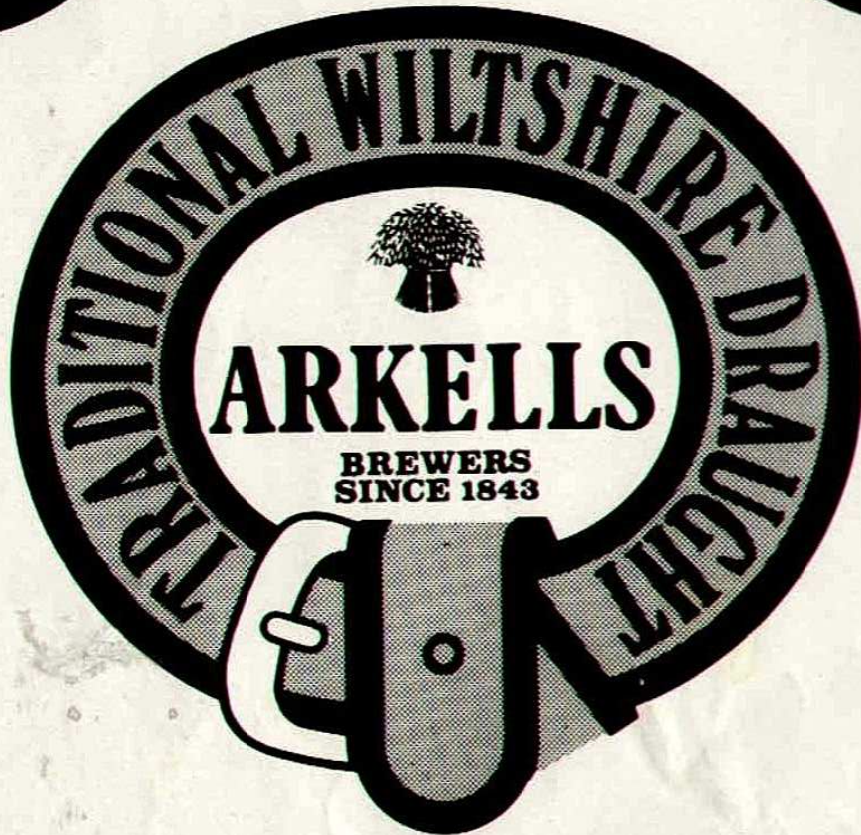
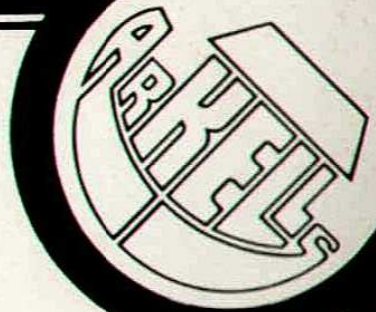


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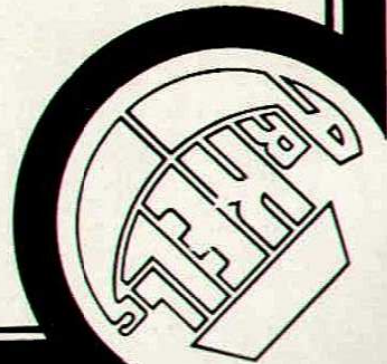
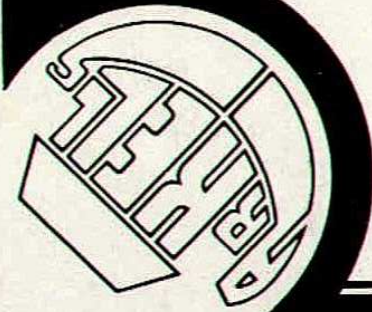
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From the Secretary

Due to the travelling arrangements of the Team on that long journey to Carlisle it was not possible for Bob Smith to write his usual notes for this publication and I will take this opportunity to give you one or two reminders and matters of information.

Firstly, for those of you who were planning to journey to Glasgow on 24th May next for the International game Scotland v England, I have received notification from the Football Association that, due to the crowd disorders associated annually with this match, it is regretted that no tickets will be available for the game.

