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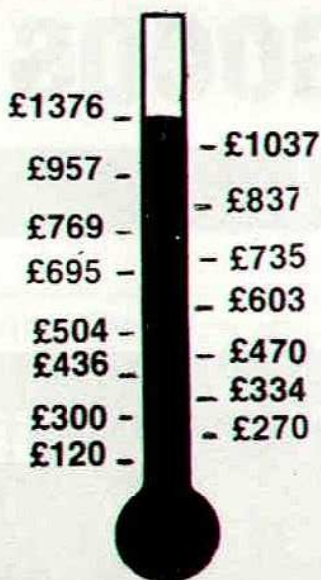
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

One could hardly imagine a more intriguing situation at this stage of the season than the current jostle for positions at the top end of Division Three. Despite the 2-1 defeat at Colchester last week, the Mariners still lead the pack whilst behind them at least eight other clubs sustain a realistic hope of contending for a promotion place.

A number of clubs have games in hand - though they would probably settle for having a percentage of the points available already "in the bag". And another vital factor which will help to resolve the issue in the weeks ahead is the number of games which the leading teams have to play against each other.

One such match, which might well be regarded as a 'four-pointer', is this afternoon's meeting with Swindon Town. Our visitors have been rather left behind, as a result of fixtures postponed because of the weather and because of their success in this season's Cup competitions. But, quite rightly, their claims to a place in Division Two next season have been quoted by managers of other clubs in the fight and Swindon have maintained promotion as a priority throughout their run of Cup success.

In that respect they have adopted a similar attitude to Town this season and we are assured of a keen and spirited contest between two sides with their sights firmly set on a move to a higher sphere of the Football League.

In the hope that Manager George Kerr has a fully fit squad from which to choose his side, we shall look for the Mariners enhancing their prospects in the Third Division's Match of the Day. Once again the Blundell Park 'roar' could play a vital part, so come on and cheer the lads to another vital step along the promotion road.

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comments from George Kerr



The Third Division is proving to be a very interesting division to be in this year, so many teams are in with a real chance of going into the Second that only a fool would say that his club is certain of a prized place.

The important thing from our point of view is that we are sitting on top of the others, be it by goal average or the fact that we have played more games than some of the other clubs.

If you are going to get promotion this is the position from which to do it from, Swindon, our visitors today will be all out to knock us from our perch and we will obviously be out to raise our points total. With the other games in our division, Sheffield Wed. v. Chesterfield & Barnsley v. Colchester being of great interest to the third division scene in general, I think we should all have an exciting day. Bobby Smith, the Swindon manager has blended together a useful outfit with the media talking mainly about his two front players Mays and Rowlands. There is no doubt that these two players have done well but only because as a team they have fought and chased for one another all through the season.

This then is the game I am looking forward to today with players with plenty of ability on both sides out to please you the supporters. "You should be the winner whatever happens". Enjoy the game and let's hear that support once again.

George

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Reginald Robinson (Suffolk) Started refereeing in 1960 and progressed through junior and local leagues to the Eastern Counties League and Football Combination to the Football League list. Was senior linesman at the 1974 FA Amateur Cup Final and has officiated in Sardinia, Italy and Spain in Anglo-Italian and UEFA Cup matches. A married man, he has two children, and is a Retailer. He likes photography and is interested in all sports; coaches and trains young footballers and is a qualified youth leader.

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MARTELL BRANDY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

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Action Replay



(Above) Tony Ford in action against Brentford. (Below) Clive Wigginton receives the Martelle "Player of the Month" award from Ralph Ascombe of Shorts Wine Shops.



Commercial Chatter

CLOUDS

Today's game is sponsored by Clouds, one of four games that Grahame Alston has agreed to sponsor this and next season. The players will be distributing toys, donated by Clouds Nitescene, before kick off and we would like to thank Grahame, his management, staff and patrons for their support. We sincerely hope that you enjoy today's game.

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Barnsley	-	1-1	2-1		2-1		1-1	0-1		2-2	2-0			1-0	2-1	2-0		2-0			0-3	1-2			
Blackburn	0-1	-	2-0			1-2	2-0	1-0	3-0			0-0		0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0		0-3			1-1			3-0
Blackpool		2-1	-	5-4	1-2			2-2			2-1	0-3	2-2			1-2		5-2	3-2	2-3	1-1	1-0	0-1		3-0
Brentford	3-1	2-0		-			2-2	3-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	1-0	7-2			1-1		2-2		1-2	2-2	2-0	1-3		0-1
Bury	2-2		3-0	4-2	-		2-0	2-0	0-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-1		3-0	1-2	2-1			1-2		1-1			1-2
Carlisle	3-1	1-1		3-1	1-0	-	2-2			4-1	1-2	0-2		1-1	4-0				3-1	1-0		4-0			1-1
Chester		0-0	1-0		1-0		-					3-1	2-1	1-0	1-1		1-0	0-2	3-1	1-1	2-2				3-1
Chesterfield	2-0		0-0	1-0		3-2		-	3-0				1-1	2-0	3-2	2-2	3-1	7-1	3-0	2-1	2-1				0-0
Colchester	0-0		3-1			1-1	1-1	0-1	-		2-2	2-1	1-1	2-1			5-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0		2-3		4-0
Exeter			1-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	3-1	-		1-2		2-1	2-1	0-0	2-2		1-1	3-1		4-2			0-2
Gillingham		1-2	1-1		2-1	1-1	2-2			1-0	-	0-1				1-1	4-0		1-1			1-0	0-0		1-0
Grimsby Town	3-0	1-2	4-3	5-1	1-0		0-2	1-1	1-2	4-1				2-1			1-0	2-1	2-0		3-1				1-0
Hull	0-2	0-1				2-0		2-1	0-2	2-2	0-0		-	3-1		2-2			1-1	3-1	1-1				1-1
Mansfield			1-1		1-0	2-1		3-2	0-1	0-1	2-0		1-1	-		1-0	0-0		5-1	3-4					1-1
Millwall	2-2	1-0	2-0			1-0	3-1		1-2	2-1	2-0	2-0	3-2	2-2	-		2-1	2-0			3-3				
Oxford	1-0			0-2	3-1	1-0	0-1		0-2		1-1	0-1	3-0	3-1	1-2	-	1-1	4-0	5-1						2-2
Plymouth	2-1		2-2	0-1	2-0	4-2		1-0			2-2	1-1	5-1		1-1	1-1	-	2-0	1-0		1-3		2-0		3-0
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Swindon		2-0		4-0	8-0		3-1	2-1		2-3		3-0	0-0				2-1	0-0		3-2	1-2	1-0			-
Wimbledon		1-0	1-2	0-0			2-3		3-3	2-2									0-1	1-1	3-4	0-1	2-0		-

