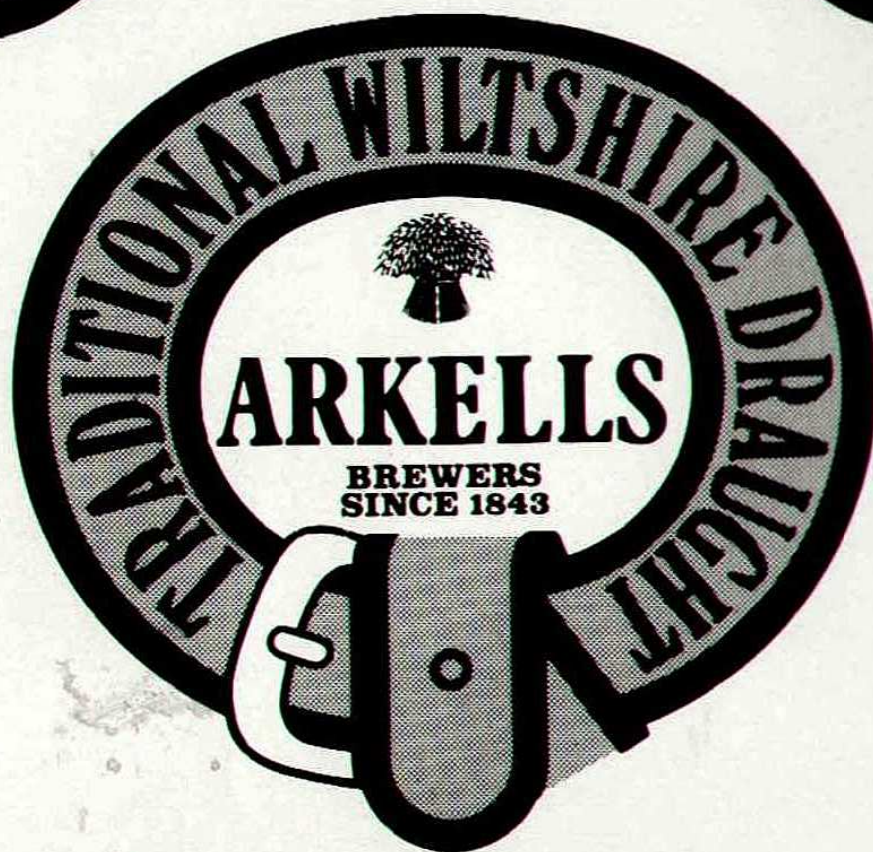


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John Trollope says

Since my last notes we have gained only two points from a possible six which is slightly below the target we had set ourselves, but having said that two of the games were away from home one against a team in a similar position to ourselves and the other the team heading the top of the league.

The home game against Millwall was a disappointment as we dropped a valuable home point and also gave an indifferent performance. At Carlisle we applied ourselves very much more and after the initial twenty minutes during which time we found ourselves a goal down, we dominated the game for a long period but were unable to bring back at least one of the points which we so richly deserved. Again at Charlton we gave a good performance and gained a valuable point against the top team and maybe, with any luck, we could have had two. The biggest feature of the last three or four games has been our lack of goals and this obviously puts a strain upon the defence but to their credit that department have done their job well.

I have set our target at forty points to keep clear of relegation and although we have gained those two points from the last three games the overall performance must give us a lot of hope for achieving this target.

Sunday, 15 March turned out to be a day I shall long remember as I received the Professional Footballers' Association Merit Award, at the Hilton Hotel in London. I received the award from Jimmy Dickinson, the man whose record I beat. It is one of the most treasured awards I have received because it comes from the playing side of the game.

As you may now know, due to there being no funds available in the Club coffers for the players to take a summer tour, the lads have decided to raise the money themselves. I have decided to encourage them in these activities as I think that

such a trip strengthens the team spirit for the next season, and I hope that as many of you as possible will support the players in as many of the functions as possible. We have already held a photographic session although the weather kept many people away, it was still very successful and a great time was had by all. On Tuesday next, 31 March, the players are to take part in a game against a team of jockeys from the Lambourn area, kick off 7.30 p.m. Some of the racing fraternity who will be there are : Brian Smart, Clive Candy, Vic Brooks, John Francome, Des Cullen, Oliver Sherwood, Julian Wilson, Tim Thomson-Jones, Steve Smith Eccles, Ron Atkins, Richard Linley, Paul Barton. We shall also have a "Prize Programme" on sale that night. The cost of admission for this game will be £1.00 for adults and 70 pence for juniors and senior citizens, and I hope that you will all come along to what I am sure will be a great evening.

Some of the lady supporters, not to be outdone from these fund raising activities, have offered to take part in a sponsored walk around the County Ground playing pitch on Sunday, 12 April at 11.00 a.m. I have been asked to appeal for volunteers to take part in this sponsored walk and I hope that as many lady supporters as possible will come along on that day for what is going to be a great fun morning. The players will be there acting as lap judges and I am sure that any participants struggling to fulfill the full number of laps will be able to scrounge a lift from one of the team. We look forward to hearing from you and all enquiries should be made to Pam Turner in the Club Office who has agreed to act as organizer. She will be able to provide sponsorship forms so why not call and see her in the office after the match.

Today we welcome both the team and the supporters of Exeter City and I hope that you will do your utmost to encourage the players to gain two valuable points.

Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today we welcome the Players and Officials of Exeter City.