A reminder to Season Ticket holders that they may renew their tickets by easy payments throughout the summer months. Mr. Bert Middleton will be available Monday to Friday and on Saturday mornings to accept either weekly or monthly payments from personal or postal applicants. This also applies to new purchasers and I would commend to the terrace supporters the purchase of a ground season ticket. Holders can enter the ground through the turnstile of their choice, they are not restricted to one part of the ground, and a regular supporter can save a lot of money by purchasing such a ticket. For instance attending all home League games this year will have cost £25.30 whereas a season ticket holder will have saved himself £4.80 in buying a season ticket at £20.50. It must be worth your consideration. I hope to publish the Season Ticket prices in the next programme.

For the programme enthusiasts, a date for your diary that we shall be holding our second Programme Fair in the North Stand on Sunday, 4th May. Last year's Fair, our first, was a great success and we hope that this year will be equally well supported. Thousands of programmes from a variety of games will be on sale from programme dealers and if you want to add to your collection, the 4th May is the day to do it.

Stand tickets at £3, £4 and £5 are available from the Secretary, The Football Association of

Wales, 3 Fairy Road, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL13 7PS for the British International Championship match Wales v N. Ireland at Ninian Park, Cardiff on Friday 23rd May 1980.

Our Annual Dinner/Dance is to be held at the Wiltshire Hotel on Tuesday, 6th May 1980 with dancing to the "White Satin" Band, from Oxford, who come to us with a high recommendation. Last years function was supported by maximum numbers so if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, the response to the Sponsor a Goal appeal has been rather disappointing and we shall be most grateful to receive your agreement to join the scheme if you have not yet sent it in. Some 12,000 leaflets were distributed and the returns can be numbered in hundreds. We have had a successful season that very many clubs, and it's supporters, envy and the results of the last few weeks are a disappointment to no one more than we at the club. A few weeks ago the players were the 'tops' in everyone's opinion poll so please continue your support by backing them in this sponsorship scheme.

Going to Bury? Route suggested by A.A.

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Follow signs Gloucester A417.
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& desc. Crickley Hill (1 in 10).
Brockworth ("Cross Hands Inn")
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In 1.2m at roundabout take 3rd exit
1.5m farther at roundabout take 3rd exit
(SP Cheltenham, Motorway M5)
In 1m at roundabout take 3rd exit A40
2.1m farther branch left (SP The Midlands)
and at roundabout take 1st exit.
to join Motorway M5.
Follow Signs The Midlands, Birmingham.
join M6.
Junction with M62 (Westbound)
In 0.5m branch left (SP Rochdale)
to join M62.
Junction 12 (M602/M63)
Branch left (SP Rochdale, Leeds)
then take left hand lane
Junction 13 (A572)
Junction 14 (M61)
Take right-hand lanes
Junction 17 (A56)
Leave Motorway (Watch Your Speed)
At roundabout take 1st exit A56
(SP BURY).
WHITEFIELD
In 2.4m turn right into Gigg lane.
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Town through time-

The Team Manager—Part Four by Paul Plowman

NEIL HARRIS was selected from a total of fifty-four applicants and was at the time under contract to Second Division Swansea Town. His five years in charge at Vetch Field had come after enjoying some modicum of success as centre-forward with Newcastle and Notts. County. It was during his stay at St. James Park that he was chosen to represent his native Scotland on the occasion of England's first international at the new Wembley Stadium in April 1924. He might well have gained further Scottish honours had it not been for an up-and-coming goalscorer from Airdrieonians by the name of Hughie Gallacher who was later to follow Harris to Newcastle. The first signing by Neil Harris for the Town, in June 1939, was the Welsh International full-back Sid Lawrence from his old club Swansea. He was soon to be followed by a centre-half from the same source - Bill Imrie who, like Harris, was a Scot. For the ensuing season of 1939/40, the new manager decided to keep faith with a forward line which had served the club throughout the previous Division Three South campaign, his only change being the use of Ted Vizard's last purchase Foster Hedley on the left-wing in place of the departed Arthur Barraclough. But the pre-season trial against the reserves was not the best of starts for the established stars who were humbled 4 - 1. John McKenzie a Harris investment from Manchester United, grabbed a hat-trick and got his League chance in due course - the day before War broke out and declared everyone's efforts null and void. A week later, on September 11 1939, Neil Harris, Sam Allen (the club secretary) and Dick Blount (assistant secretary) tendered their resignations to relieve the financial burden - but each agreed to carry on his duties in a voluntary capacity. Mr Harris also took over the responsibilities of trainer and groundsman thus allowing Harry Martin to take up employment with the Great Western Railway. With military operations now under way, Neil called for the League to allow professionals to turn out

chairman's notes cont.

