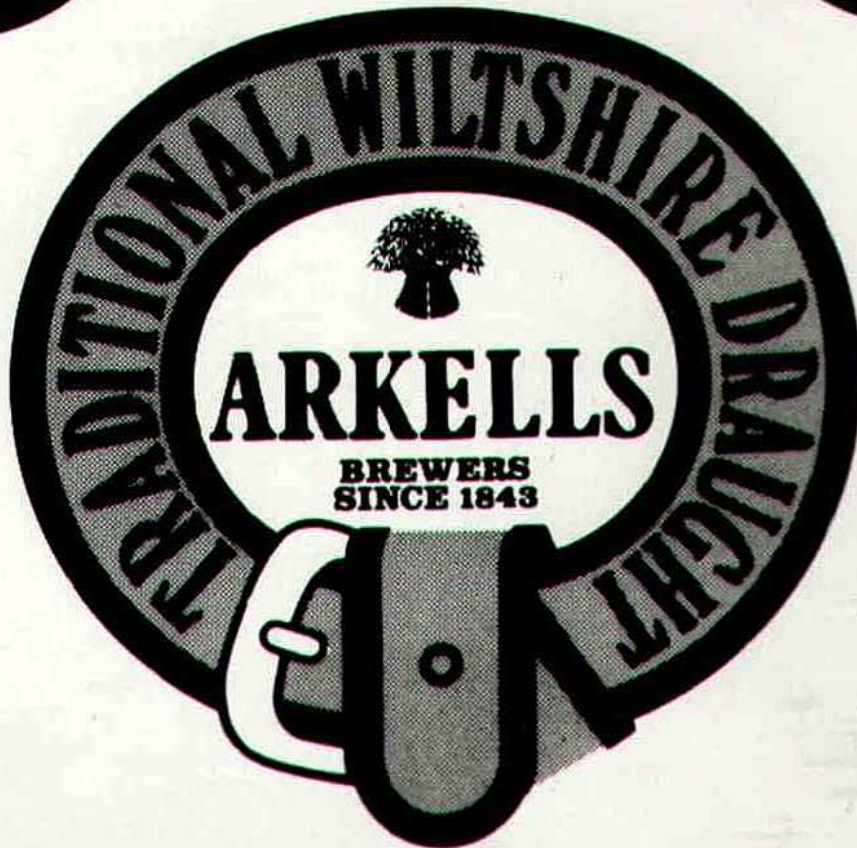




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COMMENT

Once again we note that the press felt it necessary to give front page coverage to the few mindless idiots whose intelligence, or perhaps we should say lack of this faculty, made them cause incidents in the town after last Tuesday evenings match, just the kind of notoriety they were looking for. We prefer to draw attention to the excellent behaviour of the vast majority of the 10,000 persons who supported us so excellently at this match. Thank you all, for without the support you gave the team, the result might not have been so favourable.

Whilst on this subject we would like to thank our younger supporters for their improved behaviour this season. Believe it or not it has been necessary to confiscate only two junior supporters cards during the whole of this season. Keep it up lads.

We apologise for the absence of Bob Smith's notes, but he has taken the squad to the Lilleshall Sports Centre for three days training and he was, therefore, not available to express his own thanks to you through the media of these notes.

We would like to draw your attention to the following revised Division III games.

CHESTERFIELD	away	28th February, 1979	Kick off 7.30 p.m.
EXETER CITY	home	3rd April, 1979	Kick off 7.30 p.m.
OXFORD UNITED	home	1st May, 1979	Kick off 7.30 p.m.

We still have not agreed a date for the away games at Brentford and Blackpool, it being necessary to postpone the latter match because of our involvement in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup Competition.

Bits and Pieces

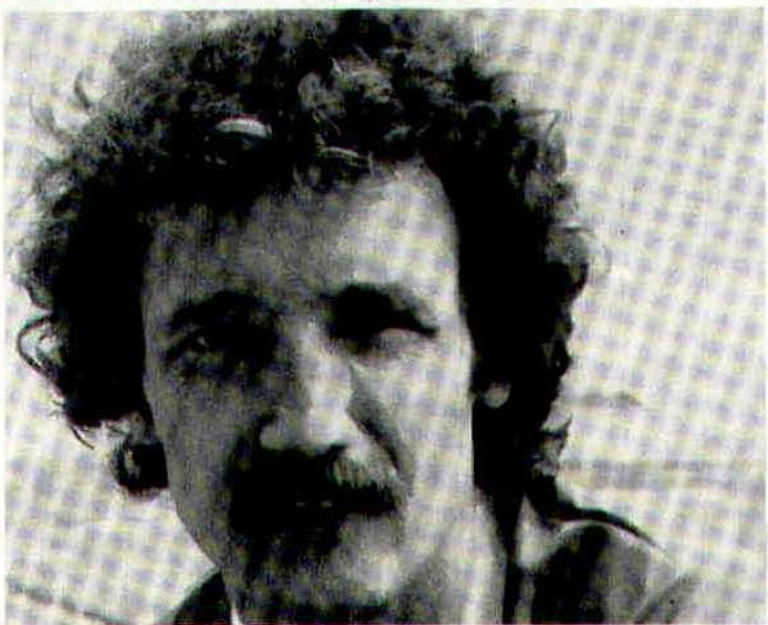
Whatever the outcome of next week's replay between Sheffield United and Aldershot, Swindon go into the Fourth Round having a good Cup record against both these sides. In fact, neither club has yet recorded an F.A. Cup victory over the Town - at home or away. If Aldershot are successful against the Second Division opponents it will give them a chance to avenge three consecutive home defeats by Swindon and equal their best ever F.A. Cup performance, when they reached the Fifth Round back in 1932-33.