Exeter has had an exciting cup run this season, and proved once again, that the margin between the different divisions of our league can be overcome on such occasions, as we know ourselves so well.

This season, our interests are concentrated on remaining in the third division as are at least another ten clubs.

We feel that we need at least forty points to do this and have nine games, including today's game, to accomplish our target needing at least eight points. We have to win these points and cannot rely on other clubs in the same position as ourselves.

I have received several letters from our supporters complaining about the system of suspension, which so often results in a weakening of the team and also about the unfairness of some bookings which are bound to occur in such a system.

The Football League and the Football Association instituted this system in an endeavour to remove any unfair tactics which might give the offenders any advantage and also to enable players to accept decisions without showing dissent. Dangerous play also comes into this category, in fact the breaking of any of the rules with intent, these are all bookable offences, and on acquiring a total of twenty points are answerable to a committee set up by the Football Association.

This committee can be comprised of a couple of county Football Association members along with possibly a couple of Football League officials who are at the same time also representatives of the Football Association and the player can attend and give his side of the case if he so desires. The player can also be represented by his Club or of course, if he so desires, his Union. A player is not judged on any one offence and of course the referee's reports are the main evidence. Referees are under scrutiny during games by a person known as an assessor but the reports are not used at hearings.

Most of the letters I receive complain of the unfairness, in their opinion, of this system to defenders when, if they do their job, are bound to be in bodily contact and are at the mercy of Referees who have to make split second decisions. When a player has been sentenced for obtaining twenty points or more, he is again under sentence when he collects up to thirty points and, as an offence usually means four points, a couple of fouls often means another suspension.

All Clubs, because of the economical difficulties of today will be looking to reduce the number of professional staff, but there will be great difficulties around the corner for Managers who have injury problems and then suspensions on top of that. I am sure that the powers that be, must look again at this points system. All Clubs are desirous of ridding the game of dissent as much as possible and of course punishing the fouls with intent. Our game is a physical one and without bodily contact, cannot survive. In the days when shoulder charges were as numerous as the times that we hear the whistle blown, the game was healthier than at any time in its history.

Queens Park Rangers are seeking permission to play their games on an artificial turf playing surface, the merits of which must be obvious to all who have experienced such playing surfaces, but I am sure that the question of whether it will be an unfair advantage to the owners will be certain to be asked. The day will surely come when all Clubs will have such a surface to play on. The cost is prohibitive to most clubs at the moment. When we inspected an Astro Turf playing surface at Islington a few years ago, the approximate cost was one hundred and fifty thousand pounds and now possibly three times as much.

Talking of improvements, Charlton Athletic are seating their present terracing at both ends of their ground, but admirable as this may be, I personally feel that this is not the best advantage point to watch a game from seats.

Our performances away over the last few weeks have been encouraging, even if we have not collected all of the points that we deserved.

Roy Greenwood received a nasty crack on his jaw bone at Charlton just before having a ball thrown at his head by a Charlton player, and when having to leave the field in obvious discomfort, received derisive shouts from some of the home supporters. On reaching home, Roy had to attend the Princess Margaret Hospital for an x-ray check up, and this goes to prove how wrong supporters can be sometimes and in fact Roy did receive a fracture of the cheekbone, but has been able to train.

With the youngsters in our First Team Squad, Bill Tucker has had to call on our Youth Team in large numbers to play in his London Combination team, which is good experience for them, but makes points hard to come by. I am sure that we all like to watch our young players progress and John is a strong advocate for such a policy. Thank you for your support and I hope that you enjoy today's game.



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Soccer Scene

By Tony Pullein

JITTERS AT THE TOP !

Nerves are really beginning to tell at the top of the Third Division! Almost without exception, all the contenders are dropping silly points and, with the hectic Easter programme still to come, it looks as if concentration, rather than skill, will tell in the end.

Even leaders Charlton, for so long almost invaluable at home, have been dropping home points willy nilly. Last Saturday's 0-0 draw with Swindon was their third successive drawn game at The Valley.

Barnsley, who became hot favourites after an unbeaten run of 20 games, haven't managed a win in six subsequent attempts. In a bid to revitalise his team, manager Norman Hunter signed two new midfield players, paying Brighton £60,000 for former Swindon player Ray McHale and Bristol Rovers £50,000 for Stuart Barrow-clough.

The Yorkshire club fell behind just on half-time at Millwall and in the end were quite happy to take a point after Ronnie Glavin had equalised with his 17th goal of the season.

Rotherham and Chesterfield continue to get results at home but neither has been too impressive away. Rotherham forfeited a 1-0 interval advantage at Exeter in mid-week to go down 1-2 but they didn't allow things to slip at Chester where they held on like leeches after Rod Fern had put them ahead in the 30th minute.

Chesterfield rarely looked comfortable in their home game with relegation haunted Blackpool and in the end they took both points only by virtue of an own-goal conceded by Blackpool's Wayne Entwistle.

Oxford United are currently playing far better than most of the promotion candidates. It clearly hadn't aken former Huddersfield and Bolton boss Ian Greaves long to assess the situation at The Manor Ground. He took over at Christmas and Oxford have been beaten only three times in 13 games since.

They were third from bottom when Mr. Greaves arrived and, while they are still in danger, the club looks capable of pulling clear of trouble now. Last week they scored a useful 2-0 home win over Fulham thanks to an early penalty goal from Malcolm Shotton and a late clincher from substitute Jason Seacole.