In appreciation of our Cup Heats this season Mr. Dennis Detheridge, Manager of SAKS Disco Dance Club invited the Players and Staff to a very pleasant evening during which a cheque for two hundred pounds was handed by our Mayor Mr. Gordon Law to Bob Smith who in turn presented it to Henry Cooper on behalf of the Grand Order of King Water Rates on Monday 14th. This cheque was raised by Bob Smith, first of all, winning an award for the Manager of



for clubs other than those that held their registrations - as emergency employment dictated. This plan was soon adopted. It was hoped to continue with competitive football here at some level throughout the war years but the Government soon intervened in July 1940. The County Ground was taken over as a training centre with Neil Harris being appointed as P.T. Instructor and given a job in a local factory stores department to supplement his wages. Football thus wound up as far as Swindon Town was concerned in the May - and this also signalled the end of Mr Harris's brief spell in charge, for in November 1941 he fell ill and was admitted to the Victoria Hospital where he died on the night of Wednesday December 3. He was 47 and left behind a widow and two sons - one of whom, John, was to lead Sheffield United, as manager, back to the First Division in the early 1970's. The County Ground remained dormant, in football terms that is, until the old faithful Sam Allen opened up proceedings once more in the summer of 1945. Applications for the post of manager again flooded in and July saw the appointment of LOUIS PAGE.

To be continued.

the Month and donating his prize of Whisky to Charity to the highest bidder. This brought the very generous bid of £200 from the Management of Saks and they in turn have donated it to the Water Rats to distribute it to Charity.

Hoping that you enjoy this evenings game and thank you for your support which enables us to progress.



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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Tonight we entertain the Players and Officials from Rotherham. We shall be looking to revenge our defeat at the early part of the season, when we visited their ground.

Since this visit Rotherham have had changes at Board level with the main share holding changing hands. We at Swindon have a share system, which is in a minority with most clubs, because we have a system which prevents any one person from dictating Club policy, by the very fact that a shareholder has one vote irrespective of the number of shares that they hold. In this way no Director can rule a Club against the majority wishes of the Board.

I feel that we at Swindon are very ambitious especially with the financial framework in which we have to negotiate. Our Cup run this season has enabled us to build into our team, players of the calibre that augers well for the future, and we shall be asked to spend again during the next few months in an endeavour to win promotion.

"To buy a player is not like buying a commodity because of the human element. Some players settle down quickly and retain their form while others find it difficult and of course this is why the professional game is so uncertain because of the human elements, injuries, health etc."

I am certain that everybody will be pleased that John Trollope has been successful in his first season as Youth Manager in winning the under seventeen section of the South East Counties League.

John has accomplished this no mean feat in spite of changing his side repeatedly to enable him to play trialists.

I have not ascertained from John how many boys that he has played over the season, in this league, but it must be very encouraging to be able to do this and still have such a high standard.

On Easter Monday we virtually sealed the title by beating Reading by 2 goals to 1 on our Shrivensham Road ground in front of a very good crowd, who always enjoy these youth matches and on the following Wednesday travelled to Bristol to defeat Bristol Rovers Youth Team by three goals to nil.

John on this occasion, played several champs from the previous match and must have been delighted with the performance. Our manager saw both games and I know he was impressed.

I know that John would wish me to also congratulate Eddy Buckley on the success of the Youth team because Eddie is such an important part of the Youth organisation. They both spend many hours making contacts which ultimately results in success on the field.

John also has a band of helpers who are always being with Youth and Terry Wollen as you all know is no stranger to John.

The cost of travelling with our Youth team has been helped considerably by the generosity of John Trembling of Orchard Garages, Blunsdon who have so generously given us a Mini Bus for our use. We are very grateful for this help to our Youth Policy.

Paul Rideout travelled to Motherwell last weekend to play for England Schoolboys against Scotland, but these notes are written before that game. We are very proud of Paul and hope that this is only the beginning of many Cups for England.

