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## **Talk of the Town by the Chairman**

This evening we are pleased to welcome the Players and Officials from Southend United who are enjoying a successful season to date. Southend have had spells of football in the fourth division but very quickly fought their way back up.

Having played our last home match on a Sunday, we have had the opportunity to compare the differences. It is not a straightforward comparison because our average attendance at home matches to date, played on Saturdays and evenings mid-week, is 6,213 and include mid-week games average 5,791 against Saturday games average 6,473, and the higher average for Saturday attendances are because of the local derby games against Reading and Bristol included in these totals. Our attendance on Sunday was 5,654 against Exeter City, who obviously never brought so many followers as Reading or Bristol. It may have brought many supporters who find it difficult to attend on Saturdays, but it also prevented many of our regular supporters from attending which is a bad thing.

The one thing which it did prove, was the fact that people enjoy watching football in the sunshine, and I am certain that clubs will have to give serious consideration to a change of our present system.

The football world has been stunned by the financial situations of both Oxford United and Bristol City with both clubs on the point of closing down. Oxford United have found a benefactor in Mr R. Maxwell, a local business man, who has taken over the club's liability, and Bristol City, after making eight players redundant, have formed a committee who have committed themselves to raise a million pounds in a new share issue.

The Football League are holding a seminar in Solihull on the 21st and 22nd February when obviously the survival of league clubs will be discussed.

The future of all clubs is tied up with many things, the payment of wages, the attractiveness of the game to our supporters which, in my opinion, brings in the present rules of the game, and this is something that clubs will have to get to grips with. The alteration to rules is a serious matter and not easy to come to terms with, but the attendances at all levels have dropped to such an extent that it is imperative that something is done to at least halt the slide. People must be wondering how sincere one club is to another when they have been told that at our last Football League seminar, all clubs agreed that when a club found itself without a manager it would not be allowed to take a manager already engaged in such a position with another club during the playing season.

Oxford United are complaining that Wolverhampton Wanderers have done just this in inducing Ian Greaves to join them in mid-season. Ian Greaves has been able to get his team to believe in themselves and so far this season, are getting the results. I hope for Oxford's sake that this disruption will not upset their players too much.

John has also been getting some good performances and the game against Exeter provided us with the kind of excitement that all football crowds love with the winning goal coming in last minute. At the time of writing these notes, our result at Preston is not known.

Andy Rowland is doing light training which is good news. Ken's team has also been turning in some good performances in the Football Combination and came away from the ground at Birmingham City with a well earned point.

Don's youngsters have been picking up points, but were unlucky to lose Stuart Whitbread, with a dislocated thumb, whilst playing against Coventry City in a Midland Youth game. Stuart's injury is distressing because he is a goalkeeper, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Robert Furley is now back in training after his long lay off after breaking his leg. We look forward to seeing him in action again.

Further to my last notes mentioning helpers volunteering to renovate some of our premises, I have now been informed a start is to be made on Sunday next. We look forward to meeting such devout Swindon Town Supporters some of whom, I understand, travel from the Newbury area.



Our first experiment staging a league match on Sunday cannot be regarded as a failure - for once the weather was certainly on our side giving us a beautiful sunny afternoon and the lads did the rest by their great performance against Exeter City and getting the right result. Credit is also due to the opposition who came to the County Ground to play open, attacking football and this obviously suits our team when they too can play in this way. It is difficult to assess whether our attendance would have been higher if the game had been played on the preceding afternoon because although the weather man was kind to us, the rail strike and a limited public bus service kept many of our country supporters away - but it did give many people, who would normally be working, as well as the lads who play football in the Saturday league, the opportunity to visit the County Ground. Also, we cannot close our eyes to the fact that our run of poor results probably had a bearing on the attendance, but hopefully with our performance from the last two games and the confidence that must have been generated, we are back on the right road and it won't be too long before our form at the beginning of the season is very much in evidence and taking us back up the league table.