Third Division Scene

In-form sides at the moment are Chesterfield and Blackburn Rovers. Both teams recorded their fifth consecutive victory last Saturday and are very much involved in the challenge for promotion.

At Saltergate, Chesterfield demolished near-neighbours Rotherham with three first-half goals. Those who watched the incisive finishing on T.V. will realise The Mariners defence will have to be on form to keep Arthur Cox's boys at bay next week when Town go to Derbyshire.

Walker, Moss and Geoff Salmons with a superb thirty-yarder scored the goals that made it an unhappy afternoon for three ex-Chesterfield players. The trio playing at Saltergate for the first time since being transferred were Ken Tiler, Rodney Fern and Billy McEwan. Chesterfield went off the boil a little in the second half but their unbeaten home record was never in danger.

In the Lancashire derby at Ewood Park, Blackburn Rovers had a comfortable 2-0 win over Blackpool. Noel Brotherston and player/manager Howard Kendall were on target before Rovers' biggest crowd of the season - over 14,000. A larger gate than that is expected this afternoon when Aston Villa and Terry Donovan visit for a fifth round F.A. Cup tie. Having the best defensive record in the Third Division - just 25 goals conceded in 30 games, Rovers with the unpredictable Duncan McKenzie must have a chance.

Swindon, usually so sure when taking goalscoring chances were strangely out of touch in their home game with Sheffield Wednesday. Though generally dictating play in midfield, the Wiltshire team could not push home the advantage. Johnson and Turner scored the goals that gave the Owls their second victory in four days. Earlier in the week they had crushed lowly Bury 5-1 at Hillsborough. Wednesday are another side enjoying a good spell at the right time but something will have to give this afternoon for Jackie Charlton's side entertain Chesterfield. Anxious ears will be close to the radio at 4.40 this evening when the results start coming through.

Millwall dropped a home point to Barnsley in a 2-2 draw at the Den. Stuart Parker, the Yorkshiremen's recent signing from Southend, scored early in the first half and though the Londoners fought back to take a 2-1 lead, Trevor Aylott earned Barnsley a share of the spoils ten minutes from time.

Reading with two goals from Kearney beat Chester 2-1. Ironically the goalscorer once played for the Cheshire outfit. Luckless Bury who are at Anfield this afternoon in the Cup went down 2-1 at home to Oxford. Hardly the best preparation for a visit to Liverpool.

Carlisle scored four goals for the second week in succession when Exeter were beaten 4-1 at Brunton Park. Rumours are abroad that manager Bobby Moncur may be leaving to take over at Hearts, which would be sad for Cumbrian supporters who believe there is the basis for a promotion push next season.

Wimbledon recorded a badly needed win at Brentford. A first half goal by Parsons did the trick and gave the Dons hope for the future.

Facts at your Fingertips

	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F-A	Pts	G.D.	Average Home Gate	Leading scorer, League and Cups
Grimsby T.	31	11	1	3	5	4	7	45-33	37	+12	8,605	Cumming 14, Kilmore 11, Waters 8
Colchester	31	6	8	2	8	1	6	43-38	37	+5	3,817	Lee 14, Gough 11, Hodge 6
Sheffield U.	30	11	2	3	5	2	7	50-41	36	+9	16,269	Bourne 11, Butlin 7, Speight 6
Sheffield W.	29	7	3	5	6	6	2	51-34	35	+17	15,993	Curran 13, Smith, Mellor 7
Chesterfield	29	11	4	0	3	3	8	46-31	35	+15	6,710	Moss 15, Birch, Walker 12
Blackburn	30	7	4	3	6	4	6	34-25	34	+9	7,702	Crawford 10, McKenzie 9, Brotherston 6
Swindon	26	9	2	2	4	2	6	47-32	31	+15	8,495	Mayes 24, Rowland 21, McHale 7
Millwall	27	10	3	1	2	4	7	42-37	31	+5	6,107	Lyons 15, Mitchell, Chatterton 8
Chester	28	8	4	1	3	5	7	37-37	31	-	3,885	Rush 12, Henderson 8, Jones 6
Exeter	31	8	4	4	4	3	8	41-51	31	-10	4,225	Bowker 13, Neville 10, Pullar 8
Oxford	30	7	3	5	3	7	5	42-38	30	+4	4,580	Foley, Berry 9, Cooke 7
Brentford	30	7	4	5	4	3	7	47-49	29	-2	8,492	Phillips 9, McNichol 8, Smith 5
Gillingham	27	5	6	2	4	4	6	33-31	28	+2	6,770	Price 15, Westwood 8, Bruce 4
Plymouth	30	9	5	2	1	3	10	43-42	28	+1	5,656	Kemp 9, Trusson 6
Rotherham	28	9	0	5	3	3	8	42-46	27	-4	6,832	Finney 11, Gwyther, Fern 9
Reading	27	9	3	2	1	4	8	39-43	27	-4	6,469	Earles, Kearney 13, Heale 10
Carlisle	27	8	4	2	2	2	9	41-37	26	+4	4,626	Bonnyman 12, Bannon 11, Ludlum 9
Barnsley	28	7	3	4	3	3	8	31-42	26	-11	11,630	Glavin 14, Lester 5, Aylott 4
Blackpool	30	7	3	5	2	4	9	44-53	25	-9	5,867	Kellow, McEwan 11, Wilson 4
Hull	29	4	6	3	1	7	8	31-49	23	-18	5,943	Edwards 11, Moss, Tait 4
Mansfield	29	6	5	3	0	4	11	30-37	21	-7	4,803	Austin 15, Taylor 9, Bird 6
Southend	28	6	2	6	2	3	9	29-38	21	-9	4,337	Parker 11, Morris 8, Gray 7
Bury	29	7	3	5	2	0	12	37-46	21	-9	3,619	Johnson 8, Madden, Hilton 5
Wimbledon	26	2	4	5	4	4	7	27-40	20	-13	3,909	Leslie, Parsons 10, Cork 8