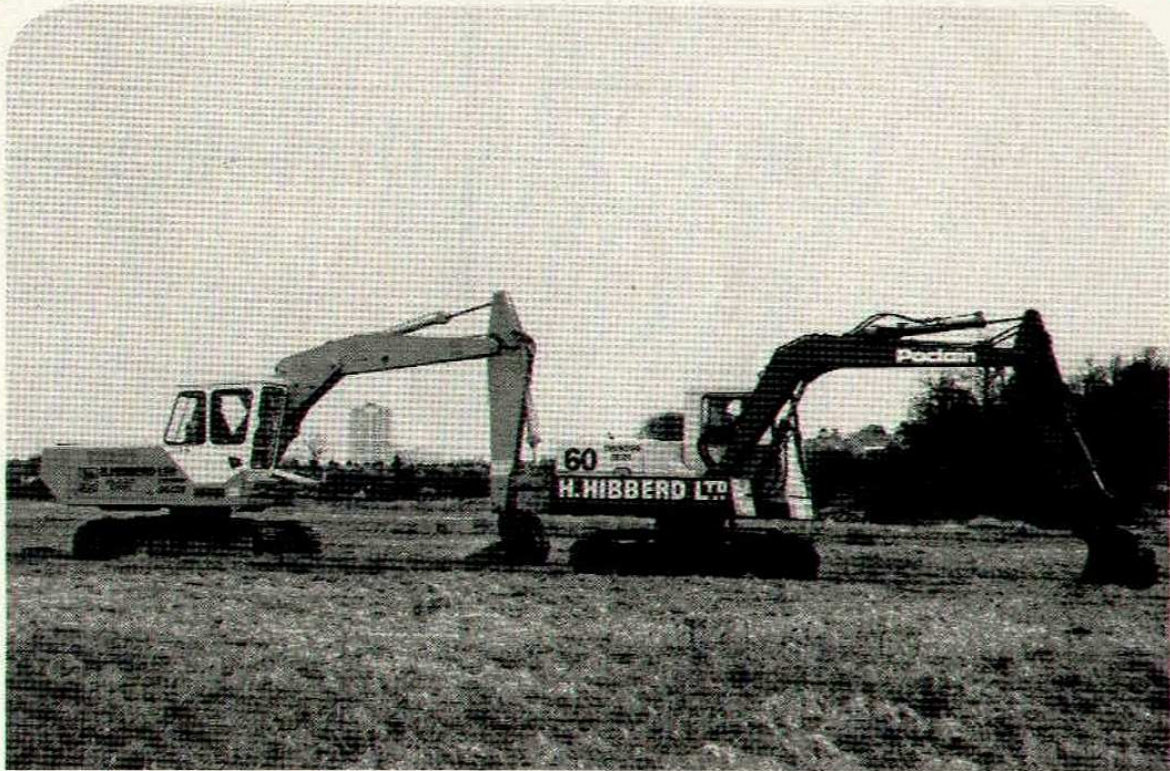
As I promised in my last notes, we have now fixed a date for our Annual Club Dinner which is on Tuesday, 6th May and is being held in the Wiltshire Hotel, Swindon.

Invitations will be sent to people who attended last year but Bob Jefferies will be pleased to receive any requests to attend this function, but please write or call in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as number will obviously be limited.

A couple of disappointed players on our Staff this week are David Walsh being treated for suspected German Measles and Liam Twigger who at the time of writing these notes is in Princess Margarets Hospital for treatment to an abscess in his hip. Liam is naturally disappointed that he was unable to keep goal in the final games of the South East Counties league, having been an important member of this successful side this season.

Has it been noticed that the Arsenal who played against Liverpool in the Cup Semi-Final on Saturday last had up to this game played in twenty two cup games this season and only lost one. Who was that to? Swindon Town and what a game that was on the County Ground after drawing at Highbury.

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Blackburn's fifteen-match unbeaten run came to an end at Exeter last Saturday. Richard Forbes and Steve Neville were on target for City and Sheffield Wednesday, undefeated in sixteen games, also crashed to a Craig Madden goal at Bury.

Reading had their best gate of the season, 9549, for the visit of leaders Grimsby and took a point in a 1-1 draw. Ollie Kearns opened the scoring, with his eleventh goal this term - and Joe Waters replied for the Mariners six minutes later.

