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from **BRIAN'S** desk

As the season progresses and the race for promotional honours gets hotter, it becomes even more apparent that we will have a major say in the final outcome, and this afternoon we welcome the players and officials of Swindon Town, in what promises to be a curtain raiser to the Easter programme.

It must be said that our performance against Barnsley was not of a high class and we were rather fortunate to collect both points against one of the better sides seen at St. James' Park this season. Lady Luck certainly smiled upon us and for that we are grateful. We have experienced similar situations ourselves this season, so perhaps we were due some luck.

With new faces any side will at first seem unbalanced while players get to know each other and the performance at Chester gave a new dimension and the result speaks for itself. The new strike force of Kellow and Pratt certainly caused problems to the Chester defence and whilst I do not wish to single out individuals for praise, it was pleasing to see Ray Pratt get among the goals in the League and this will boost his confidence tremendously. The whole team performed well and I am sure the players will want to repeat the dose in the two Easter games against Swindon this afternoon and at Plymouth on Monday. Many of you will be making the trip to

Plymouth and with good vocal support I am sure the team will respond. Certainly let yourselves be heard and remember you will be representing the City of Exeter as well as your Club.
Have a good Easter break.

Sincerely,
BRIAN GODFREY

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Mr. Ted Croker, the Secretary of the Football Association, is also Governor of the South West Sports Aid Foundation.

The Foundation is responsible for raising money to pay as direct grants to promising sportsmen and women to assist in training and preparation in their specialised events.

Considerable success has been achieved by many of the recipients, and it is worth reminding you that Robin Cousins was a major beneficiary of such a grant in 1979.

Finance raised within the South West is used solely for the benefit of locally based sportsmen and women.

A collection will be held this afternoon and we would ask you to give generously.

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Welcome

SWINDON DROP OUT OF THE CHASE

by Tony Pullein

Swindon's season reached a climax in February when promotion, and a trip to Wembley, were both real possibilities. But, since losing rather unfortunately to Wolves in the semi-final of the League Cup, Swindon have suffered a series of setbacks in the League and now they seem to have dropped out of the promotion chase.

Nevertheless, this must go down as one of the finest seasons in the club's history. On their way to the League Cup semi-final, they outstayed First Division sides Stoke City and Arsenal and they led Wolves 2-1 in the first leg of the semi. But they went down 1-3 in the return to go out on aggregate.

Swindon also enjoyed a good run in the F.A. Cup. They won 2-0 away to Second Division Luton in the third round and then held Tottenham to a goalless draw. They even took the lead in the replay at White Hart Lane but eventually went out by 1-2.

When he could see his team beginning to sag, after their League Cup exit, manager Bobby Smith signed Southampton's England under-21 international left-back Dave Peach for £150,000. He has been playing on the left side of a back four which has included Russell Lewis on the right and Billy Tucker and Ken Stroud in the middle.

Skipper Ray McHale controls things from midfield where he is usually partnered by Chris Kamara and Ian Miller. Roy Carter has played both in midfield and up front.

Swindon possess two of the Football League's leading goalscorers in Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes. Before last weekend Rowland had 22 goals to his credit whilst Mayes had scored 26 times.

Brian Williams had been supporting them on the wing until the signing of Glenn Cockerill from Swindon for £110,000.

Swindon had a tough game at Blackburn last Saturday but, before that, they had scored four away League victories - at Colchester (3-2), Blackpool (1-0), Brentford (3-1) and Barnsley (2-1). They drew at Mansfield (1-1), Gillingham (0-0) and Oxford (2-2) but lost at Sheff. Un. (1-2), Rotherham (0-3), Sheff. Wed (2-4), Reading (1-2), Wimbledon (0-2), Plymouth (0-2), Grimsby (0-2), Southend (0-1), Millwall (2-6), Hull (0-1), Chester (0-1) and Chesterfield (1-2).



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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 (Team Manager).
FRONT ROW (left to right) Bryan Hamilton, Paul Gilchrist, (now Hereford), Chris Bates, (now Bristol Rvr.), Ray McHale (Captain), Ian Miller, Alan Mayes, Andy Rowland.

JIMMY ALLAN (Goalkeeper) Jimmy comes from Inverness and was signed from Scottish Non-League football in October 1970. Although he made his debut in September 1971, he had to wait for a first team place and had made 183 League appearances to the end of the last season.