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Facts and Figures

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Date	Match	Score	Attendance	Type	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Drinkell
Aug. 11	Scunthorpe FL Cup 1	2 0	5,083	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Drinkell
Aug. 14	Scunthorpe FL Cup 2	0 0	3,908	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Ford	Liddell	Drinkell	Mitchell	Brolly	Lester
Aug. 18	Exeter City	4 1	5,937	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Aug. 22	Chester	1 3	3,779	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Aug. 25	Blackpool	4 3	7,306	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Aug. 28	Hudders'ld (LC2 L1)	1 0	5,803	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 1	Blackburn Rovers	0 0	8,877	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 5	Hudders'ld (LC2 L2)	4 1	7,803	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 8	Plymouth Argyle	1 0	7,224	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 15	Brentford	0 1	7,121	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Crombie
Sept. 18	Bury	1 1	3,176	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 22	Colchester United	1 2	6,962	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Lester
Sept. 25	Notts. C. (League C 3)	3 1	11,881	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Drinkell
Sept. 29	Swindon	0 3	6,825	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Kilmore
Oct. 2	Bury	1 0	7,109	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Liddell	Kilmore	Mitchell	Cumming	Drinkell
Oct. 6	Millwall	0 2	5,057	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Drinkell
Oct. 9	Chester	0 2	8,007	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Kilmore
Oct. 13	Chesterfield	1 1	6,559	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Ford	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Brolly
Oct. 20	Gillingham	1 0	6,378	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Oct. 23	Sheffield Wed.	0 2	13,855	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Oct. 27	Rotherham Utd.		7,702	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Oct. 31	League Cup 4	2 1	22,043	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Nov. 3	Exeter City	2 1	4,356	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Nov. 6	Sheffield Wed.	3 1	14,900	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Nov. 10	Southend Utd.	0 1	4,119	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Nov. 17	Wimbledon	1 0	6,716	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Liddell	Kilmore	Mitchell	Ford	Mawer
Nov. 24	FA Cup 1	1 1	8,406	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Kilmore
Dec. 1	Oxford Utd.	1 0	3,361	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Dec. 5	League Cup 5	0 0	23,115	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Dec. 8	Mansfield Town	2 1	7,663	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Ford	Liddell
Dec. 11	FL Cup 5 Replay	1 1	28,455	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Liddell	Drinkell	Mitchell	Ford	Mawer
Dec. 15	FA Cup 2	2 0	14,629	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Ford	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Brolly	Liddell
Dec. 18	FL Cup 5 Replay	0 2	16,475	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Dec. 21	Carlisle Utd.	2 6	4,633	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Dec. 26	Barnsley	3 0	14,153	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Kilmore	Mitchell	Cumming	Liddell
Dec. 29	Sheffield Utd.	1 1	21,800	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Liddell	Mitchell	Cumming	Mawer
Jan. 5	Liverpool FAC 3	0 5	49,706	Batch	Moore D	Crombie	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Ford
Jan. 12	Blackburn Rovers	1 2	10,965	Batch	Stone	Crosby	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Ford	Mawer
Jan. 16	Reading Cup SF	2 1	8,532	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Ford	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Brolly	Mawer
Jan. 19	Plymouth Argyle	1 1	6,310	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Brolly	Ford	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Kilmore
Jan. 26	Blackpool (FAC 4)	3 0	4,932	Batch	Moore D	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Stone	Brolly	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Mawer
Feb. 2	Brentford	5 1	9,669	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Kilmore	Brolly	Drinkell	Mitchell	Cumming	Ford
Feb. 8	Colchester Utd.	1 2	5,100	Batch	Stone	Moore K	Waters	Wigginton	Crombie	Ford	Kilmore	Drinkell	Mitchell	Brolly	Mawer
Feb. 13	League Cup SF														
Feb. 16	Swindon T. (FAC 6)														
Feb. 23	Chesterfield														
March 1	Gillingham														
March 8	Rotherham (FAC 6)														
March 14	Millwall														
March 15	League Cup Final														
March 22	Southend Utd.														
March 28	Wimbledon														
April 4	Carlisle Utd.														
April 5	Barnsley														
April 7	Hull City														
April 12	Reading (FAC SF)														
April 19	Oxford United														
April 26	Mansfield Town														
May 3	Sheffield Utd.														

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POINT OF CONTROVERSY

The recent ITV exposure of Manchester United highlighted a Football League regulation that is one of the most breached in the game. As with so many rules it may be well intentioned but regrettably is artificial and unworkable in the modern world.

Of course schoolboys should be protected from over-zealous scouts determined to secure their signature with the odd £1,000, or down payment on a new car for dad. Unfortunately the modern game has no place for such high-minded sentiments, no matter how laudable.