PAUL GILCHRIST, the Town's free-transfer signing from Portsmouth now seems to be finding the goal-scoring touch which first attracted the attention of Southampton over six years ago. Paul was born at Dartford, in Kent, and made his League debut for nearby Charlton Athletic when, as substitute he replaced Ray Treacy (who later joined the Town) in the home game against Birmingham City on September 20 1969. His first full appearance came just three days later at Ashton Gate where Charlton, struggling at the foot of the Second Division, were hammered 6-0 by City. In seven first-team outings that season Paul never finished on a winning side. After a fruitless period on loan to Fulham, Paul went north to join Doncaster Rovers - where he partnered Mike Elwiss, now at Crystal Palace, in attack. Paul scored on his debut for Rovers the only goal in a 1 - 0 victory at Crewe and only Elwiss got more goals for the club that season. Southampton signed Paul in March 1972 and within a year, he had

made the number nine shirt his own. In the Saints successful march to Wembley in 1976 Paul scored two useful goals - one in a 4 - 0 Fifth Round replay win over West Bromwich Albion and the other at Stamford Bridge in the semi-final against Crystal Palace.

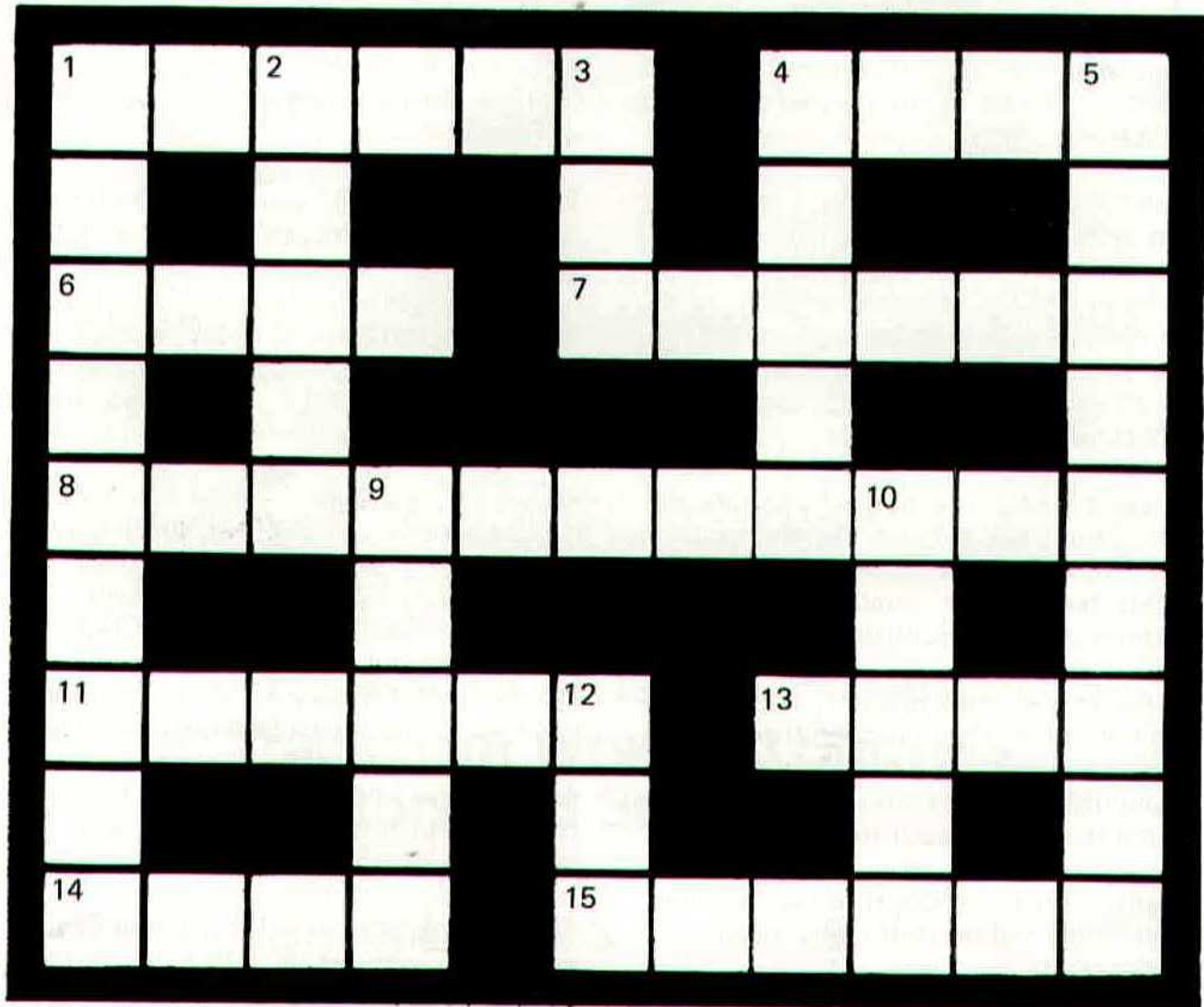
Paul's complete League record is:

Charlton Athletic	1969/70	5+2 apps.	
	1970/71	nil	
Doncaster Rovers	1971/72	22 apps	8gls
Southampton	1971/72	1+1 apps	
	1972/73	19+3 apps	6gls
	1973/74	38+1 apps	6gls
	1974/75	16+5 apps	5gls
	1975/76	20+1 apps	
	1976/77	2 apps	
Portsmouth	1976/77	16 apps	1gl
	1977/78	22+1 apps	2gls
	1978/79	1 apps	
Swindon Town	1978/79	8+5 apps	5gls
		TOTAL: 170+	18apps 32 gls.



**Paul
Gilchrist**

Soccer Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Prelude to a match (4-2)
4. Partick Thistle are known as this (4)
6. This McNab of Spurs & Morton (4)
7. Sandor – (Honvod & Hungary) (6)
8. This goal scorer did well for Blackburn Rovers last season (11)
11. Practised in coaching sessions (3-3)
13. Austrian World Cup full back (4)
14. Anfield players who also represents his country (4)
15. Brighton forward (6)

CLUES DOWN

1. Long serving 'Throstles' player (4-5)
2. World Cup time keepers (5)
3. West Ham Robson (3)
4. This 'Roderick' has played almost 300 games for Newport Co (5)
5. Scottish 2nd Division Club (9)
9. – football is a description sometimes applied to Holland's play (5)
10. Players do this on most days (5)
12. Throw in is the result when ball goes this way. (3)

Answers on page 13

Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Welcome to this, our first home fixture of 1979, and today we are pleased to be hosts to Walsall.

Walsall have had their difficulties this season, with changes at managerial level and this has obviously affected their performances on the field since we were defeated by them at Walsall earlier in the season, but our former encounters have always been very close and I am sure that today's game will be as keen.

It was disappointing to have a couple of games cancelled through the weather over the Christmas period, but it will give our supporters another couple of evening fixtures as all our Saturdays are booked.

It was very encouraging on Tuesday evening last to see a crowd of ten thousand supporters and I am sure that the team responded to their encouragement. Is it too much to hope that our support is on the upward trend. Our recent displays and results must surely point to the fact that Bob Smith and his staff really mean business.

At the risk of boring you with the facts, I must repeat that it is imperative that we are supported through the turnstiles to enable us to support the manager in his future plans.

After the game with Cardiff, Bob Smith took his players to Lilleshall Sports Centre leaving the County Ground first thing on Wednesday morning. This had been planned to break the monotony of having to train in gymnasiums during this recent spell of bad weather.