RUSSELL LEWIS, (Defender). From Wales, he was signed from Welsh League football in the early part of the 1975/1976 season and made made 13 League appearances at the end of the last season all as a central defender.

BILLY TUCKER (Defender) From Hereford he played at centre half for Hereford United in their Southern League days. He stayed with that club after election to the League and played in the side that eventually reached the Second Division making 135 League appearances. He moved to Bury in December 1976 and made his name with that Club before moving to Swindon in June, 1979.

KEN STROUD (Defender). Originally from London Ken is one of the longest serving players at the Club having joined from school. He signed professional in 1970 and made his League debut in 1971/1972 season. He had played 200 League games to the end of last season, many of them in midfield, although more recently he has settled into his favourite position playing beside the centre half in the middle of the defence.

IAN MILLER, (Forward). Ian comes from Perth, but his first League Club was Bury for whom he made 9 League appearances. He moved to Nottingham Forest, but he did not make the first team there. A move to Doncaster in August, 1975 brought a regular first team place and he played 124 League games before his transfer to Swindon in the summer of 1978. A traditional right winger he played 44 League games for Swindon last season.

CHRIS KAMARA (Midfield). Chris comes from Middlesborough, but made his League debut for Portsmouth in 1975, as one of a number of young players given a chance due to financial problems at the time. Transferred to Swindon in the summer of 1977 after 56 League appearances for Pompey he has since made 74 more for the Wiltshire Club. He usually plays on the right hand side of midfield, but can also operate on the wing and has occasionally filled in as a centre forward.

ANDY ROWLAND (Forward) From Derby he joined his home townclub, but was unable to break into the first team. A move to Bury in Season 1973/1974 gave him first team football and he made 166 League appearances before his move to Swindon in September, 1978. A strong

traditional centre forward, he made 28 League appearances for Swindon last season.

ALAN MAYES (Forward). Alan comes from London and his first professional club was Queens Park Rangers, although he did not make the first team there. In 1975 he moved to Watford and played in their Fourth Division championship side of 1977/1978. He played over 100 games for Watford as well as 10 on loan to Northampton Town and signed for Swindon in February 1979. He played 22 games for Swindon last season and had the usual sort of distinction of scoring a hat trick on his debut in a game at Rotherham. A mobile player who normally operates beside the centre forward.

BRIAN WILLIAMS (Midfield). Another of Swindon's former Bury players having made 148 League appearances for that Club in midfield and attack from 1971 until 1977, when he then moved to Queens Park Rangers. The London club were passing through a difficult time and he made only 9 full and 10 substitute appearances in one season there. He signed for Swindon in the 1978 close season and made 23 League appearances last season. A very competitive player he is also naturally left sided.

DAVID PEACH. Latest aquisition from Southampton for approximately £150,000.

STEVE ABBLEY (Forward). A young winger whom it is hoped will challenge for a place in the first team this season, but he had not made his debut at the beginning of the season.

ROY CARTER (Midfield). The 1979 'Player of the Year' at Swindon. He was born at Torpoint Cornwall and played part-time football for Falmouth in the Western League before joining Hereford United in the summer of 1975. He played in the side which won promotion to Division II and made 64 League appearances before leaving for Swindon in December, 1977. He had made 66 appearances for Swindon to the end of last season mainly in a midfield role, but he is a versatile player and has filled in at centre half when required.

ANDY FORD (Defender). From Minehead he did not make the League side at his first Club, Bournemouth, but after a move to Southend in 1972, he made 135 League appearances for that Club. He signed for Swindon during the 1977 close season and had made 74 League appearances to the end of last season, most at left full back although he has also played in central defence and midfield.

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THIRD DIVISION SCENE

DESPAIR AT BLACKPOOL

by Tony Pullein

Something seems to have gone terribly wrong at Blackpool. The club that once graced the First Division for so long, and appeared in three post-war F.A. Cup finals, now looks doomed to a watery grave in the Fourth Division. Names like Stan Matthews, Stan Mortensen and Harry Johnston are but fond memories now as the club staggers from one disaster to another.

When the Tangerines dropped into the Third Division for the first time ever in 1978, they appointed the experienced Bob Stokoe as manager. But he left when the board signed a player without his knowledge and, since then, the club has been careering down a slippery slope to oblivion.

