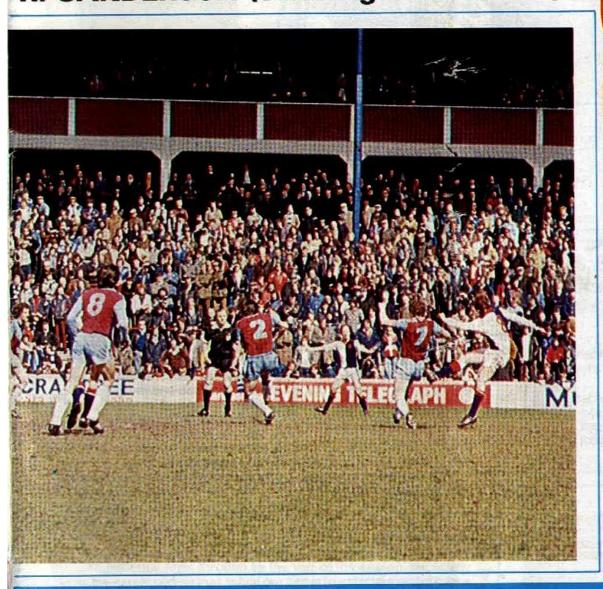
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And it is in this context that we must continue to look at the situation, especially since we know that every match has become like a Cup-tie, with the risk of a sudden-death blow resulting from even one slip.

This is why I have been preaching patience, and why I continue to stress that this is a quality which needs to be exercised all round. And in saying that, I am very conscious of the fact that we have been winning back support, as well as matches.

Hopefully, we shall have one of our top gates of the season this afternoon, and I know our fans will be willing the Rovers to chalk up another victory. This, though, is where the game of patience applies.

We all hope for the tonic of an early goal, but if one doesn't come and the fans begin to show that they are impatient, this starts to get through to the players — and that's when things can start to go wrong. If you feel you are under pressure to produce something minute by minute, the job becomes that much more difficult.

Indeed, it has become a matter not merely of being patient throughout a game of 90 minutes' duration, but of maintaining that patience right through to the end of the season, especially since we recognise that, while our aim is to entertain and produce good fooball, at the end of the term results are what will count.

So I hope our supporters will concentrate on offering the team encouragement, because that will enable US to get on with the game as we strive to get the result we all seek.

Finally, a word of welcome to Charlie Wright, whose experience as a goalkeeper will be invaluable as he puts our three 'keepers through their paces and provides a specialist's approach. Charlie, until recently the manager of York, is well qualified to give a helping hand, and I am sure our goalkeepers will benefit.



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## WELCOME TO THE MEN

#### SO CLOSE TO CUP GLORY

SWINDON TOWN have found themselves coming from behind in the League, as they have made progress on the Cup front. Like the Rover's, they became contenders along the Wembley trail and, as a result, they have had some catching up to do in their bid for a promotion place.

In the League Cup, Swindon disposed of Portsmouth with a 3-1 aggregate win, then scored a 2-1 aggregate victory over Chester. They won a replay after a 2-2 draw at Stoke, won first time out at Wimbledon, and reached the quarter-finals to come up against

Arsenal.

The first game was drawn, and Arsenal went out in the replay at Swindon, who then tackled Wolves on their own ground in the first leg of the semi-final. Swindon went to Molineux with a 2-1

lead, but there Wolves made no mistake.

In the F.A. Cup, Swindon hammered Brentford 4-1, disposed of Torquay, and scored a fine 2-0 victory against Luton Town at Kenilworth-road. The fourth round pitched them in against Spurs, and a 0-0 draw at Swindon took Town to White Hart-lane, where they finally went out, 2-1 losers.

NOW it's promotion or nothing, for Swindon Town — and the men from Wiltshire have had one or two heart-stopping results since their Cup forays, because their exit from the Wembley trail was followed by a 2-1 home defeat against Sheffield Wednesday and a 2-0 defeat against Grimsby at Blundell Park.