If every guilty club were expelled, as United could well be, the League fixture list would be very thin indeed. What purpose can be served by a law that almost everyone ignores?

'Children must not be subject to barter', shouts the English Schools F.A. But that is exactly what is happening. The moral climate is hardly elevated when deceit is a boy's introduction to professional football as the kitchen table groans under the weight of 'sweeteners'. Surely the image of the game would be greatly improved if these payments were put on a proper footing.

As many sports journalists have been saying since the 'World in Action' disclosures, what is so undesirable in paying children of unusual talent? Does anyone imagine that Lena Zavaroni sings for nothing or that Hollywood had Shirley Temple signed on associate schoolgirl forms?

In many ways the Football League regulations recognise this fact. A club cannot pay for a schoolboy, but they can sell him - although the word used is 'compensation'. That's what they collect when the boy hops off to another club.

If clubs can make money from a schoolboy, so should his parents, or perhaps even more importantly the lad himself. As everyone knows the failure rate among young starlets is high. Only a handful of those signed on at 15 actually make it into the big time. For most the future lies in non-league football, dreams dashed. The odds are 10-1 at least against a schoolboy breaking through to the top. He may pursue football more diligently than his education and so is unqualified when the manager says 'Sorry son.'

Smart apprentices are now writing compensation clauses into their contracts. Apparently one in the Midlands drew £20,000 on the day he signed as a full-time professional. Even smarter lads have negotiated cash guarantees in case they are not signed.

Those kids who do not make it are the ones that need protecting. The bottom can fall out of a youngster's life when he is told he will not make the grade. It is for lads in this category, that the whole subject of signing schoolboys needs to be examined.

The only loser in the Television disclosures was the game itself. Manchester United, Louis Edwards and all will be O.K. but the image of football suffers.

For the good of the game - and future schoolboys - the Football League should put these payments on a proper footing.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Cleethorpes, Mr. & Mrs. Winn, receiving a bouquet and tie from Mandy Chapman and Joe Waters during the recent reception for G.T.F.C

**NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
FIXTURES 1979-80**

**NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE
FIXTURES 1979-80**

DATE	OPPONENTS	Ground	F - A
1979			
Aug	18 York City	away	0 - 5
	25 Newcastle United	away	2 - 0
Sept	1 Lincoln City	home	1 - 1
	15 Huddersfield	home	2 - 1
	22 Chesterfield	away	0 - 7
	29 Sunderland	home	3 - 4
Oct	13 Middlesbrough	away	1 - 3
	27 Rotherham United	away	1 - 1
Nov	3 Newcastle United	home	1 - 2
	10 Barnsley	home	1 - 0
	17 Hartlepool United	away	2 - 1
	24 Hull City	home	0 - 1
Dec	8 Leeds United	away	0 - 0
	15 Scunthorpe United	away	2 - 1
	22 Sheffield Wednesday	away	1 - 6
	29 Chesterfield	home	P
1980			
Jan	5 Barnsley	away	0 - 0
	12 Lincoln City	away	
	19 Doncaster Rovers	home	
	26 Hull City	away	
Feb	9 Middlesbrough	home	
	16 Scunthorpe United	away	
	23 Leeds United	home	
March	1 Huddersfield Town	away	
	6 Rotherham United	home	
	8 Sheffield Wednesday	home	
	15 Sunderland	away	
	22 Doncaster Rovers	away	
	29 Hartlepool	home	
April	5 York City	home	

DATE	OPPONENTS	Ground	F - A
1979			
Aug	20 York City (Cup 1 1st Leg)	home	0 - 1
	29 York City (Cup 1 2nd Leg)	away	3 - 1
Sept	4 York City	away	1 - 0
	11 Notts. County	home	1 - 1
	19 Doncaster Rovers	away	0 - 2
	25 Sunderland	home	2 - 0
Oct	3 Barnsley	away	3 - 2
	9 Chesterfield	away	0 - 1
	16 Darlington	away	3 - 2
	30 Halifax Town	home	3 - 1
Nov	7 Hull City	home	1 - 1
	13 Lincoln City	home	P
	20 Mansfield Town	away	A
	27 Middlesbrough	home	0 - 2
Dec	4 Rotherham United	away	4 - 1
	11 Scunthorpe United	home	P
	18 Scunthorpe United	away	4 - 3
1980			
Jan	8 York City	home	
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	8 Rotherham United	home	

HALF TIME SCORES

SECTION A

A- Aston Villav	Middlesbro'
B- Bolton	.....v	Norwich	.....
C- Brighton	.....v	West Brom.	.....
D- Bristol C.	.....v	Everton	.....
E- Derby	.....v	Southampton	.....
F- Ipswich	.....v	Crystal P.	.....
G- Liverpool	.....v	Forest	.....
H- Man. C.	.....v	Leeds U.	.....
J- Stoke	.....v	Man. U.	.....
K- Spurs	.....v	Coventry	.....
L- Wolves	.....v	Arsenal	.....
M- Burnley	.....v	West Ham	.....
N- Cardiff	.....v	Bristol R.	.....
P- Charlton	.....v	Watford	.....
Q- Chelsea	.....v	Cambridge	.....
R- Leicester	.....v	Swansea	.....
S- Luton	.....v	Fulham	.....
T- Newcastle	.....v	Birmingham	.....
U- Notts C.	.....v	Wrexham	.....
V- Orient	.....v	Shrewsbury	.....
W- Preston	.....v	Sunderland	.....
X- QPR	.....v	Oldham	.....