Steve Foley put Colchester ahead at Sealand Road after just three minutes, but Chester's young striker Ian Rush soon put them on level terms and came up with what proved to be the winner just after the break Terry Austin

also got a pair in Mansfield's 3-1 win over Southend - which closes the gap at the bottom, five clubs being separated by only two points. One of those concerned, Hill City, edged nearer to safety with a 1-0 home victory over Plymouth. Craig Norris, who scored his first-ever League goal at Home Park when the Tigers went down 5-1 there in January, hit the vital goal on Saturday in the sixth minute.

Brentford won away from home for the first time in five months with a Bob Booker goal at Gillingham and Barnsley recorded their highest League victory of the season with a 4-0 win over strugglers Wimbledon on Friday night. Ronnie Glavin got his usual goal and was assisted by Mike Lester and two from Ian Banks.

LEAGUE TABLE up to and including Saturday April 12, 1980

	Home				F-A	Away				Pts.	Avg Home Lge Gate	TOP GOALSCORERS (incl. Cup)
	P	W	D	L		W	D	L	F-A			
Grimsby T.	43	16	2	3	40-16	8	7	7	27-26	57	9,959	Bob Cumming 18, Kevin Kilmore 16
Sheffield W.	42	11	5	5	41-20	8	10	3	35-25	53	17,337	Terry Curran 23, Andy McCulloch 12
Blackburn R.	41	12	5	3	28-11	10	4	7	21-18	53	9,227	Andy Crawford 18, Duncan McKenzie 15
Chesterfield	41	14	5	2	41-16	6	6	8	23-27	51	7,839	Phil Bonnyman 17, Ernie Moss 17
Colchester U.	42	9	9	3	36-20	9	2	10	22-32	47	3,908	Trevor Lee 18, Bobby Gough 12
Reading	42	14	6	2	43-18	2	8	10	17-38	46	6,599	Pat Earles 15, Mike Kearney 15
Exeter C.	43	13	5	4	37-22	5	5	11	22-41	46	4,308	Tony Kellow 16, Keith Bowker 13
Sheffield U.	42	12	5	4	33-18	5	5	11	24-37	44	17,087	Jeff Bourne 11, Barry Butlin 7
Carlisle U.	42	12	5	4	40-23	4	5	12	18-30	42	4,525	Paul Bannon 17, Steve Ludlam 11
Chester	41	12	6	2	26-15	3	6	12	20-36	42	3,644	Ian Rush 16, Bryn Jones 8, Peter Henderson 8
Millwall	41	13	6	3	47-23	2	5	12	14-32	41	6,028	John Lyons 20, Tony Towner 12
Rotherham U.	41	12	3	5	35-21	4	6	11	17-36	41	6,569	Richard Finney 13, Phil Henson 12
Gillingham	42	8	9	4	26-16	5	5	11	21-30	40	6,340	Ken Price 17, Danny Westwood 10
SWINDON TOWN	40	12	4	2	38-14	4	3	15	21-43	39	8,819	ALAN MAYES 26, ANDY ROWLAND 23
Oxford U.	42	10	4	8	34-23	3	9	8	20-32	39	4,561	Paul Berry 14, Peter Foley 12
Barnsley	41	9	6	6	26-19	4	7	9	18-33	39	11,997	Ronnie Glavin 21, Derrick Parker 12
Brentford	43	9	6	6	32-23	5	5	12	25-45	39	7,935	Steve Phillips 12, Jim McNichol 8
Plymouth A	42	12	6	3	35-16	2	4	15	19-38	38	5,767	Dave Kemp 14, Mike Trusson 9
Hull C.	41	9	7	4	26-19	1	9	11	19-42	36	6,141	Keith Edwards 18, Paul Moss 6
Southend U.	42	10	6	6	31-22	3	3	14	13-32	35	4,529	Terry Gray 8, Derek Spence 7
Blackpool	42	10	5	6	38-33	3	4	14	20-40	35	5,803	Stan McEwan 13, Colin Morris 10
Mansfield T.	42	9	8	4	30-20	1	6	14	13-30	34	5,088	Terry Austin 23, Steve Taylor 8
Bury	41	10	3	8	29-21	4	3	13	12-33	34	3,854	Craig Madden 12, Steve Johnson 8
Wimbledon	41	4	7	8	25-29	4	6	12	17-41	29	3,561	John Leslie 16, Alan Cork 9