Both these games were fourpoint affairs, and the result did not make good reading for Swindon, although they rallied to score a 2-1 home win over Wimbledon as they braced themselves for another push towards the top of the Third Division.

Undoubtedly, Swindon's successes this season in various competitions have been helped by the goals their front-line strike force has tucked away — Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes both lead the Third

#### Promotion or bust now, for the men from Wiltshire

Division marksmen, with more than 40 goals between them.

Mayes, a Londoner, first saw service with Queen's Park Rangers, though he did not make the first team. In 1975 he moved to Watford, and he played in their Fourth Division championship side of season 1977-78.

He marked his debut for Town by scoring a hat-trick against Rotherham, and he hasn't looked back since ... and the same can be said about Rowland who, like Mayes, had to switch clubs to make his mark.

Rowland, from Derby, joined his home-town club, but failed to break through to the first team.

Swindon's last line of defence is Jimmy Allan, who hails from Inverness and was signed from non-league football in Scotland in 1970 He has now totalled more than 200 League appearances for Swindon.

Waiting in the wings behind Allan is **Kevin Roberts**, another bargain signing — he was a part-timer with Western League club Welton Rovers' when he joined Swindon in March, 1977.

Andy Ford has played mostly at left-back, though he has also operated in the centre of the defence, and he left Bournemouth to try his luck with Southend.

Ken Stroud is one of the club's longest-serving players — he signed professional in 1970 and has topped the 200 League-game mark, while Billy Tucker was recruited from Bury last June. He played at centreback for Hereford in their Southern League days and saw them achieve Second Division status before moving to Gigglane in December, 1976.

John Templeman kicked off with Portsmouth, although when he made his League bow it was with Brighton, and he joined Swindon from Exeter last summer.

Swindon went to Queen's Park Rangers to sign midfield man **Brian Williams** in the summer of 1978. Williams had played 148 League games for Bury in midfield and attack when he moved to Loftus-road, but after only a season there he became a Swindon player.

Roy Carter, another midfield player, was voted Town's Player of the Year last term, and

### FROM SWINDON TOWN



#### **Picture Key**

BACK ROW (left to right): Wilf 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 (manager). Front row: Bryan Hamilton, Paul Gilchrist (now with Hereford), Chic Bates (now with Bristol Rovers), Ray McHale (captain), Ian Miller, Alan Mayes, Andy Rowland.

this former part-timer with Falmouth figured in Hereford's side which reached the Second Division,

Chris Kamara and Ray McHale have made their mark in midfield for Swindon, too — Kamara, from Middlesbrough, kicked off with Portsmouth in 1975 and, after 56 League games, joined Swindon in 1977, while McHale made his League bow for Chesterfield in season 1971-72 and, after 123 League games, was an ever-present with Halifax moving to Swindon

#### SPOTLIGHT ON THE MANAGER

ALTHOUGH not much older than some of his players, Bob Smith (pictured extreme right) is managing his third League club, the others have been, Bury and Port Vale. He comes from the north, and started his playing career with Manchester United. He did not play in the first team for them, but he served Scunthorpe, Brighton, Chester and Hartlepool well, before becoming coach at Bury, whom he then took over as manager. Bob managed Bury when they won promotion to the third Division in season 1973-74, and he moved to Swindon after a spell as team boss at Port Vale.

in September, 1976. He has now totalled more than 150 League appearances with Town.

Two more experienced men are **Bryan Hamilton**, the Northern Ireland international who played for Ipswich, Everton and Millwall before he moved to Swindon as player-coach in November, 1978, and **Paul Gilchrist**, who claimed an F.A. Cup-winner's medal with Southampton in 1976.

Swindon's player squad is completed by Chick Bates, Steve Abbley, Russell Lewis and Ian Miller. Bates had seven

years in Southern League football before starting out with Shrewsbury in 1974, and he played 160 League games before joining Swindon in January, 1978. Lewis — signed from the Welsh League — has sampled League football, and Miller is another of Town's former Bury 'Clan'.

A Scot, Miller failed to make the first team after moving to Nottingham Forest, but played 124 League games for Doncaster, and had 44 outings with Swindon, whom he joined in summer 1978.