SECTION B

A- Barnsley	.....v	Colchester	.....
B- Blackpool	.....v	Plymouth	.....
C- Chester	.....v	Carlisle	.....
D- Exeter	.....v	Gillingham	.....
E- Hull C.	.....v	Millwall	.....
F- Mansfield	.....v	Reading	.....
G- Oxford	.....v	Sheffield U.	.....
H- Rotherham	.....v	Blackburn	.....
J- Sheffield W.	.....v	Chesterfield	.....
K- Southend	.....v	Brentford	.....
L- Wimbledon	.....v	Bury	.....
M- Bournemouth	.....v	Tranmere	.....
N- Aldershot	.....v	Walsall	.....
P- Bradford	.....v	Wigan	.....
Q- Darlington	.....v	Torquay	.....
R- Doncaster	.....v	Scunthorpe	.....
S- Hartlepool	.....v	Halifax	.....
S- Hereford	.....v	Peterborough	.....
T- Huddersfieldv	Stockport
U- Lincolnv	Newport
W- Northamptonv	Crewe
X- Yorkv	Portsmouth

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DAILY MAIL

GRIMSBY TOWN manager George Kerr expects the struggle for promotion to the Second Division to be the toughest in seven campaigns since three up and three down was introduced.

SUNDAY MIRROR

Blackpool 0 Grimsby 3

A TWO-GOAL blast from striker Kevin Drinkell put the skids under an out-of-touch Blackpool outfit.

On both occasions, the 46th and 60th minutes 'keeper Iain Hesford was hopelessly outwitted as Drinkell found scoring positions.

But the young 'keeper must have had little faith in his tangled defence, which the lively ~~keeper~~ almost at will.

GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH

Roy Line

IN a contest dictated more by the conditions than by the skills of the players Grimsby took their chances in a positive fashion.

After a quiet first-half in which only Mike Brolly's deflected shot was the one incident of note, the game developed with more pace after the interval.

A superbly taken second goal by Kevin Kilmore virtually killed off Brentford. The third goal by Kevin Drinkell buried them, and although Steve Phillips put a better perspective on the scoreline for the London club, they were never so soundly beaten as the final scoreline suggests.

Grimsby Town 1 Blackburn 2

Attendance; 10,711

By Roy Line

CLEETHORPES-born Duncan McKenzie marked his first-ever appearance in a League game at Blundell Park by giving Blackburn Rovers a two-goal lead against Grimsby Town this afternoon. His second was a magnificent one.

Mike Brolly promptly cut the deficit to 2-1, but there was more than an hour's play left. Town rarely looked dangerous enough up front to suggest they could save the game.

JOHN KIRBY

GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH

GRIMSBY TOWN really came good in a sensational second-half at Bloomfield Road this afternoon when they scored three times in the opening 16 minutes of the second half.

What was particularly refreshing about this performance was that they kept pushing forward for more goals and they really looked like a top-of-the-table outfit.

SUNDAY EXPRESS

Grimsby Town 5, Brentford 1

BRENTFORD fought bravely but their defence cracked late in the game and Grimsby did their goal difference a power of good.

Both sides found ball control difficult on a snow-powdered pitch and on the treacherous surface Brentford's Barry Tucker and Grimsby's Bobby Cummins both went off injured in the first half.

SUNDAY PEOPLE

Charles Ekberg

DELIGHTED Grimsby manager George Kerr, who helped to clear snow off a nightmare pitch, said after his team had slaughtered brave Brentford: "It made the hard work that the ground staff did well worthwhile.

"I did not give my players any instructions but let them get out and do the best they could and they did me proud."

SPORTS MIRROR REPORTER

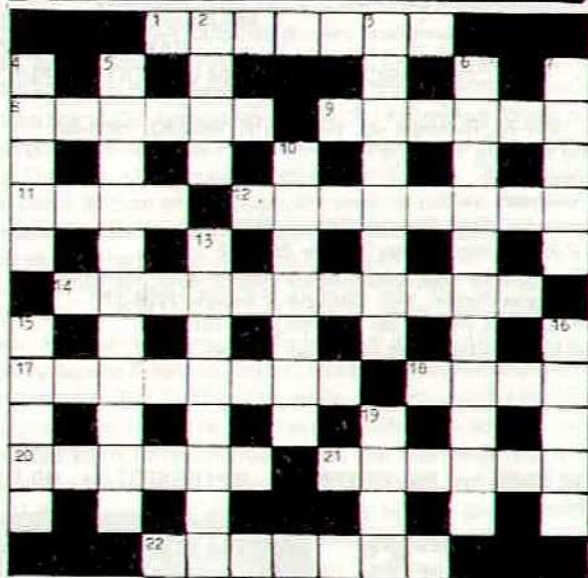
Grimsby Town 5, Brentford 1

AFTER an uneasy start, Grimsby coasted home but the scoreline didn't really reflect Brentford's part in a keenly contested game.

Both teams had their work cut out to master conditions in which skates would have been more appropriate than studs, and within 25 minutes both had to bring on their substitutes.

TEST YOUR SOCCER KNOWLEDGE

CROSSWORD NUMBER 23



ACROSS

1. The boxer who used to be known as 'Gentleman Jim' (7)
8. A South African venue for test cricket in happier days (6)
9. The weight lifter sees the light - but he hopes not this one (3,3)
11. Just in time to be in good form (4)
12. Losses on the swing could be regained on this (8)
14. World Heavyweight Boxing Champ (5,6)
17. A nine-a-side game with bat and ball, but it sure ain't cricket (8)
18. The General Secretary of the British Amateur Athletics Board (4)
20. Just the job for wet wickets, producing spin ? (6)
21. Their 'lot' is not a happy one nowadays, in or out of the grounds (6)
22. ITV sports writer who is quite a wit - repeat, wit (1,6)