The problems clubs are currently experiencing have been highlighted over the past couple of weeks by Bristol City. It is very sad to see a club fighting for survival in this way, but really so much of the problem may well have been reduced for them had they not been quite so ambitious a few years back when things were going very well for them. It is so easy when a club is doing well, caution is thrown to the wind and "new players at all cost" appears to be the thinking. Suddenly you are on the downward

slope with reduced income, but the players with the lucrative, long-term contracts are still on the payroll. This is something I inherited when I became manager, maybe to a somewhat lesser degree than the Bristol City situation, but nevertheless a situation which had to be sorted. The last fourteen months has seen a wage structure formed at Swindon Town and this will continue because no way will a player be signed on a contract which will jeopardise, and undo, the hard work that has been done bringing in this structure, and put us in the position of our neighbours.

Our Reserve Team have finally managed to get back into action after the bad weather called a halt to their programme. Of their four last games they have drawn two and lost two. The two mid-week fixtures played at home gave me the opportunity of looking at the senior players, not currently in the first team, and also the young lads who, by the way they played, certainly justified the good reports I have received from Ken Beamish on their performances. Their last game will have been versus Tottenham Hotspur, and opposition of this calibre provides an excellent opportunity for our lads. Such opposition makes it important for the continuation of the Football Combination league in preference to regional Reserve Leagues being advocated by many clubs.

Don Rogers' South East Counties side are holding their own and are currently fifth in their league. The last two games against Oxford United and Reading have each produced a draw. The Midland Youth League has also suffered postponed fixtures and they finally got under way at Coventry City on Wednesday last only to lose 'keeper, Stuart Whitbread, with an injury to his thumb within the first couple of minutes of play, despite this setback his deputy managed to keep our loss down to 1-2.

Before ending these notes, I would like to thank our band of regular supporters who, in spite of the long distances involved, travel to support our lads and are a welcome sight on our arrival at the opposition's grounds.



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# **SOUTHEND**



**DAVE CUSACK - (Centre-Half).** A powerful defender who was signed on 5 September 1978 from Sheffield Wednesday. Joined the "Owls" from school as an apprentice in October, 1971 and became a full professional in May, 1974. He has already made over 100 appearances for the "Blues" and has scored some useful goals. Born - Rotherham. Height 6' 1½" Weight 13 st. 12 lbs.

**KEITH MERCER - (Forward).** Keith was signed from Watford in February, 1980 for a substantial fee and quickly struck up an understanding with fellow striker Derek Spence. A prolific goalscorer with Watford, Keith played a major part in securing the Fourth Division Championship for the "Blues". Born - Lewisham. Height 5' 9" Weight 13 st.

**ALAN MOODY (Defender)** Alan joined Southend United from Middlesbrough in October, 1972 and is the club's longest serving player. A former England Schoolboy International he has made over 350 appearances for the "Blues" during his eight years with the club. Born - Middlesbrough. Height 5' 11". Weight 11st. 10 lbs.

**JOHN KEELEY - (Goalkeeper).** Another product of the Youth Policy who became an apprentice professional in August 1976 and was upgraded to a full time professional in May '79. Although a capable goalkeeper John is able to perform as a centre forward. He made his first team debut during season 79/80. Born in Plaistow, London. Height 6' 0", Weight 12 st. 13 lbs.

**MICKY STEAD - (Defender).** Signed from Tottenham Hotspur in September '78. He joined Spurs as an apprentice in July '73 and was upgraded to full time professional in November '74. He made five appearances for Swansea City while on loan to them early in '77. Micky is a tough defender who has also played in midfield and he skippered the side to the Fourth Division Championship in Season 80/81. Born West Ham, his height is 5' 8" Weight 11 st. 7lbs.

**DANNY GREAVES - (Forward)** An exciting striker who was signed as a full professional in June 81 and has emerged as a leading scorer for the Reserve and Youth Teams. He has an eye for the half-chance and like his famous father he is an ice cold finisher. Born Upminster he is 5' 7" Weight 9 st. 7 lbs.

**GARRY NELSON - (Forward).** An effective striker who proved successful at Schoolboy level, having represented Essex Youth and Schoolboy sides. He joined Southend United as a full-time professional in June, 1979 straight from school and he made his first team debut against Swindon in October, 1979. During the Fourth Division Championship winning campaign Garry emerged as an important member of the first team squad. Born - Braintree. Height 5'10" Weight 10 st. 10 lbs.