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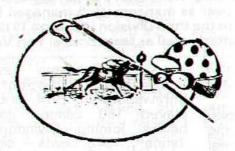
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#### ON THE BALL...

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Former Bristol City/England star; One of the Springett brothers; 'The Big Man'; Teams.

(Solution in panel below)

#### QUIZ

 West Germany beat England in the quarter-finals of the 1970 World Cup — but who beat West Germany to reach the final?

2. Where were the 1970 World

Cup finals staged?

3. A famous Brazilian footballer went by the name of Edson Arantes di Nascimento ... but by which name did everyone know him?

4. Puskas, Gento, Di Stefano ... these were famous players with Real Madrid. What are their christian

names?

In 1968 and 1969, the same club lost successive League Cup finals. Name the club.

6. Who defeated that club in the

1968 League Cup final?

7. Who defeated that club in the

1969 League Cup final?

8. Can you name five English clubs which have won the U.E.F.A. Cup (earlier known as the Fairs Cup)?

Can you name five British clubs which have won the European Cupwinners Cup?

10. Which London club won the Football League Cup in 1971?

THESE two centre-forwards were on opposite sides in a post-war F.A. Cup final at Wembley. Maybe they scored a goal, maybe not . . . but we're asking if YOU can score a hat-trick by naming their respective clubs, giving the result, and saying which year the final was played.

**HAT-TRICK** 

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#### **GROUNDER**

SOLVE this puzzle, and you will have identified a Football League ground (the word "Ground", "Park" etc. is omitted). So take a look at the clue, and decide . . . what ground — and whose?

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#### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Italy defeated West Germany.

The 1970 finals were in Mexico.

3. The name is ... Pele. 4. Ferenc Puskas, Francisco Gento, Alfredo di Stefano. 5. Arsenal were the losers. 6. Leeds United won the 1968 final.

Swindon Town won the 1969 final.

8. The clubs are Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds United, Arsenal and Newcastle United. 9. The clubs are Glasgow Rangers, Chelsea, Manchester City, West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur. 10. Tottenham won the 1971 League Cup final.

PLACE THE FACE solution: the game was in the Anglo-Scottish tournament, the opposition was Preston — which means that the 'keeper's name is Roy Tunks

ON THE BALL solution: Atyeo; Peter; Stein; Sides.

HAT-TRICK solution: Newcastle United 1, Arsenal 0 (1952).

GROUNDER solution: Villa (Park) — Aston Villa.

#### PLACE THE FACE



HERE'S Stuart Parker scoring with a header earlier in the season ... but we're asking you to concentrate on the goalkeeper in this picture, and see if you can put a name to the face. He's been a first-team regular for several seasons now, by the way. If you're still trying to work it out, the answer is in the panel on the right.

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## ACTION REPLAY

THE old one-two-three . . . Andy Crawford opens the scoring (below), Duncan McKenzie hits No. 2 (right) and No. 3 (below, right) to sink Gillingham.







STAN TUCKER, chairman of the newlyformed Blackburn branch of the Rovers' Supporters' Association, receives from commercial manager Geoff Butterfield a photograph of branch president Jim Arnold. Pictured also are branch-committee members... which is our cue to add that branch meetings take place at the Turner's Arms, King-street, on Thursdays (8.30 p.m.).



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SWINDON TOWN celebrate their centenary next year, and though they have yet to claim a place in the First Division (their highest-ever placing has been fifth, in Division 2), they have written their name into the archives of Soccer, notably in the Cup scene.

Even today, Swindon supporters recall with relish that their team, the pride of Wiltshire, went to Wembley as a Third Division club, took on mighty Arsenal and, after extra time, emerged as 3-1 winners to carry off the Football League Cup. That was in season 1968-69.

Swindon arrived on the Soccer scene in 1881, adopted professionalism and joined the Southern League in 1894, and became members of the Third Division in 1920. Twice — in seasons 1962-63 and 1968-69 — they finished as runners-up in the Third Division.