DOWN

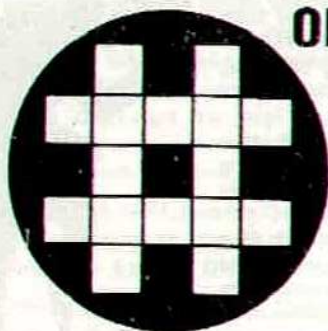
2. Test cricket ground renowned for the gasometer (4)
3. The ultimate title for boxers (3,5)
4. A northern trainer of many years (1,4)
5. American girl who is now probably superior to Mrs. Lloyd (5,6)
6. British Ryder Cup golfer who spends most of his time in the USA (1,10)
7. They ring out good cheer for the footballer of the month (5)
10. A familiar and popular trainer. Probably as well known as Albert (3,4)
13. American champion motor cyclist, keen rival to Sheene (1,7)
15. Cricketeer distinguished by his turban (1,4)
16. It's a grand slam when this is clean (5)
19. A warning shout on the links (4)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NUMBER 22

Across: 1. Strings & J. Baksi 9. Edmond 11. Cert 12. Mr. Packer 14. Shepherdson 17. Festival 18. Owls 20. L. Baugh 21. Spiral 22. Greaves

Down: 2. Toss 3. G. Edwards 4. D. Jack 5. Harry Haslam 6. Lock Forward 7. F. Durr 10. Freeman 13. Springer 15. A fall 16. Astle 19. Epee

ON THE BALL NUMBER 18



Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.



No 24 of a series

Scooping to collect the ball in his own penalty area, 'Gripper' Grimshaw the Blue's goalie, just beats the Red's striker's attempt to play it. They accidentally collide and Gripper drops the ball. Quick as a flash the ball is put in the net by another Red attacker. How would the Ref. restart the game?



From the centre-spot. No infringement had taken place and the goal would be awarded.

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SOLUTION TO ON THE BALL NUMBER 17

Old Forest/
England Star

1979 FA Cup
Final star

Plays the ball

Redknapp, say

(Revie)

(Mills)

(Billy)

(Legia)

SWINDON TOWN



'THE ROBINS'

FOUNDED 1881
GROUND COUNTY GROUND
RECORD ATTENDANCE 32,000 v ARSENAL, 15/1/72

MANAGER BOB SMITH
CAPACITY 28,000
RECORD RECEIPTS £24,494 v EVERTON 29/1/77

League Honours: Highest position in Division 2, 5th in 1969-70. Runners up, Division 3, 1962-63, 1968-69.
F.A. Cup: Best season, semi-finalists 1910, 1912.
F.L. Cup: Winners 1969.
Anglo-Italian Cup: Winners 1970.

Record victory: 10-1 v Farnham United Breweries, F.A. Cup 1st Round 28/11/25.
Record defeat: 1-10 v Manchester City, F.A. Cup 4th Round Replay 25/1/30.
Most League Appearances: John Trollope 756, 1960-1979. Most League goals: Harry Morris 216, 1926-1933.
Most League Points: 64, Division 3, 1968-69. Most League Goals: 100, Division 3 South, 1926-27.
Record Transfer Fee Received: £150,000 from Crystal Palace for Don Rogers, 1972.
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £88,000 to Wolverhampton Wanderers for Peter Eastoe, 1974.

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ALAN MAYES

Strikers hunt in pairs and the Football League's best double act is surely Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland. Alan has 24 League and Cup goals to his credit and must now be wondering why he was so apprehensive about leaving Watford last season. In fact he turned down Bobby Smith's first offer and was content to remain at Vicarage Road and compete with Luther Blisset and Ross Jenkins for the first team positions.

Eventually he was prized away from Elton John and hit 11 goals in 21 appearances last season. A Londoner, he joined Q.P.R. straight from school but did not make his league debut until he arrived at Watford. All told he has played over 150 League games, scoring in excess of 50 goals.



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ANDY ROWLAND

Bob Smith went back to his old club, Bury, to sign Andy last season. With 21 goals to date the strapping six-footer from Derby has amply repaid his manager's investment. While at Gigg Lane he figured in 169 League games, scoring 58 times, and his aggressive forward play has continued at the County Ground.

Both Andy and Alan recognise the important contribution winger Ian Miller has made to their phenomenal scoring success. His intelligent distribution ensures a constant supply of scoring opportunities.

At the moment Andy has scored three fewer goals than Alan but is confident he will finish in front at the season end. He managed it last term but that particular honour is secondary to the task of getting Swindon back to the Second Division.



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IN RETROSPECT

SWINDON TOWN

Visiting Manager Bob Smith may well recall a fixture between Grimsby and Swindon at Blundell Park back in April 1967. At the time Bob was turning out for the Mariners, following his transfer from Scunthorpe the previous year. Both sides were in the lower half of the Third Division, anxious for points to keep clear of the bottom four positions.

A paltry 4,473 turned up to see the following Town side in action – Wainman, Taylor, Bloomer, Smith, Rathbone, Cockerill, Collins, Wilson, Moore, Rudd, Martin. The visitors included Peter Downsborough in goal, Welsh international Rod Thomas, and speedy winger Don Rogers. The Mariners roared to a 2-0 interval lead with goals from Gary Moore and Dave Wilson and though the visitors pulled one back on the hour, diminutive Billy Rudd restored Town's two-goal advantage. His was a superb goal, a well judged chip from twenty yards after a Geoff Martin corner had been cleared. Grimsby looked to be cruising to a comfortable victory but incredibly gave away three goals in the final ten minutes to lose 3-4. After playing with composure and confidence the Mariners lost all sense of discipline in that final bizarre finish. Harry Wainman misjudged a centre and big Mel Nurse, a Welsh cap, made it 3-2 in the 80th minute. Straight from the kick-off Rogers intercepted a misplaced pass and made tracks for goal. Town's defence opened up, the usually sound Graham Taylor missed his tackle and Swindon were level. Even so Grimsby looked to be holding out for a point until Bob Smith stepped in. Unfortunatley for the Mariners he committed a foul a minute from time, and from the resulting free-kick Pat Terry scored the winner with a glancing header. Many fans had gone to the 'Imp' ten minutes from time confident that the Mariners had a couple of points. They refused to believe the result until the following day when it appeared in black and white.