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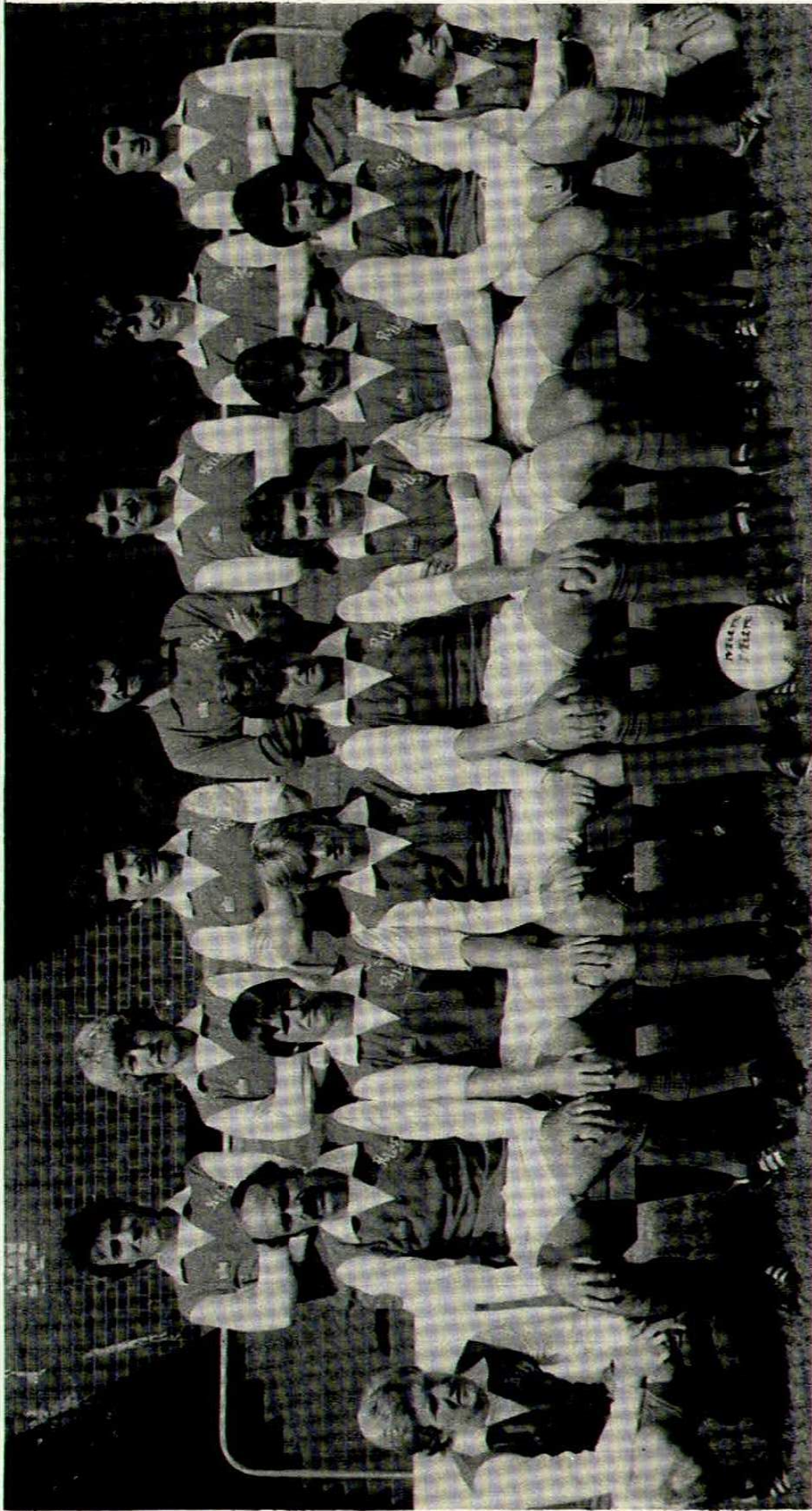
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Chris Kamara fires a shot towards the Oxford goal looking for a winner on Easter Monday.