# UNITED

**ANTON OTULAKOWSKI - (Midfield).** A talented mid-field man signed from West Ham United in March, 1979. He joined the 'Hammers' from Barnsley in October, 1976. Anton is an industrious type of player who is also keen to join the attack. He has represented England as a Youth Gymnast and finds that his agility helps him baffle his opponents with his tight control and trickery. Born - Dewsbury. Height 5' 7". Weight 10 st 10 lbs.

**TONY HADLEY - (Defender).** A former amateur with the club. Tony signed as a full professional with Southend United at the beginning of the 1974/75 season. He has also played mid-field and up-front for the club for whom he has made over 200 first team appearances. Born - Rochford. Height 6'. Weight 12 st. 12 lbs.

**STEPHEN YATES - (Defender).** A hard tackling tough and versatile defender signed from Leicester City in November, 1977. An all round athlete who needs no encouragement to join the attack, he has played cricket for Essex II and is a very useful slow left arm bowler. Born - Burton-on-Trent.

**TERRY GRAY - (Forward).** England U18 Schoolboy and Youth International. Signed from Huddersfield Town in July, 1979 following seven years service at Leeds Road. A versatile player who can also play in defence and who was once with Chelsea as a schoolboy. He joined Huddersfield in August, 1972 and made his first team debut for them against Southend United at Roots Hall in November, 1973 as a left-back. He was ever present in the "Blues" Fourth Division Championship winning team during the 1980/81 season. Born Bradford. Height 5' 8". Weight 10 st.



**GLENN PENNYFATHER - (Defender)** At the age of 17 Glenn became one of the youngest players to ever pull on a 'Blues' jersey when he played in an F.A. Cup First Round game against Huddersfield United on 22 November 80. He was signed as a full time professional on 18 February 81. He is basically a defender who revels in a sweeper role but also shows a flair for attacking. He was born in Billericay. Height 5' 8" Weight 10 st. 4 lbs.



# FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

Date Opponents

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Sub (if used)

1981

Sat. Aug. 29	Wimbleton	H	4 - 1	5632	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham 1	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Moore	—
Tues. Sept. 1	Wrexham LC 1 (1)	A	2 - 3	2068	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1P	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Moore	—
Sat. Sept. 5	Cheshire	A	0 - 0	1949	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Carter 2	—
Sat. Sept. 12	Preston North End	H	4 - 0	5695	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Moore*	—
Tues. Sept. 15	Wrexham LC 1 (2)	A	2 - 1	4372	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams 1	—
Sat. Sept. 19	Exeter City	A	0 - 0	4864	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	—
Mon. Sept. 21	Southern Utd	A	0 - 2	9316	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	—
Sat. Sept. 26	Reading	H	0 - 2	5365	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	—
Tues. Sept. 29	Cheshire	A	2 - 0	3377	Allan	Henry	Baddeley*	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	—
Sat. Oct. 3	Burnley	A	2 - 1	5265	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Williams	—
Sat. Oct. 10	Carlisle Utd	A	4 - 1	8779	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	—
Sat. Oct. 17	Bristol Rovers	A	0 - 5	6010	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	—
Tues. Oct. 20	Walsall	A	2 - 2	6750	Allan	Henry	Peach*	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams 1	—
Sat. Oct. 24	Doncaster Rovers	H	2 - 2	6750	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	—
Sat. Oct. 31	Gillingham	A	0 - 1	8410	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	—
Tues. Nov. 3	Brentford	H	0 - 3	6369	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout*	Williams	—
Sat. Nov. 7	Millwall	H	1 - 2	5710	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Stroud	—
Sat. Nov. 14	Huddersfield	A	0 - 3	7605	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Stroud*	—
Sat. Nov. 21	F.A. Cup 1 Taunton Town	A	2 - 1	4494	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Stroud	—
Sat. Nov. 28	Lincoln City	A	0 - 2	3132	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard 2	—
Sat. Dec. 5	Bristol City	H	0 - 0	6949	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	—
Sat. Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2 Sutton United	A	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard 1	—
Sat. Dec. 26	Plymouth Argyll	H	1 - 2	8185	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	—
Wed. Dec. 30	Fulham	H	1 - 4	5641	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout 1	Pritchard	—