Millwall, who have been bordering upon bankruptcy for months, have had their immediate future ensured by new chairman Alan Thorne who has made the club an interest-free loan to help sort out its financial affairs.

"Money will be available for new players," proclaimed Mr. Thorne. "And in future we shall not keep on selling our best players. In fact, if any player of ability is allowed to leave The Den I shall resign".

The team has shown a vast improvement since the arrival of player-manager Peter Anderson. If the new partnership of Thorne and Anderson gells the club can forget its worries and go places.

"I expect to see Millwall in the First Division in five years!" said Mr. Thorne last week, in all seriousness,

Millwall and Wimbledon are the only two of London's 12 League clubs never to have appeared in Division One.

Torquay would welcome the arrival of some benefactor. The club is threatened with closure next year but the board is not prepared to wait for events to overtake them. Chairman Tony Boyce explained: We face a huge trading loss over the next financial year. With falling gates there seems little hope for the future. Rather than wait for the axe to fall, we would prefer to die gracefully".

The club is currently in consultation with the local council but, unless some formula for the long-term future of the club can be worked out, Torquay will probably resign their League membership at the end of the season.

Striker Jimmy Greenhoff who joined on a free transfer from Manchester United in December, has left the club. But he'll be back next season.

Manager Tony Waddington explained: "We agreed that he should play for Toronto in the North American League during the summer but he'll be back in September. Jimmy added a lot of class to the side in the short while he was here and we shall be pleased to see him back here next season."

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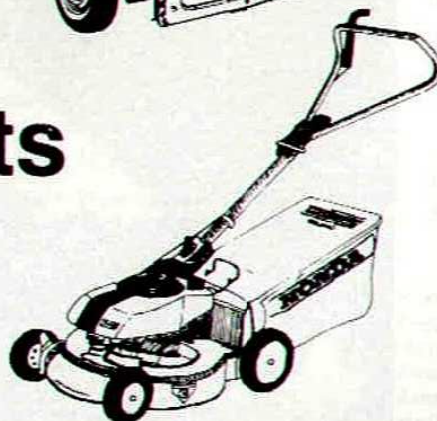
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Town through time

Pioneers

South America may now possess the world's largest football stadium and its highest paid professional - but the continent owes much of its progression to the likes of Swindon Town and Exeter City who hoisted the flag of the northern hemisphere long before the World Cup was launched there in 1930. A Town party which included sixteen players, secretary/manager Sam Allen, treasurer Harry Thomas and trainer Fred Wiltshire sailed from Liverpool Docks in RMS Ortiga in May 1912, bound for Uruguay.

With the tragedy of the Titanic fresh in everyone's mind there was probably some anxiety amongst the hearts of those abroad, but all arrived safely in Montevideo three weeks later on June 8. Eight challenge matches were arranged against representative sides from Uruguay and Argentina, with Swindon remaining undefeated throughout. The weather, extremely wet, was in sharp contrast to the 100 degrees plus back home that July and a match against Estudiantes was postponed once due to the heavy rain. However, nineteen thousand turned up at the Parque in Buenos Aires for the first game - a 2-2 draw with North Argentine.

Harold Fleming was unable to compete in any of the games as he was still recovering from the

Photo call at Swindon Junction railway station, May 1912

mauling he received in the F.A. Cup semi-final against Barnsley three months previously. He instead applied considerable talents to addressing the assembly at the many banquets in which the team was invited to partake. The french cuisine was thought to be insubstantial for the hard-training Town players and they were presented with an English menu. Fleming's role as captain on the field was taken by Scottish international full-back Jock Walker. Centre-half Jim Kennedy, at over six feet, towered over the little South Americans and was dubbed 'india rubber-necked' man! Top scorer on the tour was inside - forward Archie Bown, who proved to be quite a handful for the locals and helped himself to eleven goals. With six wins out of eight under their belts, Swindon returned on the SS Vandyck arriving at Southampton Docks on August 2 1912.

Exeter City made a similar voyage in 1914, still ten years before the Paris Olympic Games when Uruguay put that continent on the football map by winning the tournament. It was at those games that the seeds were sown for a world competition that the President of FIFA was to give his name to - the Jules Rimet Trophy.