In Town Tonight: Rotherham United



Back Row:

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Paul Stanciliffe, Steve Winn, John Flynn.

Front Row:

John Breckin, Rodney Fern, Richard Finney, Peter Carr,
John Green (Capt.), Mick Gooding, Gerry Forrest, David Smith,
Mark Rhodes.

Dust settles at Rotherham

Tony Pullein

Some sense of normality has now been restored at Rotherham following the mid-season eruptions that saw the departure of the manager and chairman.

Manager Jimmy McGuigan left to accept a lucrative offer at Stockport County, chairman Eric Purshouse sold his controlling interest of the club, after long-drawn-out negotiations, to Essex businessman Anton Johnson.

Now new manager Ian Porterfield is getting down to the business of planning a promotion campaign for next season.

When Mr. Porterfield's appointment was announced earlier this season, his playing registration was also transferred from Sheffield Wednesday so it is possible that his distinguished career might still have a little way to run. He began his playing days with Raith Rovers back in 1963/64 and joined Sunderland for £38,000 in 1968. He won lasting fame by scoring the goal which defeated mighty Leeds in the 1973 F.A. Cup final. Later, injuries incurred in a car crash seemed to have finished his career, but Reading took him on loan in 1976/77 and he battled his way back to fitness. Sheffield Wednesday signed him in 1977.

The new manager has been very active in the transfer market, having signed goalkeeper Graham Brown, from York, midfielder man Phil Henson, from Stockport, and striker Vic Halom from Oldham, on full transfers plus forward Gordon Owen on loan from Sheffield Wednesday.

Brown didn't get into Millwall's first-team but made his League bow in 1969 after joining Mansfield. He was transferred to Doncaster in 1974, Swansea in 1976, Southport and York in 1977.

Henson played in Manchester City's First Division side and was sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £50,000 in 1975. He moved on to Sparta Rotterdam in a £30,000 deal in 1977 but returned to England to sign for Stockport a year later.

Much-travelled Halom began with Charlton and then served London clubs Orient and Fulham before going to Sunderland in 1973 - just in time to win an F.A. Cup winners' medal with them. Oldham paid £25,000 for him in 1976.

Owen developed in Wednesday's junior teams and made his League debut in 1976/77.

Halom and Rod Fern have now teamed up as the Millers' strikers. Fern made his name as a goalscorer with Leicester and was transferred to Luton in 1972. Chesterfield signed him in 1975 and, though he was their top scorer in each of the past three seasons, they surprisingly allowed him to join Rotherham last summer. Rod had scored eight goals for the Millers before the weekend.

Ken Tiler, Mark Rhodes and Owen have been playing in midfield but Mark Gooding is another possible.

Tiler opened his League career with Chesterfield in 1970/71 and was transferred to Brighton for £50,000 in 1975. Rotherham signed him last summer.

Rhodes and Gooding are both products of the club's youth scheme.

The defence usually comprises of Gerrie Forrest, John Green, Paul Stancliffe and John Breckin.

Forrest was introduced to the senior side in 1977 and has missed only a handful of games since. He enjoyed a most unusual experience when he converted two penalties in Rotherham's 2-1 win over Southend in January. He had never before scored a goal in League football.

Green, who can play in any of the back four positions, got his senior chance with Rotherham in 1975. Stancliffe also developed in the junior sides and made his League bow at around the same time.

Breckin, who can play in the middle of the defence or at left-back, is another Rotherham discovery. He came into the side in 1971/72 and, though he went to Darlington on loan the following season, he has been in the senior squad for most of the while since his return.

Rotherham's four away League wins were achieved at Southend (2-0), Blackburn (3-0), Wimbledon (1-0) and Brentford (1-0). They drew at Hull (1-1), Exeter (1-1), Colchester (1-1), Reading (1-1) and Barnsley (0-0) but were beaten in their remaining away matches at Oxford (1-5), Blackpool (2-3), Carlisle (1-3), Mansfield (1-5), Plymouth (0-1), Grimsby (0-2), Chester (1-3), Chesterfield (0-3), Sheffield Wednesday (0-5) Sheffield United (0-1) and Bury (0-1).