Coach Stan Ternent took over at the beginning of this season but he was fired in February. Former England midfielder star Alan Ball was appointed player-manager but further problems arose when Vancouver Whitecaps refused to release Ball from his summer contract with them.

At the moment Alan Ball is running the club from his telephone in Canada with player-coach Ted MacDougall virtually taking charge of team affairs. But defeats in successive away games, at Carlisle (0-2) and Sheffield Wednesday (1-4), pushed Blackpool into second-from-bottom place.

More or less acknowledging that they must start building again from scratch, Blackpool have placed 11 of their players on the transfer list.

Carlisle wanted Wolves' former England defender Emlyn Hughes for their vacant player-manager's post. But Wolves' manager John Barnwell refused to allow him to go. "His experience will be invaluable to us when we go into Europe next season", he explained.

Another name linked with the Carlisle job was Everton's unfortunate midfielder Geoff Nulty, whose playing career was ended by an injury received in a tackle a few weeks ago.

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P	W	D	L	F	Goals	
					A	Pts
39	22	7	10	62	40	51
38	18	13	7	73	42	49
37	19	9	9	46	27	47
38	18	10	10	60	43	46
38	17	9	12	53	47	43
39	17	9	13	55	51	43
38	15	11	12	56	53	41
39	16	9	14	53	60	41
38	15	10	13	55	46	40
38	15	9	14	59	52	39
37	14	11	12	43	45	39
37	16	6	15	56	50	38
38	13	12	13	45	42	38
37	15	7	15	49	55	37
39	12	12	15	52	52	36
38	13	9	16	52	52	35
37	12	11	14	38	49	35
39	12	9	18	53	67	33
38	9	13	16	40	46	31
38	11	9	18	40	49	31
37	8	15	14	40	58	31
38	11	8	19	52	68	30
37	12	5	20	38	52	29
38	8	11	19	39	63	27



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SPOTLIGHT on the reserves

with Chris Davey

Following our good away performance at MANGOTSFIELD F.C. where we won by 4 goals to 1 (scorers Pearson 2, Forbes, Bowker) we entertained WESTON SUPER MARE at St James' Park in midweek. It was an interesting game in which both teams played alot of good football. However, we conceded goals as a result of bad defensive play and found penetration difficult against a very well organised and committed Weston team.

WE opened the game very brightly and played some very attractive football but the second half saw us slip away badly and the game was lost by 3 goals to nil.

The side which represented the club was:

STEVE NUTE, MARTYN ROGERS, DAVID JONES, LEE ROBERTS, ANDY BULLED, DICK FORBES, GUY FAWDEN, ROY IRELAND, IAN PEARSON, ANDY BELL, KEITH BOWKER. SUB: PAUL CLATWORTHY.

ON THE YOUTH SCENE ...

This Easter sees the start of our ambitious youth policy when 25 selected schoolboys will be staying with the club on a residential basis for assessment of their playing potential. The boys ages range from 14-16 years and they will be from many parts of the Country including, Midlands, Hampshire, Wiltshire, South Wales, Gloucestershire etc.

The boys will stay at the local Youth Hostel and will enjoy a comprehensive programme on the many aspects of the game, and over the next few seasons we are optimistic that we may unearth some promising talent!

One young player who has already done enough to be taken on as an Apprentice Professional in May is 16 year old left back **DAVID JONES** from Plymouth.

As part of our scheme we are also intending to run an 'A' team in the Devon & Exeter league next season in order that young players may play regularly together in a disciplined and instructional environment. **MIKE RADFORD**, Heavitree United's manager has been appointed as the new 'A' team manager and Ottery St Mary's **BRYN JONES** as his new Senior Player/ Coach. I feel this club is fortunate to recruit men of such dedicated calibre and it can only be to the benefit of the young players and Exeter City in particular!