FOOTBALL
COMBINATION

80-81

SOUTH-EAST
COUNTIES DIV 2

			Score		Score		
Aug.	16	Bristol C.	Away	1 - 3	Cambridge U	Home	4 - 3
	20	Tottenham H	Away	0 - 6			
	23				Luton T	Home	4 - 1
	30	Ipswich Town	Home	1 - 2	Peterborough	Home	1 - 0
Sep.	6	Oxford U	Home	1 - 2	Reading	Away	3 - 1
	9	Arsenal	Home	0 - 1			
	13				Tottenham H	Home	4 - 1
	20	Cardiff C	Home	3 - 1			
	24	Reading	Away	3 - 1			
	27	Bristol Rovers	Away	0 - 2	West Ham U	Away	0 - 1
Oct.	4	Norwich C	Away	0 - 2	Crystal Palace	Home	2 - 0
	7	Q.P.R.	Home	1 - 3			
	11	West Ham U	Home	0 - 7	Millwall	Away	3 - 0
	14	Orient	Home	2 - 0			
	18	Plymouth A	Away	0 - 0	Orient	Home	2 - 1
	22	Leicester	Away	2 - 2			
	25	Southampton	Home	1 - 2			3 - 0
Nov.	1	Chelsea	Away	0 - 1	Oxford U	Away	1 - 2
	8	Birmingham C	Home	1 - 4	Wimbledon	Away	2 - 4
	15	Bristol C	Home	0 - 1	Bristol R	Home	2 - 2
	22	Orient	Away	2 - 3	Brentford	Away	2 - 4
	29				Charlton A	Home	2 - 1
Dec.	2	Tottenham H	Home	2 - 1			
	6				Chelsea	Away	1 - 1
	9	Fulham	Away	1 - 0			
	13	Leicester	Home	0 - 3	Chelsea	Home	2 - 0
	27				Cambridge U	Away	1 - 3
	29	Luton T	Away	2 - 1	Luton T	Away	2 - 0
Jan.	3	Crystal Pal.	Home	2 - 0			
	10				Peterborough U	Away	1 - 1
	17	Ipswich T	Away	1 - 4	Reading	Home	3 - 0
	20	Hereford U	Home	1 - 1	Tottenham H	Away	0 - 4
	24						
	31	Bristol R	Home	2 - 1	West Ham U	Home	0 - 2
Feb.	7	Arsenal	Away	0 - 2			
	14	Oxford	Away	3 - 4	Millwall	Home	1 - 0
	21	Reading	Home	3 - 1	Orient	Away	3 - 2
	28	Cardiff C	Away	2 - 0	Oxford U	Home	1 - 2
Mar.	7	Norwich C	Home	1 - 3	Wimbledon	Home	3 - 0
	14				Bristol R	Away	p
	17	Q.P.R.	Away	1 - 6			
	21	Plymouth A	Home	0 - 3	Brentford	Home	P
	28	Southampton	Away		Charlton A	Away	2 - 2
Apr.	4	Chelsea	Home		Crystal Pal	Away	
	11	Birmingham C	Away		Cup		
	13	Hereford Utd	Away		20th Sept. Millwall	Away	
	18	Luton T	Home				1 - 0
	22	Crystal Pal	Away		25th Oct West Ham Utd	Away	
	25	Fulham	Home		6th April Tottenham Hotspur	Away	3 - 0

MIDLAND YOUTH FIXTURES

Season 1980/81

Cup Competition

Aug	21	Luton Town	Away	1-2
Sept	6	Bristol City	Home	3-2
	10	West Bromwich Albion	Away	1-1
	17	Leicester City	Home	6-0
	25	Luton Town	Home	3-3
Oct	11	Bristol City	Away	0-1
	16	West Bromwich Albion	Postponed	
	25	Leicester City	Away	1-0

F. A. YOUTH CUP

Nov 6 Portsmouth Home 0 - 1

League	Score
Nov. 26	West Bromwich Albion Home 2 - 1
Dec. 6	Wolverhampton Wanderers Away postponed
13	Birmingham City Home postponed
15	Northampton Town Away 2 - 0
Jan 7	Bristol City Away 0 - 1
14	Coventry City Home postponed
14	Luton Town Home 0 - 3
21	Leicester City Away 1 - 1
28	Leicester City Home 0 - 0
Feb 5	Luton Town Away 2 - 3
11	Northampton Town Home 3 - 0
Mar 19	Bristol City Home 0 - 0
25	Coventry City Away
Apr. 1	Birmingham City Home
9	Wolverhampton Wanderers Away
16	Coventry City Home
23	Birmingham City Away
May 6	Wolverhampton Wanderers Home
13	West Bromwich Albion Away

A-Z of Swindon Town

Part Six - By Tony Pullein

FLEMING, Harold. Harold Fleming is part of the folklore of Swindon Town. He became the heart of the fine Swindon side that achieved so much success in the years leading up to the first world war. Yet ill-health had forced him to abandon the game as a youngster. Feeling better, he asked for a trial and, to humour him, we gave him a game on the left wing. That was in 1907. He remained a Swindon player until 1924!

Switching positions, Harold became one of the great inside forwards of his era. Between 1909 and 1914 he played 11 times for England and he also appeared in the Southern League representative eleven on six occasions. He was the inspiration of the Swindon side that won the Southern League Championship in 1911 and 1914 and reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup in 1910 and 1912. He was unfit to play in the replayed semi against Barnsley in 1912 and many fans of that time believed his absence cost us a place in the final. By the time we were elected to the Football League, Harold was reaching the end of his playing days. A religious man, Harold always took up his option to refrain from playing on Good Fridays and Christmas Day.

League record:

	<u>Aps.</u>	<u>Gls.</u>
SWINDON 1920/1	26	16
SWINDON 1921/2	24	10
SWINDON 1922/3	14	4
SWINDON 1923/4	5	3
	<u>69</u>	<u>33</u>

FOOTBALL LEAGUE. As one of the Southern League clubs taken over by the Football League, we became one of the founder members of the Third Division (South) in 1920. On two occasions to date we have risen to Second Division status and our record to date is:

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	Posn.
1920/21	3(S)	42	21	10	11	73	49	52	4th
1921/22	3(S)	42	16	13	13	72	60	45	6th
1922/23	3(S)	42	17	11	14	62	56	45	9th
1923/24	3(S)	42	17	13	12	58	44	47	6th
1924/25	3(S)	42	20	11	11	66	38	51	4th
1925/26	3(S)	42	20	6	16	69	64	46	6th
1926/27	3(S)	42	21	9	12	100	85	51	5th
1927/28	3(S)	42	19	9	14	90	69	47	6th
1928/29	3(S)	42	15	13	14	75	72	43	10th
1929/30	3(S)	42	13	12	17	73	83	38	14th
1930/31	3(S)	42	18	6	18	89	94	42	12th
1931/32	3(S)	42	14	6	22	70	84	34	17th
1932/33	3(S)	42	9	11	22	60	105	29	22nd
1933/34	3(S)	42	17	11	14	64	68	45	8th
1934/35	3(S)	42	13	12	17	67	78	38	16th
1935/36	3(S)	42	14	8	20	64	73	36	19th
1936/37	3(S)	42	14	11	17	75	73	39	13th
1937/38	3(S)	42	17	10	15	49	49	44	8th
1938/39	3(S)	42	18	8	16	72	77	44	9th
1946/47	3(S)	42	19	11	12	84	73	49	4th
1947/48	3(S)	42	10	16	16	41	46	36	16th
1948/49	3(S)	42	18	15	9	64	56	51	4th
1949/50	3(S)	42	15	11	16	59	62	41	14th
1950/51	3(S)	46	18	4	24	55	67	40	17th
1951/52	3(S)	46	14	14	18	51	68	42	16th
1952/53	3(S)	46	14	12	20	64	79	40	18th
1953/54	3(S)	46	15	10	21	67	70	40	19th
1954/55	3(S)	46	11	15	20	46	64	37	21st
1955/56	3(S)	46	8	14	24	34	78	30	24th
1956/57	3(S)	46	15	6	25	66	96	36	23rd
1957/58	3(S)	46	21	15	10	79	50	57	4th
1958/59	3	46	16	13	17	59	57	46	15th
1959/60	3	46	19	8	19	69	78	46	16th
1960/61	3	46	14	15	17	62	55	43	16th

Details of our Football League record will be completed in part seven when we shall also be including an item on Fred Ford. Be sure to get your copy.

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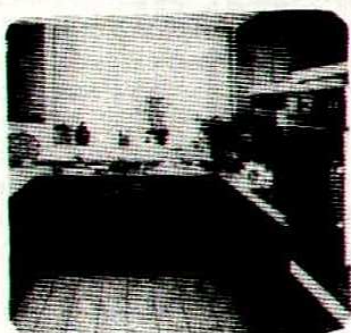
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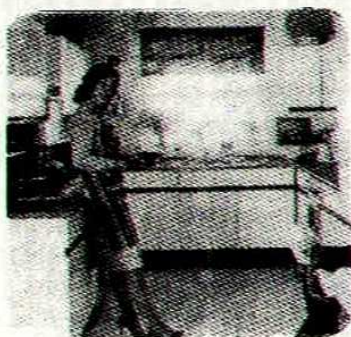
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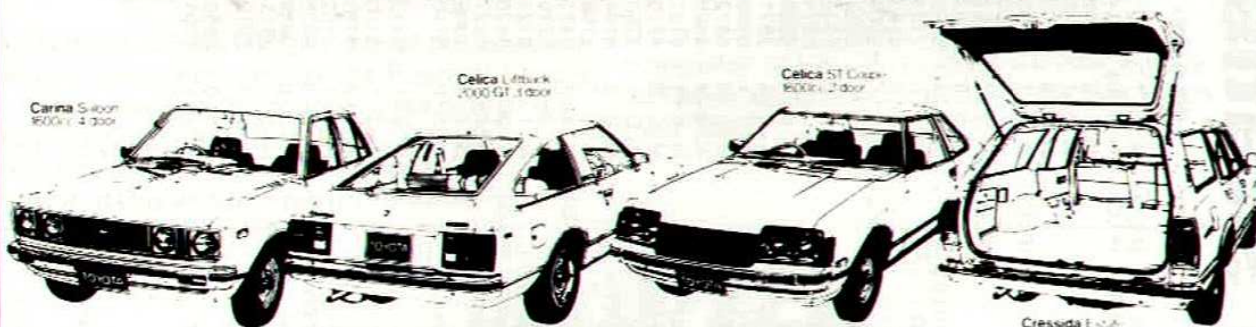
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A touch of Class— But will Exeter go up?

By Colin Benson

Mention of Exeter City these days immediately conjures up thoughts of their exciting FA Cup run this season, which included replay victories over First Division Leicester City and Second Division giants Newcastle United. Yes, little Exeter City indelibly wrote another chapter in the history of the Cup by reaching the 6th Round, as they had done once before . . . in 1931 when they staggered the football world by defeating Derby County, Bury (away) and Leeds United before losing to Sunderland after a replay.

It was the mighty Tottenham Hotspur who put the brakes on their Wembley jaunt this time around, an ironic twist of fate. For it was Spurs who gave the Devonshire club their first big break in senior football in 1908.

The Londoners decision to leave the Southern League to join the Football League that year, left an unexpected vacancy in the former, and rather surprisingly it was Exeter who got the vote at the expense of Southend United and Coventry.

Since then "The Grecians" have gained acceptance to the League themselves, in 1920, but in all honesty their existence at this level has been but a modest one, eighth place in the Third Division being their best achievement.

It is a situation that the current manager Brian Godfrey is adamant he will improve. Godfrey, a Welshman from Flint, and former star with Preston, Everton, Scunthorpe, Aston Villa, who he captained to a League Cup Final with Spurs in 1971, Bristol Rovers and Newport, took over as manager at St James' Park in January 1979. Since then he has forged together a team of exceptional ability that on its day can match the best.