1982

Sat. Jan. 2	F.A. Cup 3 Luton Town	A	1 - 2	9488	Allan	Baddeley	Williams	Henry	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel 1	Carter	Rowland	Rideout	Pritchard	—
Sat. Jan. 23	Wimbleton (F.A.—4)	A	1 - 1		Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter	Rowland	Rideout 1	Pritchard	—
Sun. Jan. 31	Exeter City	H	3 - 2	5654	Allan	Henry	Baddeley 1	Williams	Lewis	Stroud	Emmanuel	Carter 1	Rideout 1	Greenwood	Pritchard	—
Sat. Feb. 6	Preston North End	A														
Sat. Feb. 13	Burnley (F.A-5)	A														
Sat. Feb. 20	Reading	A														
Tues. Feb. 23	Portsmouth	H														
Sat. Feb. 27	Carlisle Utd.	A														
Sat. Mar. 6	Bristol Rovers (F.A-6)	A														
Tues. Mar. 9	Walsall	H														
Fri. Mar. 12	Doncaster Rovers	A														
Sat. Mar. 13	League Cup Final	A														
Mon. Mar. 15	Brentford	A														
Sat. Mar. 20	Gillingham	A														
Thurs. Mar. 23	Newport Co.	A														
Sat. Mar. 27	Millwall	A														
Sat. Apr. 3	Huddersfield Town F.A.SF	A														
Wed. Apr. 7	Oxford Utd.	H														
Sat. Apr. 10	Plymouth Argyll	A														
Tues. Apr. 13	Fulham	A														
Sat. Apr. 17	Bristol City	A														
Sat. Apr. 24	Lincoln City	H														
Tues. Apr. 27	Chester	H														
Sat. May 1	Chesterfield	A														
Tues. May 4	Oxford United	H														
Sat. May 8	Newport County	H														
Sat. May 15	Portsmouth	H														
Sat. May 22	F.A. Cup Final	A														

APPEARANCES (Goals)

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1981-82

F A CUP

Abbley S G	9	—	1	
Allan J	22	2	3	
Baddeley K	9 (1)	1	3	
Carter RW	22 (6)	2 (1)	3 (1)	
Emmanuel J G	20	2	2 (1)	
Graham M A	18 (1)	1	2	
Greenwood R T	18 (1)	1	2	
Henry C A	19 (1)	2	2	
Hughes B D	19 (3)	2	2	
Lewis R	22	2	2	
Moore J C	2	—	—	
Peach D S	10	—	1	
Pritchard H K	8	—	3 (3)	
Rideout P D	13 (5)	1	2	
Rowland A A	20 (7)	2	3	
Stroud K A	6	—	2	
Williams G	19 (2)	2	2	

\* Player substituted

† Own goal

P - Penalty



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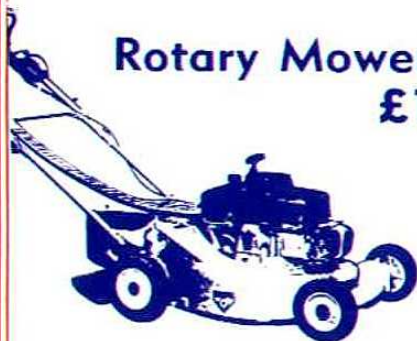
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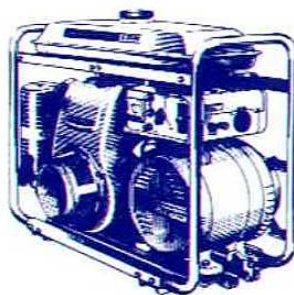
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# Statistics 81-82