All but a couple of the twenty-two league games between Town and Swindon have been played in Division Three. The odd season was 1963-64 when a young Robins side managed by Bert Head took the Second Division by storm. Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt and Don Rogers figured in a side of young greyhounds that completed the double over Town – 2-1 in both games. Those fixtures took place on successive Wednesday nights at the beginning of the season. At Blundell Park George McLean gave Town an 8th minute lead and the Mariners dominated the first half. But it was a different story after the interval and goals from Smart and Hunt took the points to Wiltshire. Grimsby's team that night was – Wright, Thompson, Donovan, Cockerill, Jobling, Clifton, Pennington, Foster, McLean, Tees, Hill. A week later at the County Ground Welbourne replaced Cockerill before a crowd 21,866. Brian Hill scored a consolation goal for Grimsby after Bill Atkins and Don Rogers had put Swindon on the path to victory.

The Mariners have a dismal record on their West Country visits. In eleven league trips we have yet to win a game. Our 0-3 defeat earlier in the season was true to form. All in all we have gained just three points from 0-0 draws at the County Ground. Our one visit in the F.A. Cup resulted in a shock. The clubs met in a Third Round Cup tie in January 1938 at Blundell Park. Town were in the top half of Division One while the visitors were in the lower reaches of the Southern Section. Though Town were depleted with injuries, few expected the Third Division side to hold out for a draw. Alec Hall and Harry Betmead were absent and the Mariners' reshuffled defence found it hard going against the eager Swindon forwards. Still the following side held out for a 1-1 draw. Tweedy, Vincent, Kelly, Dyson, Hodgson, Buck, Bestall, Hinchcliffe, Tomlinson, Craven, Coulter. Still with the famous Hall-Betmead-Buck half back line fit for the replay victory for the First Division side seemed a fair bet. Whatever the odds Swindon provided the shock of the round winning 2-1.

Swindon were founder members of the Third Division back in 1920 and at the end of that initial season visited Blundell Park for the first time. They included in their team Harold Fleming, capped nine times for England, and one of the heroes of the side that reached the F.A. Cup Semi Finals twice as a Southern League club in 1910 and 1912. April 1921 saw Swindon emerge as the main challenger to Crystal Palace for the one promotion spot. However, the Mariners destroyed those aspirations with what has proved to be our biggest winning margin over the Robins. The following side won 3-0: Whalley, Affleck, McEachran, Gillow, Deacey, Bradford, Collier, Morrait, Clark, Macauley, Smith. The victory was masterminded by the elegant Wilf Gillow but Town's first goal was shrouded in controversy. A centre from Deacey was palmed in to the net by Clark, on the referee's blind side. Despite the justified protests of the visiting defenders the goal stood. Two further goals from winger Albert Smith settled the issue.

Swindon last visited Cleethorpes in May 1977. It was the Mariners' last home game before relegation was suffered to the Fourth Division. Details of games that season were:

8th March 1977, County Ground, Attendance 6,980. Town 1 (Lewis) Swindon 4 (Dixon, Syrett, Prophett, Anderson).
Town – Wainman, Yates, Booth, Waters, Hanvey, Gray, Lewis, Partridge, Boylen, Brolly.
Swindon – Barron, Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale, Anderson.

7th May 1977, Blundell Park, Attendance 3,027. Town 2 (Lewis, Liddell) Swindon 0.
Town – Wainman, Cumming, Moore K., Waters, Hanvey, Gray, Lewis, Partridge, Liddell, Boylen, Brolly.
Swindon – Allan, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, Barron, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale, Goddard, Sub. Anderson.



SWINDON TOWN F.C. 1979/80

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) - Will Tranter (Coach), Brian Williams, Kenny Stroud, Russell Lewis, John Templeman, Jimmy Allan, Kevin Roberts, Chris Ogden, Andy Ford, Billy Tucker, Chris Kamara, Roy Carter, Bob Smith (Team Manager)
FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) - Bryan Hamilton, Paul Gilchrist, Chic Bates, Ray McHale (Captain), Ian Miller, Alan Mayes, Andy Rowland

FOCUS

WELCOME TO SWINDON

By the time Swindon trot on to Blundell Park this afternoon, the footballing world will know whether or not the Wiltshire side have a date at Wembley for The League Cup Final. Whatever the outcome of last Wednesday's cup tussle with Wolves, Bobby Smith's boys have captured the Country's acclaim with the incisive quality of their football.

Many would say they are certainties for promotion to Division Two, but some critics feel the fine cup runs will have an adverse effect on their league form. Cup commitments and postponements have resulted in Swindon having a backlog of fixtures and March will prove to be a hectic month.

Swindon were unbeaten at The County Ground until Boxing Day when Exeter City took the points in a five-goal thriller, and then last Saturday another home reversal was suffered at the hands of Sheffield Wednesday. Though dominating midfield The Robins' finishing let them down - something that has rarely happened this season. Apart from those defeats the only other points surrendered at the County Ground were in goal-less draws with Reading and Hull City. Bury were thrashed 8-0, Brentford 4-0 and other victories have been recorded against Chesterfield, Chester, Southend, Plymouth, Sheffield United, Blackburn and The Mariners. Our 3-0 defeat last September was fairly convincing and Town supporters had no reason for complaint.

Their away form has improved in recent games and they are undefeated in their last five away fixtures. Wins have been recorded at Barnsley, Brentford, Blackpool, and Colchester, while draws have been gained at Mansfield, Gillingham and Oxford. Defeats have been suffered at both Sheffield clubs, Rotherham, Reading, Wimbledon and Plymouth.

Major signing by manager Bobby Smith was Glen Cockerill from Lincoln City for a reputed £100,000. But such is the strength in depth at Swindon that the Cleethorpes youngster, who played with Terry Donovan for Louth United, has yet to establish himself in the first team.