CHRIS DAVEY
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/COACH

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	Goals										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
AFC B'm'th	32	20	7	5	91	21	47				
Barnstaple T	27	17	6	4	50	22	40				
Bridgwater T	30	13	11	6	47	30	37				
Weston-s-M	25	14	8	3	55	33	36				
P'way Bristol	30	15	6	9	58	42	36				
Bideford	31	13	9	9	53	40	35				
Exeter City	32	13	9	10	56	50	35				
Frome Town	26	13	7	6	39	27	33				
Keynsham T	26	13	5	8	38	31	31				
Saltash Utd	30	10	10	10	50	41	30				
Clevedon T	26	12	5	9	49	43	29				
Falmouth T	32	11	7	14	48	48	29				
Tiverton T	25	7	9	9	25	37	23				
Dawlish	29	7	9	13	26	54	23				
Paulton Rov	23	9	2	12	30	35	20				
Clandown	26	6	5	15	28	51	17				
Mangotsfield	30	5	7	18	25	65	17				
Bridport	28	2	11	15	19	53	15				
Welton Rov	24	4	6	14	35	62	14				
Ilminster T	26	1	9	16	19	55	11				



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1979																	
Aug. (S)	11—Hereford (F.L.C.)	A	3-1		3,282	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	K. Bowker	J. Delve	D. Pullar	L. Roberts
Aug. (W)	15—Hereford (F.L.C.)	H	2-1		4,312	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	K. Bowker	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Aug. S	18—Grimsby Town	A	1-4		5,337	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	L. Roberts
Aug. W	22—Wimbledon	A	0-2		4,151	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	L. Roberts
Aug. S	25—Mansfield Town	A	2-1		3,478	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	R. Forbes
Aug. W	29—Doncaster	A	1-3		4,636	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	I. Pearson
Sep. S	1—Sheffield United	A	1-3		12,718	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Sep. W	5—Doncaster	H	5-1		3,106	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	I. Pearson
Sep. S	8—Bury	H	1-0		2,996	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. S	15—Millwall	A	1-5		5,567	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. M	17—Brentford	A	2-0		7,819	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. S	22—Cardiff United	H	1-2		3,408	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. W	26—Birmingham (FLC)	A	2-1		13,668	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. S	29—Gillingham	A	0-1		7,638	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Sep. W	3—Brentford	H	0-0		3,237	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. S	6—Blackpool	A	1-0		3,769	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. T	9—Wimbledon	A	2-2		2,999	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. S	13—Chester	H	1-0		3,454	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. S	20—Reading	A	1-0		6,063	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. W	24—Southend United	H	4-2		3,248	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Oct. T	30—Liverpool (FLC)	A	0-2		21,075	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Nov. S	3—Grimsby Town	A	1-2		4,366	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Nov. M	5—Southend United	H	0-4		2,968	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Nov. S	10—Barnsley	A	2-2		11,739	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Nov. S	17—Oxford United	H	0-0		3,956	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Nov. S	24—Aldershot F.A. Cup 1	A	1-4		4,846	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Dec. S	1—Rotherham United	H	1-1		3,354	V.O'Keefe	P. Roberts	M. Rogers	J. Hore	J. Gilles	P. Hatch	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	P. Rogers
Dec. W	5—League Cup 5	A	1-0		11,903	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Dec. S	8—Sheffield Wednesday	A	3-1		2,648	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Dec. F	15—F.A. Cup 2	H	3-2		11,852	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Dec. W	21—Colchester United	A	1-0		3,771	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Dec. S	26—Swindon Town	A	1-0		10,509	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Dec. S	29—Mansfield Town	A	3-1		6,632	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
1980																	
Jan. T	1—Plymouth Argyle	H	2-2		3,679	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Jan. S	12—Sheffield United	H	3-1		4,348	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Jan. W	16—League Cup SF	A	0-3		4,638	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Jan. S	19—Bury	A	1-2		4,086	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Jan. S	26—Chesterfield (4)	H	2-1		3,427	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. S	2—Millwall	H	1-1		10,401	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. S	9—Cardiff United	A	1-4		4,197	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. W	13—League Cup SF	H	3-1		3,771	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. S	16—Gillingham (5)	A	1-0		4,165	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. S	23—Chester	A	1-1		4,700	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Feb. W	27—Blackburn Rovers	A	1-0		2,867	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Mar. S	1—Reading	H	2-2		2,910	I. Main	T. Mitchell	P. Hatch	J. Hore	P. Roberts	L. Roberts	S. Neville	I. Pearson	P. Rogers	J. Delve	D. Pullar	K. Bowker
Mar. S	8—Hull City (6)	H	1-0														
Mar. S	15—Blackpool	A	1-0														
Mar. S	22—Barnsley	H	2-1														
Mar. W	26—Chester	A	3-1														
Mar. W	29—Oxford United	A	0-2														
Apr. (T)	1—Colchester United	A	4—														
Apr. S	5—Swindon Town	H	4—														
Apr. M	7—Plymouth Argyle	A	4—														
Apr. S	12—Blackburn Rovers (SF)	H	4—														
Apr. S	19—Rotherham United	A	4—														
Apr. S	26—Sheffield Wednesday	H	4—														
May S	3—Chesterfield	A	4—														
May S	10—F.A. Cup Final	A	4—														