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

		Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 29	Watford	A	3-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Baddley	Abbley 1	Blackler	Beamish	Pritchard	Bristow 1
Sept 2	Q.P.R.	H	0-3	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Bristow	Round	Blackler	Pritchard	Beamish	Rideout	Peach	Abbley
5	Hereford	H	1-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Bristow	Round	Westlake	Pritchard	Batty 1	Beamish	Moores	Short
12	Tottenham	A	1-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Baddley	Bristow 1	Pritchard	Beamish	Blackler	Short
19	Birmingham	H	1-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Blackler	Bristow	Beamish	Rideout	Moores	—
26	Southampton	A	2-4	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Pritchard	Moores 1	Rideout	1 Peach	Bristow	—
29	Bristol City	A	3-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Rideout	Beamish 2	Moores
Oct 3	Leicester City	A	2-4	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Batty	Round	Blackler	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Rideout	Beamish 1	Moores
10	Leicester City	A	2-0	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Bristow*	Round	Blackler	Abbley	Stroud	Beamish	Moores 1	Pritchard 1
19	Luton Town	H	3-0	Stevens	Baillie	Baddley	Batty	Round	Blackler*	Abbley 1	Stroud 1	Beamish 1	Moores	Bristow
31	Bristol Rovers	H	2-3	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Baillie	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Beamish 1	Coleman*	Blackler
Nov 11	Reading	A	1-1	Stevens	Baverstock	Williams	Emmanuel	Round	Baddley	Pritchard 1	Stroud	Quinn	Greenwood	Moores
14	West Ham Utd.	H	3-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Westlake	Blackler	Emmanuel	Quinn 1	Beamish 2	Moores
21	Crystal Palace	A	2-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Round	Blackler	Blackler	Rideout	Quinn 1	Williams	Moores
24	Bristol City	H	2-1	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty	Lewis	Round	Blackler	Rideout 1	Quinn 1	Emmanuel	Moores
28	Orient	H	1-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baddley	Batty 1	Round	Westlake	Abbley	Blackler	Rideout	Quinn	Moores
Dec 5	Ipswich Tn.	A	1-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Peach	Batty	Round	Stroud	Abbley	Blackler	Quinn	Beamish 1	Moores
Jan 13	Plymouth Arg.	H	0-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley	Hughes	Quinn	Graham	Moores*
23	Oxford Utd.	H	1-1	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Blackler	Abbley 1	Hughes	Quinn	Beamish	Moores
26	Watford	H	1-2	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Graham	Abbley 1	Hughes	Quinn	Beamish	Blackler
30	Birmingham	A	0-0	Stevens	Baillie	Peach	Batty	Round	Graham	Abbley	Blackler	Quinn	Beamish	Moores

## MIDLAND YOUTH CUP

Sept 3	Leicester	H	1-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Blackler	Round	Westlake	Bristow 1	Batty	Furley	Coleman	Short	—
9	Birmingham	A	1-1	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake*	Baillie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley	Coleman	Short	Sheppard
4	Northampton	A	3-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Round	Westlake	Baillie	Batty	Bristow	Blackler	Furley 3	Coleman	Short	Sheppard
Oct 7	Leicester C	A	3-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round 1	Westlake	Bristow	Blackler 1	Rideout 1	Coleman	Short	—
22	Northampton	H	11-0	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty*	Round 1	Westlake	Bristow 2	Blackler 2	Barnes 1	Coleman 2	Short 1	Evans 2 o.g.
27	Coventry C	A	0-0	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Westlake	Bristow*	Blackler	Barnes	Coleman	Short	Sheppard
29	Coventry C	H	0-1	Whitbread	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Westlake	Evans	Blackler	Barnes	Coleman	Short	—
Nov 9	Birmingham C	H	4-0	Whitbread	Chappard	Gould	Batty 1	Round	Westlake	Blackler	Coleman	Rideout* 2	Short	Evans 1	Barnes

## MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

Nov. 19	Luton Town	A	2-6	Whitbread	Westlake	Sheppard	Batty 1	Round	Blackler	Bristow	Coleman*	Rideout	Sharp 1	Evans	Barnes
Dec 3	Peterborough U	A	5-3	Whitbread	Baverstock	Gould	Batty	Westlake	Blackler	Short 1	Miblett	Barnes 3	Coleman 1	Prescott*	Evans
Jan 7	Wolverhampton	A	0-2	Stevens	Baverstock	Baillie	Batty	Round	Westlake	Hughes	Blackler	Bristow	Coleman	Short	Barnes

1 Goalscorers \* Player repalced by substitute



# John Ward talks to Paul Rideout

## With England Schoolboys:

When you meet him for the first time Paul Rideout comes over as astonishingly mature and self assured for someone who is still only seventeen. Like everyone else, I knew of his spectacularly successful spell playing for England Schoolboys. What I didn't know was how this came about and what went on behind the scenes.

"I was playing regularly for Swindon Schoolboys", Paul explained "and four or five of us were picked for a South West Trial. Over the course of five trials the numbers were reduced nationally from around sixty boys to a squad of sixteen." I asked what sort of people were in charge of the process. "They were schoolmasters", Paul said. "The chief coach showed a lot of knowledge but the sections tended to go for big people rather than small, skilful players." This certainly seems to have suited Paul, who played eleven games in two seasons, twice as many as even the best schoolboys who usually only manage one season at international level.