Backroom men who have helped make their mark have included Bert Head and Danny Williams, while on the playing side Town produced winger Don Rogers, who cost Crystal Palace a £150,000 fee, Welsh-international full-back Rod Thomas, who brought £100,000 when he joined Derby County, and winger Dave Moss, who is currently aiding Luton's bid for promotion from Division 2.

On page 4 we have already mentioned Swindon's Cup exploits this season, and they have earned a reputation as a Cup-fighting club through the years — indeed, twice they reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup (in 1910 and 1912) — and they have competed against European opposition, having claimed the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970.

Two Cup-ties go down in the club's record books, also, and for different reasons. Away back in 1925, Swindon Town scored their highest-ever F.A. Cup victory when they defeated a team called Farnham United Breweries 10-1 . . . while in another Cup-tie, five years later, Swindon themselves went down against Manchester City by a similar margin.

The Rovers celebrated their centenary five years ago, and promotion talk was in the air then. Swindon have a year to go to their 100th birthday . . . and they are hoping that it will be a time for celebration in a double sense, with football in a higher division either achieved, or on the horizon.

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one of our keenest fans!

He is Mr. Robert Coar, a 33 yearold bachelor, who is a director in the family building firm of Messrs. Caton and Duckworth, and his appointment to the board of the Rovers takes effect immediately, although in the long term he will be succeeding Mr. Arthur Fryars, who - after many years' service to the club - is due to retire at the next annual general meeting.

Mr. Coar has been a fervent

supporter of the Rovers since he was only six years old, and he is also well known as an all-round sportsman, for he has played cricket for Rishton and Blackburn Northern, and he is a member of Pleasington Golf Club. In addition, he is a very keen squash player.

And if, as we all hope, the Rovers wind up this spring by claiming a place in the Second Division again, Mr. Coar's experience in the building trade will prove an undoubted asset, for in the event of the Rovers gaining promotion, we would have to ensure that Ewood conformed with Ground under the conditions Safety Act.

#### MATCH MASCOT



Name: Paul Neil Addison.

Age: 7 years.

School: Westholme.

Hobbies: Football, Swimming, Cycling.

Favourite Player: Noel

Brotherston.

He's on next to the front row



THE transfer deadline has come and gone, but scouting missions continue. And while the Rovers themselves maintain a constant check on players of other clubs, the compliment is returned as scouts make a trip to Ewood Park and other grounds on which the Rovers may happen to be playing.

One of the regular visitors to Ewood this season has been Ken Barnes, Manchester City's chief scout; and recently there was someone from across the Atlantic, taking in a game here. He was Dennis Violet, former Manchester

United star who is now right-hand man to Noel Cantwell, team boss of the New England Teamen in Boston.

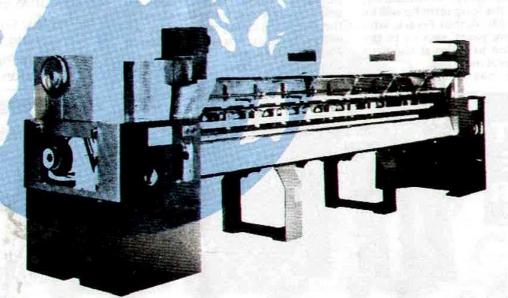
Liverpool's chief scout, Geoff Twentyman, has also been seen at Ewood, but his most recent assessment was made in a reserve match between Rovers and his own club's second team, at Anfield. And this was the Twentyman opinion about a Rovers player who was classes above anyone else on the park.

Geoff's verdict: "Every inch a Liverpool standard performer - a midfield man able to surge into space, help team-mates release inch-perfect passes.

Rovers' player-manager, Howard Kendall, need have no worries, however, about bracing himself to resist one of Liverpool's famous swoops into the lower divisions for a voungster they aim to groom for stardom. For the Twentyman accolade was bestowed upon Howard himself — "a superb credit to the game" - who was having a run out with the second team to confirm his fitness after a hamstring injury.

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- 10 Duncan McKenzie
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- 4 Ray McHale
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