And yet Exeter City travel to Swindon today not as promotion favourites but only as possibles . . . a clear eight points short of the promotion candidates. Has then the cup run overshadowed their League programme this term? I put the question to Brian Godfrey.

"Things went a bit flat for the two or three days after our defeat at Spurs, which is only natural," he explains, adding, "But it has been a hell of a good run and I think it was good for us. It gave

the boys that little bit of lift. The thought of playing at places like Newcastle and Tottenham kept them on their toes.

"I warned them all that if they did not stick it all in and tackle for their lives and really go all out in our League games then they would not play in the glamour matches. So no, I do not think the Cup upset our League form, in fact I think it motivated us."

"I don't see why defeat by Spurs should harm us. We weren't in the cup at the start of the season and we were playing quite well then so I do not foresee any problems."

"Where we have let ourselves down this season is on our home performances. We have just got to put it together at home. It is not that we have been so much inconsistent, it is just that we seem to make a lot of silly little errors that have proved costly."

Mind you the Exeter boss has not written off his chances of reaching the Second Division, for the first time in the clubs history this season. He says: "If we win our ten remaining games then we could just sneak third place. It is highly improbable but it is possible."

"We are looking forward to this afternoons game. Despite your position, Swindon are a good side and we usually do quite well at the County Ground."

"In fact we have done well away from home overall this season, winning seven League games and drawing two. And we will be looking to win again today. We don't defend, we throw people forward. Of course we get people back when we have to, but we don't employ a defensive attitude, we are prepared to go at the opposition."

"No matter who the opposition are, Newcastle or Swindon, we adopt the same principles. In fact we do not cater too much for the other side we concentrate more on producing our own game, try to impose ourselves on the match."

"I mean if we looked around and worried too much about what everybody else was doing we would live in a world of utter confusion. We watch our opponents and note their set-plays and formation but we do not try to adapt our game for each individual fixture. We play it our way."

Exeter City



Back Row

L. to R. Peter Hatch, Lee Roberts, David Pullar, Ray Pratt, Len Bond,
John Sparrow, Phil Roberts, Frank Prince.

Seated

L. to R. Tony Kellow, Tony Mitchell, Richard Forbes, John Delve (Captain)
Peter Rogers, Martyn Rogers, Ian Pearson.

Exeter City Pen-Pictures

LEN BOND (Goalkeeper). Len has recently been signed from Brentford. He began his career with Bristol City and previously played for Exeter whilst on loan in 1974/75. He was also loaned to Cardiff, Torquay, Scunthorpe and Colchester before being transferred to Brentford in 1977.

MARTYN ROGERS (Defender). Martyn joined Exeter from Bath City and made his bow in League soccer last season. He has been enjoying a further run at right-back this season.

LEE ROBERTS (Defender). Lee began his career with Shrewsbury Town and first joined Exeter on loan in 1976/77. His full transfer was arranged during the following season. Lee scored the late equaliser that gave Exeter their magnificent 1-1 F.A. Cup fifth round draw at Newcastle.

PHIL ROBERTS (Defender). Phil has played for Wales at full and u-23 levels, gaining four full caps. Bristol Rovers launched his League career in 1969 and he was transferred to Portsmouth for £32,000 in 1973. Five years later he moved on to Hereford but he played only three League games for the Edgar Street club before signing for Exeter in 1979.

PETER HATCH (Defender/Midfield). Peter played several games in Oxford's first-team but he has enjoyed his best success since transferring to Exeter in 1973 and winning a regular game in League soccer.

JOHN SPARROW (Defender). John played a considerable amount of First Division football for Chelsea, but, when he lost his place, he went on loan to Millwall in 1978/79. He was later recalled to the Chelsea side and Exeter signed him a few weeks ago.

RICHARD FORBES (Midfield). Richard developed in the junior sides and stepped into Exeter's League eleven in 1977/78. He is now enjoying his first long run in the side.

JOHN DELVE (Midfield). John played about a dozen times in the Q.P.R. first-team and then moved down to Plymouth for £25,000 in 1974. When he joined Exeter in 1977 the fee of £15,000 was then a new club record.

FRANKIE PRINCE (Midfield). Frankie ended a long association with Bristol Rovers when he signed for Exeter, last summer. He had been a Rovers' first-teamer since 1968 and, whilst at Eastville, he won Welsh under-23 caps and went on tour to New Zealand with the Welsh F.A. party in 1971.

IAN PEARSON (Midfield). Ian began his League career with Millwall. He went into the Lions' League eleven in 1977/78 and scored 13 goals that season. He was transferred to Exeter the following season.

TONY KELLOW (Forward). This ace goalscorer returned to the club last season after a year with Blackpool. Now he is once again one of the Third Division's leading scorers with 28 goals. Once a goalscoring sensation in the Western League, he scored 22 times in his 1976/77 debut season for Exeter. He kept on scoring and Blackpool paid a club record £125,000 for him in 1978. A little over a year later he rejoined Exeter for £70,000. Tony's hat-trick knocked First Division Leicester out of the F.A. Cup this season.

DAVID PULLAR (Forward). David was Exeter's top scorer with 12 goals last season. He made an early League debut for Portsmouth in 1976 and completed 93 League appearances for Pompey before joining Exeter during the 1979 close-season.