Paul enjoyed the routine: "They would sometimes get us together for the odd weekend before a game. In any case before the match on a Saturday we would train together from the Wednesday onwards at Lillieshall. This was a marvellous experience: there is an all-weather pitch and the grass pitches are perfect because they are so little used. You are really out in the wilds but everyone mixes in together and it is good fun. There is table tennis and plenty of things to do in the evenings: I made a lot of friends."

## Choosing a big small club:

Paul has been training at Swindon since he was eleven. "My uncle brought me here in the first place. My Nan lived in Swindon but we were living near Bournemouth then. The choice was between Southampton where there are so many good players. Sometimes a boy cannot find his way in, even if he is outstanding, because he gets overlooked. I was struck by how friendly it was at Swindon: the First Team players would always talk to the boys. I would describe it as a big small club."

After a year as an apprentice John Trollope signed Paul professional at the earliest possible moment, his seventeenth birthday. I asked whether Paul had been tempted by the offers from famous First Division Clubs which were reported to have been made at the end of last

season. "What offers?" asked Paul. "I don't know anything about them. There was never any doubt in my mind about signing a three year contract here. I am sure I would do better starting my career at a smaller club. You get every opportunity to make your mark."

## A goal scorer's problems:

Paul is the first to admit that all has not gone as it should have done this season. "I had a disastrous run in pre-season games", he said. "I lost my goal scoring touch. I thought I had it back after the game at Bristol Rovers but it has gone again. I had hoped for fifteen to twenty goals this season. If I am not doing it I deserve to be dropped. It is worrying me but I don't suffer from sleepless nights because of it."

Were the problems of making the transition to League football partly responsible for his loss of touch, I wondered. "Certainly it is a different game from youth football", Paul admitted. "You have much less time and you have to be ready to be kicked a lot more. But I think one of the main reasons is that I miss Ian Miller: he made other people look good; he was so fast that if you were under pressure you could always just boot the ball downfield out to his wing and know there was a good chance he would catch it; and he laid on so many goals for us."

It has also been difficult adjusting between a 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 formation. What I would really like is to strike up a good partnership with Andy Rowland. He and Alan Mayes were together for two years and they developed a fabulous understanding. Poor Andy this season has had to play so many different partners it must be really difficult for him."

## A quiet boy:

Mr. and Mrs. Rideout look after the Swindon Town Hostel in Shrivenham Road. Paul still lives at home surrounded by young apprentices. "Sometimes we all go out to the pictures together", he said "but at times they do get on top of you a bit. I always enjoy weekends when they have gone to their own homes and I am left with the family. I have always been a quiet boy although I am good friends with Charlie Henry and Brian Hughes."

It was time for Paul to go off for a driving lesson. By the time you read this he should have taken his test. Let's hope that he passed; and that he is back on the goal standard!