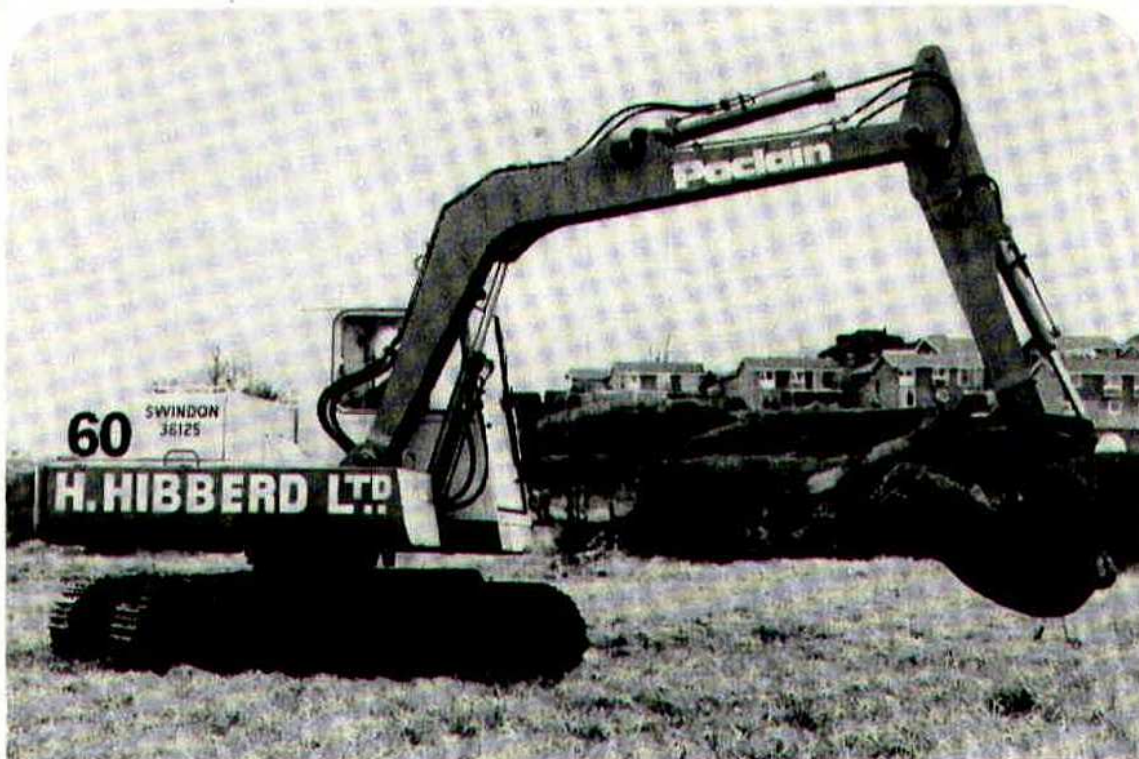
At Lilleshall they have an Astro-Turf

pitch, which will enable the team to continue their training, irrespective of the weather.

The County Ground was very quiet for a couple of days although John Trollope had his squad of young apprentices to look after, and on Wednesday afternoon, his team defeated Bristol City 1-0 on the Shrivenham Road Training Ground in the Midland Youth League. The strength and quality of this League was emphasised last week, when Leicester City defeated Norwich City in the F.A. Cup fielding no less than six former Midland Youth players including two seventeen year old boys currently playing in their youth team.

On Monday evening the 22nd January commencing at 8.00 p.m. We are holding what we are terming a Sponsors evening. This is being held in the Rendezvous Club, when people who have sponsored Players Kits and Match Balls for the club, will have the opportunity to meet the players, staff and directors of the Club. It is our way of being able to say thank you to all who have supported us in this way and I am sure that it will be an enjoyable evening.

Our next round Cup Tie at either Sheffield or Aldershot being on a Saturday will again enable the Club to arrange travelling facilities which are handled so efficiently by Mick Lewis and Mick Conley of the Supporters and Squash Clubs. This means a lot of hard work by these people, but their recent efforts have been well supported and I know that the supporters who have travelled this way are full of praise for the efficient arrangements made and this is thanks enough for the two Micks. Hoping that you will enjoy today's match and look forward to the next.



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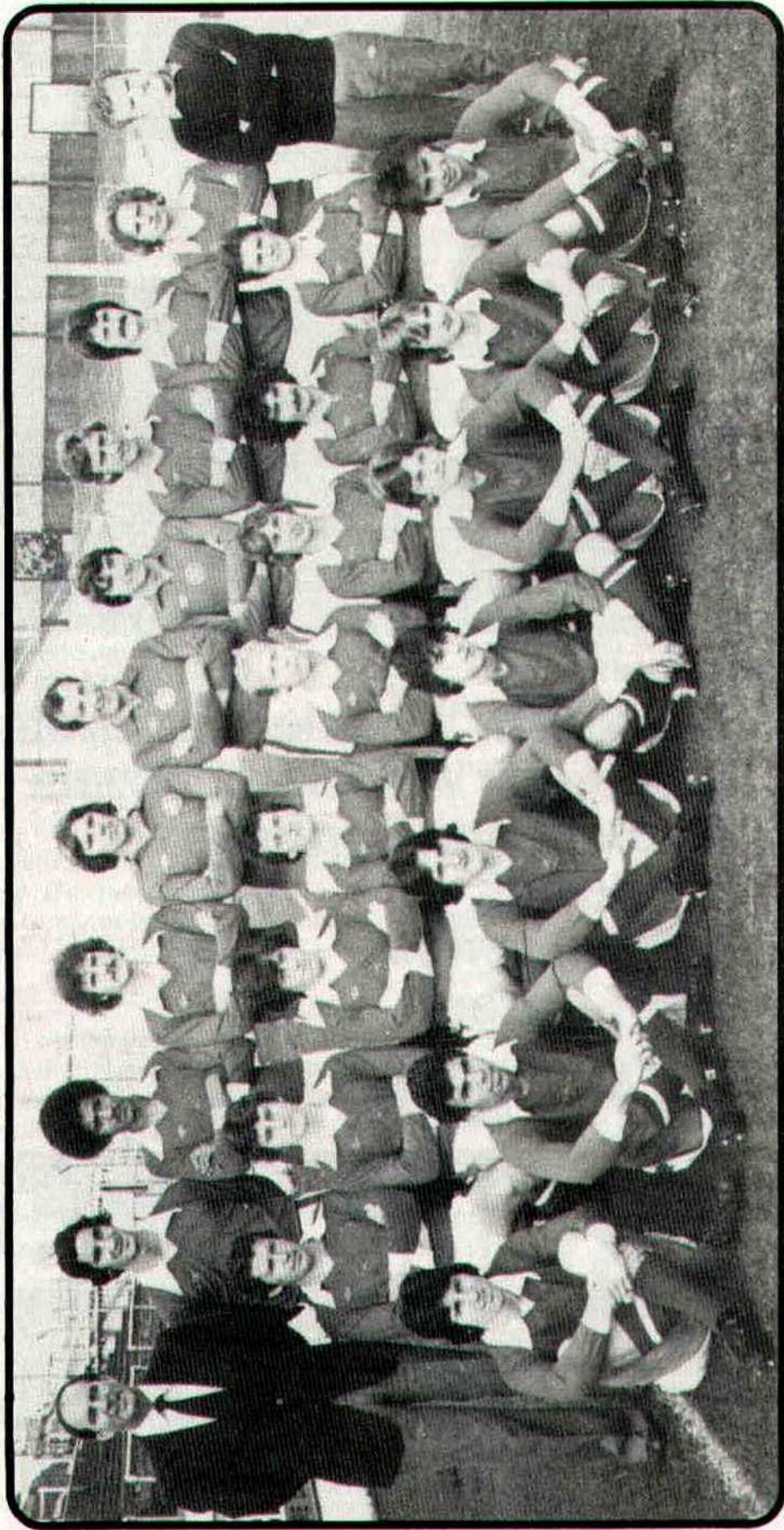
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IN TOWN TODAY