PETER ROGERS (Forward). Peter joined Exeter in 1978 from Bath City and scored five goals last season. He has netted nine times this term including three in the club's great F.A. Cup run.

RAY PRATT (Forward). Ray joined Exeter from Merthyr for £10,000 last March after hitting 17 goals in Southern League football last season. Introduced to Exeter's League team, Ray scored twice in only five full games last season and is once again maintaining an impressive record in his still quite rare appearances.

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LEAGUE TABLE. up to and including Sunday March 22 1981

	P	W	Home	L	F - A	W	Away	L	F - A	Pts	Goal	Avge	Best
			D				D				Diff	Home	Lge Gate
Charlton Athletic	37	13	5	1	32-12	8	3	7	20-21	50	+19	6877	12700
Rotherham Utd	37	13	5	0	34-6	5	7	7	16-21	48	+23	7185	11905
Huddersfield T	37	12	4	2	30-7	5	8	6	24-21	46	+26	11816	28901
Chesterfield	37	14	2	2	34-12	5	5	9	22-24	45	+20	8116	17146
Barnsley	35	10	4	3	33-15	6	8	4	21-20	44	+19	11457	17478
Portsmouth	38	13	3	3	31-15	6	3	10	16-25	44	+7	14337	17412
Burnley	36	12	3	4	32-15	4	7	6	17-20	42	+14	6517	10667
Plymouth Arg	38	12	3	4	32-17	3	8	8	15-22	41	+8	7593	19798
Reading	38	11	5	3	33-15	4	5	10	17-31	40	+4	5173	7429
EXETER CITY	36	8	6	5	30-26	7	2	8	22-24	38	+2	4497	6295
Brentford	39	5	8	6	24-20	6	8	6	19-23	38	0	6933	11610
Millwall	39	10	8	2	30-18	2	5	12	8-34	37	-14	4088	9422
Chester	38	10	4	6	21-13	4	4	10	10-23	36	-5	2613	4563
Colchester Utd	38	11	6	3	33-19	2	3	13	10-34	35	-10	2713	4864
Sheffield Utd	37	11	5	2	32-13	2	3	14	24-39	34	+4	12561	18390
Fulham	38	6	7	6	22-23	5	5	9	24-30	34	-7	5040	9921
Newport Co	37	7	5	6	27-19	4	6	9	22-29	33	+1	5921	8062
Oxford Utd	38	5	6	8	15-21	6	5	8	16-20	33	-10	3797	6217
Gillingham	38	7	6	6	20-18	3	7	9	22-35	33	-11	4813	8775
Carlisle Utd	37	8	7	4	30-25	3	4	11	17-34	33	-12	3872	7137
SWINDON TOWN	37	9	3	7	29-24	3	5	10	13-25	32	-7	6545	9710
Walsall	38	6	8	5	35-35	4	4	11	13-28	32	-15	4232	5906
Blackpool	38	4	7	7	17-24	4	4	12	24-42	27	-25	5996	10427
Hull C	37	5	5	7	15-16	1	6	13	16-46	23	-31	4512	8618

LEADING GOALSCORERS includes League Cup and F.A. Cup

27 Tony Kellow (Exeter City)	15 Terry Austin (Huddersfield Town*)
23 David Kemp (Plymouth A)	Keith Edwards (Hull City)
22 Alan Birch (Chesterfield A)	Paul Walsh (Charlton A)
Derek Hales (Charlton A)	14 Trevor Aylott (Barnsley)
20 Gordon Davies (Fulham)	Steve Taylot (Burnley)
18 Bob Hatton (Sheffield U)	13 Ian Banks (Barnsley)
Ronnie Moore (Rotherham U)	Peter Beardsley (Carlisle U)
17 Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley)	Derrick Parker (Barnsley)
Colin Morris (Blackpool)	Brian Stanton (Huddersfield T)
16 Steve Kindon (Huddersfield T)	Tommy Tynan (Newport Co)

* 9 for Mansfield

SWINDON TOWN LEADING GOALSCORERS:

League, League Cup & F.A. Cup
Football Combination
S. E. Counties Div 2

Rowland 11, Carter 4, Greenwood 4, Kamara 4
Rideout 8, Cockerill 5, Bond 5
Batty 7, Bristow 7, Short 6, Furley 6, Rideout 6, Jefferies 5

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Monday, 23rd. March 1981 (Not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southampton	33	21	6	6	82	38	48
Tottenham Hotspur	31	16	11	4	76	42	43
Plymouth Argyle	33	16	11	6	61	43	43
Arsenal	34	16	11	7	53	36	43
Norwich City	34	16	9	9	55	39	41
Ipswich Town	32	13	14	5	48	28	40
Birmingham City	32	13	11	8	48	34	37
Luton Town	32	14	9	9	48	36	37
Chelsea	30	15	6	9	56	36	36
Leicester City	33	14	7	12	55	47	35
Queens Park Rangers	31	13	8	10	60	46	34
Bristol Rovers	33	9	11	13	40	50	29
Crystal Palace	32	10	8	14	52	56	28
Bristol City	32	11	6	15	33	46	28
West Ham United	31	9	9	13	55	53	27
Oxford United	33	10	7	16	39	61	27
Orient	33	8	8	17	36	58	24
Swindon Town	34	10	3	21	39	73	23
Fulham	30	6	10	14	22	51	22
Reading	32	8	5	19	41	71	21
Cardiff City	28	5	8	15	27	44	18
Hereford United	29	4	10	15	26	64	18