# TOWN THROUGH TIME:

a season to remember — 1926—27

compiled by paul plowman

## League Results:

Aug	28	Southend United	home	W5-1 Morris 3, Thom, Denyer		
	30	Exeter City	home	W4-2 Thom, Morris 3		
Sep	4	Luton Town	away	D1-1 Morris	League Apps.	(Goals)
	11	Norwich City	home	W3-2 Thom, Morris 2	Archer A S	37(1)
	13	Bournemouth & Bos.Ath.	home	W2-0 Eddleston, Petrie	Bailey J	7(1)
	18	Brighton & Hove Albion	away	L3-9 Eddleston 2, Petrie	Bew D C	38
	22	Bournemouth & Bos.Ath.	away	W2-1 Wall, Thom	Bourne J T	33
	25	Northampton Town	home	W3-1 Wall, Morris, Eddleston	Brooke P	3
Oct	2	Brentford	away	D2-2 Wall, Morris (pen.)	Brown A	14(1)
	9	Millwall	home	W3-0 Thom, Morris, Denyer	Cooper R	17
	16	Charlton Athletic	away	D2-2 Morris 2	Daniel C H	4(1)
	23	Bristol City	home	D2-2 Hughes (o.g.), Wall	Davies A S	8
	30	Plymouth Argyle	away	L1-3 Morris	Denyer A E C	34(5)
Nov	6	Newport County	home	W3-1 Petrie, Dickenson (pen.), Morris	Dickenson W	25(3)
	20	Gillingham	home	W1-0 Morris	Eddleston J	40(11)
Dec	4	Crystal Palace	home	W6-1 Dickenson (pen.), Morris 4, Wall	Flood C W	5(3)
	11	Aberdare Athletic	away	W4-1 Morris, Eddleston 2, Wall	Furness S	11
	18	Q P R	home	W6-2 Wall, Morris 5	Hicks L	1
	25	Merthyr Town	home	W3-2 Thom, Morris, Dickenson (pen.)	Jefferies C E	4(4)
	27	Merthyr Town	away	W2-1 Eddleston, Morris	Johnson J H	1
	28	Coventry City	away	W3-1 Petrie, Morris 2	Johnson S	13(1)
Jan	1	Exeter City	away	L1-3 Morris	Morris D H	41(47)
	8	Watford	away	D2-2 Morris, Thom		
	15	Southend United	away	D2-2 Eddleston 2		
	22	Luton Town	home	W2-0 Morris, Thom		
	29	Norwich City	away	L1-2 Denyer		
Feb	5	Brighton & Hove Albion	home	D2-2 Petrie, Archer (pen.)		
	12	Northampton Town	away	L0-1		
	26	Millwall	away	L1-4 Morris		
Mar	5	Charlton Athletic	home	W2-0 Flood, Morris		
	9	Brentford	home	W4-2 Denyer, Eddleston, Flood 2		
	12	Bristol City	away	L0-2		
	19	Plymouth Argyle	home	L1-2 Morris		
	26	Newport County	away	L3-5 Morris 3		
Apr	2	Aberdare Athletic	home	W3-2 Denyer, Jefferies 2	Nash E M	9
	9	Gillingham	away	D4-4 Bailey, Eddleston, Weston (pen.), Morris	O'Neill H	8
	15	Bristol Rovers	home	L3-5 Jefferies 2, Brown	Petrie C	16(5)
	16	Watford	home	W4-2 Daniel, Johnson (S), Morris 2	Thom A	27(8)
	18	Bristol Rovers	away	L1-3 Morris	Wall A	19(7)
	23	Crystal Palace	away	L0-5	Weston A M	38(1)
	30	Coventry City	home	D2-2 Morris 2	Wylie T	9
May	7	Q P R	away	W1-0 Morris		



HARRY MORRIS

Nash E M	9
O'Neill H	8
Petrie C	16(5)
Thom A	27(8)
Wall A	19(7)
Weston A M	38(1)
Wylie T	9

## F.A. Cup Results:

(1)	Bournemouth & B A	1
	Swindon Town	1
(Rep)	Swindon Town	3
	Bournemouth & B A	4

## F.A. Cup Goalscorers

Wall 2, Morris, Thom

## DIVISION THREE SOUTH Final Table — Top Positions

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts
1. Bristol City	42	27	8	7	104-54	62
2. Plymouth Arg.	42	25	10	7	95-61	60
3. Millwall	42	23	10	9	89-51	56
4. Brighton & Hove Albion	42	21	11	10	79-50	53
5. SWINDON TOWN	42	21	9	12	100-85	51



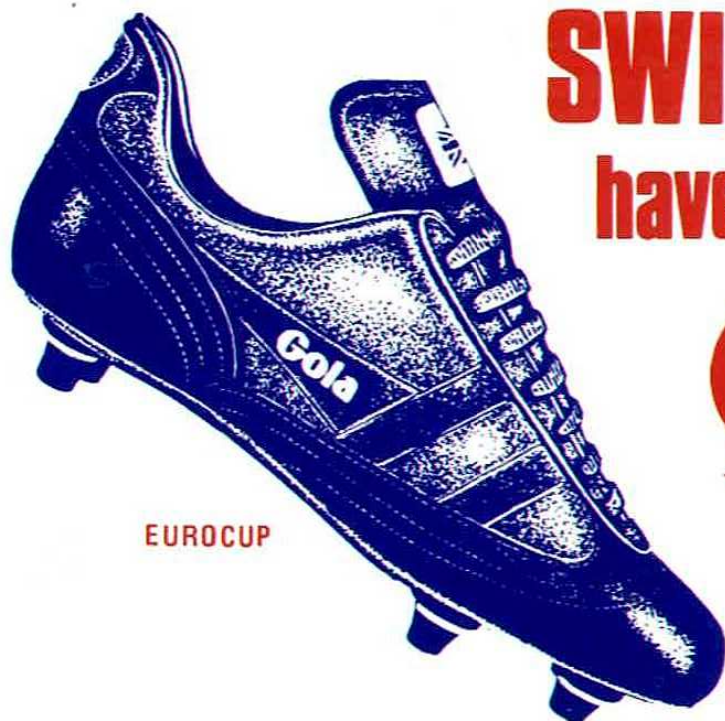
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# **SOUTHEND UNITED FC**