Back Row: Manager Alan Ashman, Ricky Sbragia, Kenny Mower, Roy McDonough, Ron Green, Mick Kearns, Martin Conneally, Terry Austin, Dave Serella, Don Penn, Chief Coach Ken Oliver.

Middle Row: Colin Harrison, Ian Paul, Tony Macken, Steve Waddington, Alan Buckley*, Alan Birch, Jimmy Kelly, Jeff King.

Front Row: John Horne, Mark Rees, Kevin Hadley, Paul Waddington, Mark Pugh, Gary Tranter, Steve Cousins.

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PLEASE NOTE!

* NO LONGER WITH US.

IN TOWN TODAY

WALSALL HOPE FOR LONGER STAY by Tony Pullein

Having been in constant membership of the Third Division since 1963 -- longer than any of the other current members -- Walsall are as keen as anyone to get out, providing, of course, it is at the right end!

This year, however, their only hope of a change is a downwards direction and new manager Frank Sibley is determined to halt the slide that saw the Saddlers enter the New Year following a run of only one win in eight League games.

It may be significant that Walsall's slide has coincided with the departure of their champion goalscorer Alan Buckley whose first Division ambitions were finally realised when Birmingham City signed him for £200,000. In his five full seasons with the Saddlers, Buckley was always top scorer with tallies of 24, 27, 35, 23 and 29. He netted eight times before his departure this season.

Walsall's attack now usually lines up with Donald Penn, Terry Austin and Roy McDonough in the front three.

Penn, is one of several youngsters either already in the team, or knocking on the door. Until being given his head this season, he had made only one previous League appearance as substitute last season.

Walsall paid Plymouth £25,000 for Austin last season and he scored six goals for them in their final seven games of the campaign. He waited patiently in Crystal Palace's reserves and moved to Ipswich in 1974. Two seasons ago he went to Argyle as part of the deal that took Paul Mariner to Ipswich. Terry is Walsall's leading scorer with eight goals.

McDonough, who joined Walsall from Birmingham a few weeks ago, had been given only two matches in Birmingham's First Division side -- in 1976/77 -- but, though he scored a goal, he did not get another chance.

There is a wide choice of midfield players, including Steve Waddington, Alan Birch, Jeff King, Jimmy Kelly and Brian Caswell.

Walsall recently smashed all club records when they paid Stoke £40,000 for Waddington. He grew up with the Potters when his father was manager and made his League debut in 1976/77.

Birch is another of several locally-developed players in the Walsall side. He got his break in 1972/73 and has now made well over 100 League appearances for the club. He has scored five goals this season.

King made his entry into professional football with Scottish club Morton but signed for Derby in 1974. After loan periods with Notts. County and Portsmouth, he joined Walsall last season. Kelly was signed from Wolves a few days before this season kicked-off. He had been an occasional first-teamer at Molineaux following his debut in 1973/74. Two seasons later he went to Wrexham on loan.

Caswell developed in the club's junior teams and made his League debut in 1972/73. He is usually at left-back though he also played in midfield.

Contenders for defensive positions include Tony Macken, Ian Paul, David Serella, Ricky Sbragia, Colin Harrison and Caswell.

Macken took over the right-back spot last season following his £10,000 transfer from Derby. He made a number of First Division appearances for the Rams after making his debut in 1975/76.

Serella first tasted League soccer with Nottingham Forest in 1971/72 and for the following two seasons he was a regular member of their back four. He initially joined Walsall on loan in 1974/75 and then agreed to make the complete transfer the following season.

Sbragia, who had trials with Rangers, Bristol City, Ipswich and C. Palace, signed for Birmingham City and made his League bow in 1974/75. Walsall paid £15,000 for him this season.

Harrison is now Walsall's longest serving player with well over 400 first-team appearances behind him. He was drafted into the Saddlers' side for his League debut in 1964/65.