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Junior League Div. 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1. West Ham United	26	18	6	2	73	31	42
2. Oxford United	22	14	6	2	59	32	34
3. Cambridge United	25	14	4	7	53	37	32
4. Swindon Town	26	14	4	8	50	38	32
5. Tottenham Hotspur	22	12	4	6	59	31	28
6. Luton Town	26	12	4	10	54	34	28
7. Charlton Athletic	22	10	6	6	41	33	26
8. Wimbledon	24	11	2	11	54	51	24
9. Reading	27	8	7	12	38	53	23
10. Brentford	22	8	6	8	46	40	22
11. Chelsea	22	5	6	11	25	50	18
12. Orient	21	6	3	12	28	44	15
13. Peterborough Utd.	22	7	2	13	21	45	14*
14. Millwall	23	3	2	18	22	58	8
15. Bristol Rovers	18		2	16	20	65	2

* 2 pts deducted

Picture



Striker Andy Rowland (left) pushed out of an airborne challenge against Millwall.



Town defender Charlie Henry (left) gets stuck in against Millwall. With him is Steve Abbley (second left) and Andy Rowland (No. 9).

Parade



High flying Ian Miller takes on and beats two Millwall defenders in the last County Ground game.



Glen Cockerill beats Millwall's Chatterton to shoot goalwards in the Town's last home match.

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Another former Crewe player has been in the news. Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar has been signed by Liverpool for £250,000 as understudy to Ray Clemence.

South African born Grobbelaar is now a Rhodesian citizen and whilst on holiday in England, he signed for Crewe as a non-contract player last season. He played 24 times for the club who would have liked to have retained his services.

But he was the property of Vancouver Whitecaps and Mr. Waddington accepted the fact that, if Bruce ever did return to English football in a professional capacity, it would be with a First Division Club.

Lincoln goalkeeper Colin Bolton has now recovered from the broken leg he suffered at Crewe last August but his prospects of regaining the first-team spot at Sincil Bank look fairly slim.

Boulton, who spent the major part of his career with Derby where he was ever-present in both their League Championship seasons, joined Lincoln from Tulsa Roughnecks on the eve of this season. But he suffered his break in only his fourth outing with the club.

Lincoln were forced to go into the market and plumped for the young Bolton reserve 'keeper David Felgate who has been performing with great distinction. Boulton is now considering turning his attention to coaching.

Southampton's Ian Golac reached another milestone in his career in the Stoke game, becoming the only Eastern European ever to complete a century of full appearances in Football League games. Before the recent influx of foreigners came into the game, the record number of Football League appearances achieved by a player from behind the Iron curtain was 51 by John Haasz, the Hungarian, for Swansea and Workington in the early 'sixties'.

Crystal Palace manager Dario Gradi has now accepted the inevitable. "Of course we shall be relegated. You've got to be realistic about these things. I'm now devoting my time planning for us to win promotion back again next season." So said the Crystal Palace manager last week.

Last Saturday Palace picked up their first point since Mr Gradi's arrival when they drew 1-1 at Leicester.

Mr. Gradi, in fact, missed the recent Sunderland game because he was elsewhere checking on possible new signings so he missed the Palace debuts of striker Tommy Langley (signed from

Q.P.R. for £200,000) and midfield man David Price (an £80,000 arrival from Arsenal).

"I have been told that money will be available at the end of the season for the purchase of players," explained Mr. Gradi. "My own view is that the best plan is to produce your own players and have a regular flow coming through from the youth team. But that takes time."

Now that Liverpool have agreed to sign Middlesbrough's England under-21 midfielder player Craig Johnston for £650,000 at the end of the season, there has been speculation over the Anfield future of Ray Kennedy.

Kennedy was the last Liverpool signing made by Bill Shankly, who paid Arsenal £200,00 for him during the 1974 close-season. Bob Paisley switched him from attack to midfield and Kennedy went on to win 17 England caps in that position.

He recently told England manager Ron Greenwood that he was fed up with being selected for England squads, without being given a name. He does not want to be picked again. Now he could be approaching the end of his Liverpool career, too.

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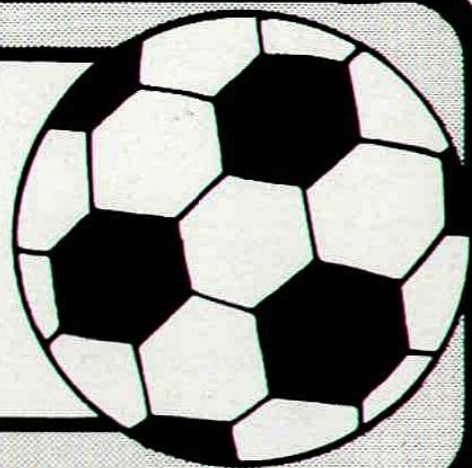
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- 9 Tony KELLOW
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Commenced refereeing in 1962 and progressed via the South Eastern Counties, Metropolitan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League full list. Is a member of the F.I.F.A. panel of referees.

NEXT MATCH

Saturday 11th April, 1981

DIVISION III

COLCHESTER UNITED

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

- A Barnsley v Burnley
- B Blackpool v Carlisle
- C Brentford v Plymouth
- D Fulham v Newport
- E Huddersfield v Chester
- F Hull City v Gillingham
- G Reading v Charlton
- H Rotherham v Colchester
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