They also won away to Second Division Leicester (2-1) in the League Cup -- winning the tie 5-1 on aggregate -- but then lost 1-2 on aggregate to Bristol City in round two.



Town striker Andy Rowland rises to head Alan Mayes' cross into the Oxford net in Easter Monday's game at the County Ground.



Oxford goalkeeper Roy Burton is quick to leave his goal to cut out a Town cross as Andy Rowland (right) moves in - in the Easter Monday draw at the County Ground.

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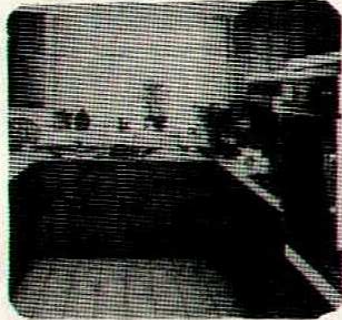
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Soccer Scene by Tony Pullein

Genuine Scottish supporters are still incensed that the authorities have shown no inclination to go back on their decision to ban the sale of tickets to visiting fans for future England v Scotland internationals. Visits to government ministers have given them some ray of hope but there now seems little chance that England v Scotland tickets will be on sale again in Scotland in the foreseeable future.

Charlie Bent, chairman of the Scottish Division of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs, feels the well-behaved fans are being victimised. "Why should so many thousands of innocent Scottish fans be made to suffer because of the behaviour of a comparative few," he says.

"We feel that if the Football Association put the sale of tickets to away fans in the hands of responsible officials of supporters' clubs, they would go to the genuine supporters. But so far neither the Scottish or the English F.A. have shown any willingness even to discuss this matter."

F.A. Secretary Ted Croker is adamant on this. "There is absolutely no way we would agree to making an allocation of these tickets to any supporters' organisation," he says.

Mr. Bent and fellow Scottish officials recently spent the day in London lobbying ministers and M.P.'s. "We were very encouraged by their response," explained Mr Bent. "Now there is a chance that the government might bring pressure to bear on the two Football Associations to relax their total ban."

Ted Croker accuses supporters' officials of insincerity on this thorny subject. "The facts are these," he explained. "In 1977 Scottish fans smashed down the Wembley goalposts and dug up half the pitch. They rampaged through London for three or four days, terrorising ordinary people and attacking transport officials."

"In 1979 Scottish fans were even worse behaved. On neither of those occasions did we hear a peep from any supporters officials in Scotland putting forward some kind of remedy for this disgraceful behaviour. They clearly were not concerned. It's a bit late now, after we have imposed the ban, to start telling us what we should be doing."

"We had pressure put on us by the police and London Transport, as well as residents' associations, to take some action against the Scottish fans. We feel a total ban is the only effective way. If we find it works over the next couple of

years we may then decide to vary our policy. We shall not do so until the new scheme has been given a fair trial."

Helena Quinn, secretary of the Scottish division of supporters, feels the F.A. will defeat its own objective. "If tickets are sold indiscriminately in England, several thousands of the wrong sort of Scottish fans will still get the tickets. Don't forget there are more Scots living in England than there are in Scotland!"

"For years Scottish fans from all over the U.K. have made a pilgrimage to London for the big match. Many of the troublemakers we know to be people who now live in England. It seems no one is bothered if they still get tickets."

One of the biggest sources of danger could come from fans who travel down to London without tickets in the hope of buying from spivs.

"Thousands will tavel just in hope," maintains Miss Quinn. "And if they don't get hold of tickets they will probably riot and cause just as much chaos."

Ted Croker feels such claims are exaggerated. "Of course, a few people will always travel without a ticket and there's not a great deal we can do about it. But I don't believe there will be many. What happened in the past that was hundreds of coaches would come to Wembley. Probably only about 30 of the 40 or so on each coach would have tickets. The rest would travel in the hope of buying from spivs."

"But if there are no coaches coming to Wembley then I don't foresee many people bothering to travel several hundred miles by car or train simply in the hope of buying a ticket."

One big advantage of the ban is that more genuine English fans will be able to see the England-Scotland clash in the future. Some 30,000 tickets were in the past allocated to Scotland and thousands of the remainder fell into the hands of Scots living in England. Consequently, Scotland have always appeared to have far more supporters at Wembley than have England.

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