Goalkeeper Mick Kearns won his 14th Republic of Ireland cap in the recent clash with N. Ireland. He began his career with Oxford United, making his League bow in 1969/70. Following loan periods with Plymouth and Charlton, he moved to Walsall in 1973.

DIVISION 3 - 1978-79

Date	Opponents	Ground	Score	Scorers	Attendance
Aug. 12	Portsmouth FLC1	A	0 - 0		9261
15	Portsmouth FLC1	H	4 - 2	Aizlewood, Miller, Williams, Guthrie	7165
19	Bury	H	2 - 1	Bates, Miller	5428
21	Tranmere Rovers	A	1 - 1	Carter	2150
26	Shrewsbury Town	A	0 - 0		2672
30	West Ham FLC2	A	2 - 1	Miller, Guthrie.	19672
Sep. 2	Mansfield Town	H	1 - 0	Bates	6195
9	Walsall	A	1 - 4	Williams	5024
12	Brentford	H	2 - 0	McHale, Bates	6685
16	Plymouth Argyle	A	0 - 2		6099
23	Blackpool	H	0 - 1		6609
27	Chester	A	0 - 2		3556
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	Gilchrist, Bates	3324
10	Peterborough FLC3R	H	0 - 2		7674
14	Rotherham United	H	1 - 0	Bates	4476
17	Peterborough United	H	3 - 1	Bates 2, Carter	4352
21	Lincoln City	A	3 - 0	McLaughlin, Williams, McHale	2982
28	Carlisle United	A	0 - 2		5141
Nov 4	Southend United	H	1 - 0	Gilchrist	5647
	11 Mansfield Town	A	1 - 0	Bates	4721
	18 Shrewsbury Town	H	2 - 1	Gilchrist, Aizlewood	7317
	25 F.A. Cup 1 March Town	H	2 - 0	Bates, Gilchrist	5633
Dec. 9	Hull City	H	2 - 0	Miller, Carter	5697
16	Enfield (FAC2)	H	3 - 0	Bates, Carter, Gilchrist	5681
26	Swansea City	A	2 - 1	Bates, Gilchrist	16159
30	Watford	A	0 - 2		15292
1979					
Jan. 6	Cardiff City (FAC3)	H	3 - 0	McHale, Kamara (2)	9983
13	Walsall	H	4 - 1		
17	League Cup SF				
20	Plymouth Argyle	H	2 - 3		
24	League Cup SF				
27	Blackpool (4)	A			
Feb. 3	Chester	H	2 - 0		
10	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
17	Colchester United (5)	H	1 - 2		
24	Rotherham United	A			
28	Chesterfield	A			
Mar. 3	Lincoln City	H	0 - 6		
10	Carlisle United (6)	H	0 - 1		
16	Southend United (LCF)	A	3 - 1		
24	Tranmere Rovers	H	4 - 1		
27	Bury	A	1 - 2		
31	Gillingham (SF)	A	2 - 2		
Apr. 3	Exeter City	H			
7	Chesterfield	H			
11	Exeter City	A			
14	Swansea City	H			
16	Oxford United	A			
21	Watford	H			
24	Peterborough Utd.	A			
May 1	Oxford United	H			
5	Gillingham	H			
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	18(1)	3	3	24(1)
Andy Ford	21	5	3	29
Ray McHale	21(2)	5	3(1)	29(3)
Steve Aizlewood	20(1)	5(2)	3	28(3)
Kenny Stroud	21	5	2	28
Ian Miller	19(2)	4(2)	3	26(4)
Chris Kamara	19	5	3(2)	27(2)
Chic Bates	21(10)	5	3(2)	29(12)
Brian Williams	14(2)	3(1)		17(3)
Roy Carter	21(3)	4	3(1)	28(4)
Chris Ogden	20	4	3	27
Russell Lewis	5	2	1	8
Paul Gilchrist	13(5)		3(2)	16(7)
Andy Rowland	5(1)			5(1)
John Trollope	3	2		5
Jimmy Allan	1			1

Also appeared: Chris Guthrie (transferred to Fulham) - 9 apps. 2 goals. Dave Cunningham (transferred to A.Villa) - 4 apps.