Bobby Smith of course had a season at Blundell Park as a hard tackling wing-half in the mid-sixties. Signed from Scunthorpe for £8,000, Bobby made 48 League appearances for The Mariners, scoring one goal. A former Busby babe, he went on to play for Brighton, Chester, Hartlepool and Bury before retiring. After a spell at Gigg Lane as manager, during which time he guided The Shakers to promotion from the Fourth Division, Bob took over at Swindon in May 1978.

Last season the Robins missed out on promotion by just three points and are obviously hoping to do better this term. However it is their cup performances that have brought them to the attention of the media. Round One of The League Cup paired them with Portsmouth, and a 3-1 aggregate win earned them a tie with Chester. As might be expected Alan Oakes' outfit proved a tough nut to crack but goals from Alan Mayes earned a trip to Stoke City. Following a 2-2 draw in the Potteries, Swindon won the replay 2-1. Wimbledon away proved no problem and so the Fifth Round draw took them to Highbury. The Mariners' performance in holding Wolves to a draw at Blundell Park was completely overshadowed by the news that Swindon had shared two goals with Arsenal. In a thrilling seven-goal tussle at The County Ground, Brady, Stapleton, and Co. were beaten and the prospect of an all Third Division semi-final with Grimsby was on the cards. Alas it did not happen but whatever the result of last Wednesday's fixture both Swindon and The Mariners have done the reputation of the Third Division proud.

Swindon's F.A. Cup run came to an end in that memorable replay with Spurs a few weeks ago. To reach that stage, Brentford, Torquay and Second Division promotion contenders Luton had been accounted for.

Despite losing their last two home games Swindon surely should claim one of the promotion places. Off the field the club is well organised and the Cup games pulled in gates of over 20,000. League attendances are on a par with those at Blundell Park and likewise there is little doubt the area could support a Second Division side.

It will be one of the major upsets of the season if Swindon do not have cause for celebration next May.

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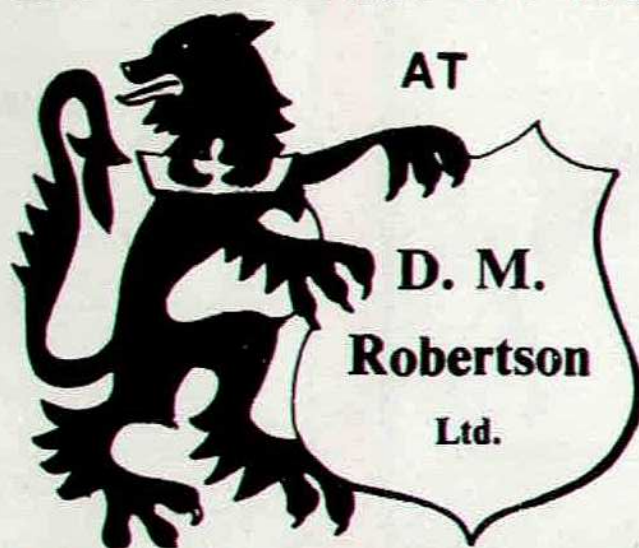
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GRIMSBY

1 NIGEL BATCH

Has made 44 appearances in League and Cups this season.

2 JOHN STONE

Earned star ratings at Colchester, his 22nd League appearance of the season.

3 KEVIN MOORE

1979-80, 30 League appearances with 3 goals. Also figured in 12 of the Cup ties.

4 JOE WATERS

Ever-present to date with 5 League and 2 Cup goals.

5 CLIVE WIGGINTON

Another ever-present this season. Including his spells at Scunthorpe and Lincoln has made 360 League appearances.

6 DEAN CROMBIE

1979-80, 23 League appearances plus a another 9 in the Cups.

7 MIKE BROLLY

1979-80, 30 League appearances and 2 goals. Fast approaching his 200th League match.

8 KEVIN KILMORE

1979-80, 10 League and 1 Cup goals in 20 games.

9 KEVIN DRINKELL

Scored twice against Brentford, making it 7 goals in 24 first team appearances this season.

10 BOB MITCHELL

An ever-present this season. A career total of 71 first team games for the Mariners.

11 BOB CUMMING

10 League and 4 Cup goals this season. Has figured in 36 first team games.

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SWINDON

1 JIMMY ALLEN

Comes from Inverness. Joined Swindon from Scottish non-league football in 1970.

2 RUSSELL LEWIS

Signed from Welsh League football four years ago

3 KEN STROUD

Spent 10 years with club which he joined from school. Played over 250 league games

4 RAY McHALE

Started with Chesterfield for whom he played 123 games, then moved to Halifax before joining Swindon in September, 1976

5 BILLY TUCKER

Played for Hereford United in their Southern league days, and was with them when they won through to the Second Division.

6 ROY CARTER

Another ex-Hereford player whose career began as a part-timer with Falmouth

7 IAN MILLER

Played with Bury, Forest and Doncaster before going to Swindon in 1978

8 CHRIS KAMARA

Comes from Middlesbrough. Made his debut with Portsmouth. Signed for Swindon in 1977

9 ANDY ROWLAND

Another former Bury player for whom he played 166 games Came to Swindon in September 1978

10 ALLAN MAYES

Started with QPR but moved to Watford to break into league football and helped them win the Division 4 title in 1977/78.

11 BRIAN WILLIAMS

Still one more Bury exile in the Swindon camp. Played 148 games for Bury in six seasons before signing for QPR. Moved to Swindon in 1978

12 BRYAN HAMILTON

Won 46 caps with Northern Ireland. Formerly with Ipswich, Everton and Millwall before moving to Swindon as player/coach in November 1978



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OFFICIALS

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LINESMEN

Red Flag: R. P. Dawson - Leicester

Yellow Flag: T. Curtis - Sheffield