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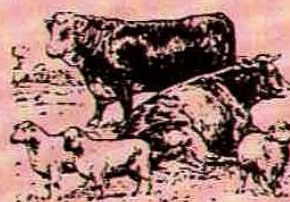
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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

For differing reasons both Swindon Town and Exeter City can give testament to the old adage that the Third Division season is 46 games long. Today they stand in similar positions almost certainly, left to reflect on what might have been.

At the half-way stage our Wiltshire 'neighbours' and League Cup semi-finalists were on a crest of a wave seeming almost assured of a promotion place. On the other hand we were just starting to recover lost ground after an uncomfortable opening left us languishing in dangerous company for the entire first half of the season.

Our recovery has been a credit to the clubs never-say-die qualities and augers well for the future. Fresh optimism is running high in the City and a successful final finale against teams of the calibre of Swindon and promotion favourites Blackburn and Sheffield Wednesday would act as a further boost in the arm.

If the key to Exeter's success in recent seasons has been sound management one can only hope that the Board can continue their shrewd operating. Cambridge and Shrewsbury have set a standard for clubs like Exeter City to survive in the Second Division. They did it with patient management and if the City can confirm their potential over the final stages of the season expectations will be high of succeeding them.

At one time Third Division success was no more than a pipe dream to Cambridge and Shrewsbury. You can bet your bottom dollar that messrs Docherty and Turner now have ambitions to help Ipswich and Norwich carry the 'unfashionable flag in the First Division.

The odds of success for either of these clubs is remote. Average home attendances of between 5,000-10,000 hardly makes them viable propositions. Yet Cambridge were financially sound before their record £350,000 transfer of Alan Biley to Derby County. Shrewsbury on the other hand have been able to off load £150,000 for a couple of players. Obviously on small gates they will not be allowed this kind of expenditure every season. But heaven knows money can't buy you everything - it certainly can't buy immediate success judging by the long faces at Leeds (£800,000 loss this season) and Manchester City (whose counting anyway).

SWINDON TOWN — AT A GLANCE

F.A. Cup

1. Brentford (h) 4-1
2. Torquay (h) 3-2
3. Luton (a) 0-2
4. Tottenham H (h) 0-0
- 4R. Tottenham H. (a) 0-1

F.L. Cup

- 1.1L. Portsmouth (a) 1-1
- 1.2L. Portsmouth (h) 2-0
- 2.2L. Chester (a) 1-1
3. Stoke (a) 2-2
- 3R. Stoke (h) 2-1
4. Wimbledon (a) 2-1
5. Arsenal (a) 1-1
- 5R Arsenal (h) 4-3
- sf. Wolves (h) 2-1
- sf. Wolves (a) 1-3

THIRD DIVISION

HOME

- Blackburn 2-0
- Blackpool 2-1
- Blackpool 2-1
- Brentford 4-0
- Bury 8-0
- Carlisle 0-0
- Chester 3-1
- Chesterfield 2-1
- Exeter 2-3
- Grimsby 3-0
- Hull 0-0
- Mansfield 2-1
- Plymouth 2-1
- Reading 0-0
- Sheff. Utd 3-2
- Sheff. Wed 1-2
- Southend 1-0
- Wimbledon 2-1

AWAY

- Barnsley 2-1
- Blackpool 1-0
- Brentford 3-1
- Chester 0-1
- Chesterfield 1-2
- Colchester 3-2
- Gillingham 0-0
- Grimsby 0-2
- Mansfield 1-1
- Millwall 2-6
- Oxford 2-2
- Plymouth 0-2
- Reading 1-2
- Rotherham 0-3
- Sheff. Utd 1-2
- Sheff Wed. 2-4
- Southend 1-0
- Wimbledon 0-2

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