Football Combination

DATE 1978	OPPONENTS	F	A	APPEARANCES (Goals)			
Aug. 19	Ipswich Town	A	0 - 4	J. Allan	17	D. Wood	4
22	Fulham	H	0 - 0	A. Hatter	3	R. Lewis	15(1)
26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1 - 3	J. Trollope	18	K. Norman	11
Sept. 2	Plymouth Argyle	A	0 - 2	B. Hughes	15	P. Gilchrist	4
9	Leicester City	H	0 - 1	C. Henry	9	D. Cunningham	6(1)
16	Birmingham City	A	1 - 1	P. Colicutt	18(2)	G. Brown	2
26	Bristol Rovers	A	0 - 0	S. Abbeley	12	J. Walters	10
Oct. 7	Hereford United	A	0 - 2	M. Page	19(2)	K. Hehir	6(1)
14	Norwich City	A	0 - 4	N. Barry	18(1)	K. Roberts	2
21	Oxford United	H	2 - 3	P. Cox	2	J. McLaughlin	1
24	Luton Town	A	1 - 0	A. Gilligan	18(6)	B. Williams	5(1)
Nov. 4	Orient	A	0 - 3	S. Lymer	2	P. Prince	1
7	Chelsea	H	0 - 1	B. Hamilton	7	A. Rowland	10(3)
11	Ipswich Town	H	0 - 5				
18	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1 - 3	Also appeared: C. Prohett (transferred to Chesterfield) - 2 apps.			
21	Plymouth Argyle	H	1 - 3	Wilf Tranter - 4 apps., Bobby Smith - 2 apps.			
25	Queens Park Rangers	A	1 - 1				
Dec. 2	Crystal Palace	H	2 - 2				
9	Bristol City	A	0 - 0				
12	Southampton	H	3 - 2				
16	West Ham United	H	Postponed				
20	Cardiff City	A	4 - 3				
30	Arsenal	H	Postponed				
Jan. 3	Reading	A	Postponed				
13	Leicester City	A					
16	Birmingham City	H					
27	Hereford United	H					
30	Bristol Rovers	H					

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Saturday January 6th

	Home				Away				Pts	Top Goalscorer	F.A. Cup)
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L			
Watford	24	9	2	2	27-11	7	1	3	21-14	35	Ross Jenkins 26
Shrewsbury T	22	5	6	0	15- 6	5	4	2	14-10	30	Paul Maguire 11
Swansea C	23	9	2	1	30-16	4	2	5	12-15	30	Jeremy Charles, Alan Curtis, James 14
Gillingham	22	7	4	1	19- 9	1	7	2	9-10	27	Danny Westwood 7
SWINDON TOWN	21	9	0	1	17- 4	3	2	6	10-17	26	CHIC BATES 12
Carlisle U	22	4	6	0	14- 5	2	7	3	8-10	25	Dave Kemp 10
Rotherham U	22	8	0	3	15- 9	2	4	5	11-15	24	Richard Finney, Dave Gwyther 10
Southend U	23	6	2	3	17- 8	1	7	4	12-15	23	Gerry Fell, Derrick Parker 7
Exeter C	22	7	4	2	21-10	1	3	5	6-12	23	Keith Bowker 10
Chesterfield	22	5	3	3	18-16	2	6	3	11-11	23	Rod Fern 10
Chester	21	7	2	1	18- 7	2	3	6	7-19	23	Ian Edwards 16
Plymouth A	22	4	5	1	14-11	3	3	6	17-20	22	Fred Binney 16
Blackpool	22	7	2	2	16- 5	2	2	7	7-21	22	Tony Kellow 11
Oxford U	22	5	5	2	13-10	1	5	4	9-16	22	Peter Foley, Jason Seacole 8
Hull C	21	5	4	1	21- 8	3	1	7	10-17	21	Keith Edwards 13
Colchester U	21	6	4	1	15- 9	0	4	6	5-15	20	Bobby Gough 12
Sheffield W	21	2	6	2	8- 9	3	4	4	12-17	20	Brian Hornsby 10
Mansfield T	23	2	6	2	9-10	2	5	6	13-19	19	Kevin Bird, Dave Goodwin 4
Brentford	23	7	2	3	12- 8	0	3	8	7-19	19	Andy McCulloch 8
Walsall	23	4	3	4	20-16	2	3	7	13-19	18	Terry Austin 8
Bury	21	2	6	3	16-16	1	6	3	8-11	18	Dave Gregory 14
Peterborough U	23	3	5	4	11-11	1	4	6	11-22	17	Barry Butlin, Alan Slough 6
Tranmere R	21	3	5	2	15-13	0	2	9	7-23	13	Ronnie Moore 9
Lincoln C	21	1	5	5	10-20	1	1	10	7-24	10	Glenn Cockerill, Gordon Hobson 3

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Dear Supporter,

As you will I am sure be aware last season we launched a 'Sponsor A Goal' scheme which was perhaps a little disappointing in that the total raised was just in excess of £700, although for those of you who were kind enough to join the scheme this sum was exceedingly welcome.

We intend to continue the sponsorship this season, the idea for those of you are unconversant with the scheme is basically very simple and this is how it works.


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3. At the end of the season you simply remit to the Swindon Town Football Club the appropriate amount.
4. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the Club programme.

I am appealing for your support to make the scheme a great success this season, all monies no matter how large or small will be greatly appreciated and will help towards the solvency and progress of the Swindon Town Football Club.

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8, Brotherston 11, One-Two 13, Sara, 14, Neal 15, Towner

Down - 1, Tony Brown 2, Seiko 3, 'Pop' 4, Jones
5, Stranraer 9, Total 10, Train 12, Out

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NATION WIDE

By Tony Pullein

The whirlwind events of last weekend made it another Happy New Year for Bobby Saxton, who was invited to take over as Plymouth's manager following the departure of Malcolm Allison to Manchester City. It was almost exactly two years to the day since he was appointed to his first managerial post as Exeter City's player-manager.

No doubt Mr. Saxton will hope the coincidences will continue. In January 1977 Exeter were trailing some way behind in the promotion race in Division Four but he led them into the runners-up spot, and to promotion, at the end of that season.

Plymouth agreed to pay Exeter £10,000 compensation for the loss of Mr. Saxton after they had agreed upon a £35,000 fee from Manchester City for the services of Mr. Allison. Exeter completed a hectic managerial merrygoround by appointing coach Jack Edwards as acting manager and the whole affair was completed within a period of 24 hours.

Cardiff's new manager, Richie Morgan, was hoping to complete at least one new signing this week, possibly two. He has been trying to sign two very experienced Welsh internationals --- Terry Yorath, now the Welsh skipper, and Malcolm Page, the versatile Birmingham player.

Yorath who was named as a possibility for the Cardiff job before Mr. Morgan was appointed, has lost his place in the Coventry side this season following an injury and he is anxious to get back into regular League football again. Yorath, who has 34 Welsh caps, joined Coventry from Leeds for £135,000 two seasons ago but the Sky Blues insisted upon signing a replacement before allowing Yorath to go. If Liverpool and England star Emlyn Hughes agrees to Coventry's terms this week then Yorath may well have been allowed a transfer to his home town club.

Play-anywhere Page would be another tremendous asset to Cardiff in their bid to avoid relegation. Malcolm has been capped on 26 occasions by Wales and can play full-back or in midfield and, during 15 seasons as a first-teamer at Birmingham, has turned out in almost every position except goal.

Birmingham have themselves been on the lookout

for new players but it seemed unlikely that they would succeed in their attempt to lure star left-back Joe Bolton from Sunderland. The Roker club has a good chance of promotion --- and of replacing Birmingham in the First Division --- and, having frightened even Arsenal with the price tag, feel confident of keeping their player. Newport County, the Fourth Division side that almost died two years ago, have turned disaster into triumph and today the club that could not afford to pay the rates in 1977 is one of the most thriving outfits in the lower divisions. Though Newport were refused help by both the local council and the Welsh F.A. when they were in trouble, they have pulled themselves round and they are about to instal a new £20,000 flood-lighting system.

There were grave doubts that Newport would be able to complete the 1976/77 campaign, so serious was their financial plight. In one last desperate bid to survive, Newport appealed to their fans for help. An astounding total of £10,000 was collected and this enabled the club to carry on.

Chairman Richie Ford decided to try and build upon that. "This season we have concentrated upon building the club up", he said. "Both from the playing side and as far as facilities go. We were expecting a 15,000 gate for the third round F.A. Cup tie with West Ham and the proceeds will go most of the way towards paying for the new floodlights. We also ordered a temporary stand for the West Ham game to give our supporters a better view."

Newport, who previously had to train in all weathers in the open air, now have their own gymnasium. And an indication as to their newly-found wealth can be gleaned from the fact that they have twice this season smashed the club record transfer payout.

First they invested £15,000 in Peterborough's Keith Oakes and then they paid Swansea £17,500 for David Bruton. Their previous highest fee was the £10,000 they paid Bristol Rovers for Brian Godfrey in 1973.

Newport, who have been in constant membership of Division Four for longer than any other club (since 1962), also have an outside chance of promotion and manager Len Ashurst was hoping for a good performance against West Ham this week to give his team confidence for the final push for promotion.

Leicester City, who so comprehensively defeated First Division Norwich City 3-0 in the F.A. Cup, included two 16-year-olds in their team --- midfielder Andy Peake and forward David Buchanan and manager Jock Wallace has now announced that he is prepared to sell former Derby and Bruges striker Roger Davies.

Davies joined Leicester from Bruges last season for £100,000 after an 18-month spell in Belgian soccer. Another experienced player whom Leicester were prepared to sell was former England midfielder man Keith Weller but, after his brilliant performance and spectacular goal against Norwich, the club might well reconsider that decision.



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6. R. LEWIS
7. I. MILLER
8. R. CARTER
9. P. GILCHRIST
10. P. BATES
11. C. KAMARA
12. B. WILLIAMS

at 3.00pm



WALSALL

1. M. KEARNS
2. I. PAUL
3. B. CASWELL
4. C. HARRISON
5. D. SERELLA
6. J. KING
7. A. BIRCH
8. S. WADDINGTON
9. T. AUSTIN
10. R. McDONOUGH
11. T. MacKEAN
12. To be named.

NEXT MATCH

Saturday 20th January, 1979

DIVISION III

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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REFEREE:

JOHN B. HOMEWOOD (Sunbury-on-Thames)
Commenced refereeing at 16 years of age and graduated via Athenian, Southern and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League full list. He is on the F.I.F.A. list of referees - his seventh year. Has refereed a Football League Cup semi-final, also F. A. Challenge Trophy and Junior Cup Finals. Lined an F. A. Cup Final at Wembley and has officiated in many European countries. He was the reserve referee for the League Cup Final last season. A married man, he is an Audio and Digital Tape Application Design Engineer.

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- E Lincoln v Rotherham
- F Mansfield v Plymouth
- G Peterborough v Chester
- H Swansea v Watford
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