**Back Row (Left to Right)**  
Keith Holmes (Secretary), Frankie Banks (Youth Team Coach), Brian Beckett (Coach), Garry Nelson, Keith Mercer, Alan Moody, Derek Spence, Mervyn Cawston, Anton Orulakowski, Frank Walton (Chairman).

**Front Row (Left to Right)**  
Steve Yates, Tony Hadley, Terry Gray, Dave Cusack, Micky Stead, Ron Pountney, Dave Smith (Manager).



# Colin Benson spotlights

## DAVE SMITH

"Access" might be blazoned across the shirts of the Southend players this season but any thoughts that they might make life a little easier for us this evening can be instantly dismissed. Indeed they come in search of further promotion points the only credit you will receive from them is directed towards the man who has steered them to their current position.

DAVE SMITH is the name - Southend United's 48 year old manager who might not be a household name amongst football followers, but inside the game he is a highly respected figure.

Born in Dundee, Dave first moved south when as a 16 year old he was discovered by Jimmy Scott who was then scouting for BURNLEY- and incidently is doing exactly the same job for Preston today. Dave remembers it well: "It was April 15, 1950 when I joined Burnley" he recalls "and it took me five years to the day to make the first team. I made my Football League debut at Tottenham on April 15, 1958.

"And that was not bad going in those days. For instance at Turf Moor we had 48 professional players and so patience was the key word. You had to work your way through the C, B, A and then Reserve Team to get to the top and that was a long haul. Those were the days when if you made reserve with the A team it was considered an honour.

"Anyway I eventually got there as I say it was a great day in my career. Tottenham were bristling with big name players like Eddie Bailey and Tony Marchie. I was at right back and helped us to a 3-1 victory which made it all the better."

The competition was hard but Dave made his way, playing either at fullback or in the centre of the defence. Then tragedy struck when he broke his leg for the third time after establishing himself in the first team.

As determined as ever he fought back and made two appearances in Burnley's Championship winning season, but then in a Reserve game against West Bromwich Albion the fateful crack was heard again. . . . and once more the fated Dave Smith was stretchered off.

After three weeks in plaster further complications arose as a blood clot developed. It was the same re-action suffered by the club's England goalkeeper Colin McDonald only a few months prior and like McDonald, Dave found himself on the critical list for three days and nights. Alex

Elder had taken over from our unfortunate hero at Burnley, with the same side as the season before with the exceptions of Smith and McDonald, won the First Division Championship. It is all old history now but for Dave Smith it must be a case of what might have been!

"That finished it for me" says Dave, "I even just missed out on making the ton with 99 League appearances for Burnley plus another 15 Cup games. At the age of 29 my playing days were numbered.

After three years on Tyneside it was down to Arsenal as Reserve Team manager and then in 1975 his first appointment as a manager at Mansfield Town. They won the Fourth Division Championship first time out and had gone 19 games undefeated in the Third Division when an internal disagreement led to him moving to Southend United six years ago.

At Roots Hall he has experienced success and failure. Southend have won the Fourth Division Championship, been relegated and promoted and now are on route for further success. If Dave Smith can take the Shrimpers into the Second Division for the first time in their history it will be his greatest triumph yet.

As he says: "Good order is the foundation of all good things. I learned that at Arsenal and have carried on with that philosophy ever since."

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# Picture Parade...



Roy Carter and Paul Rideout (right) two of Swindon's goalscorers against Exeter, are beaten to a Town corner on this occasion.

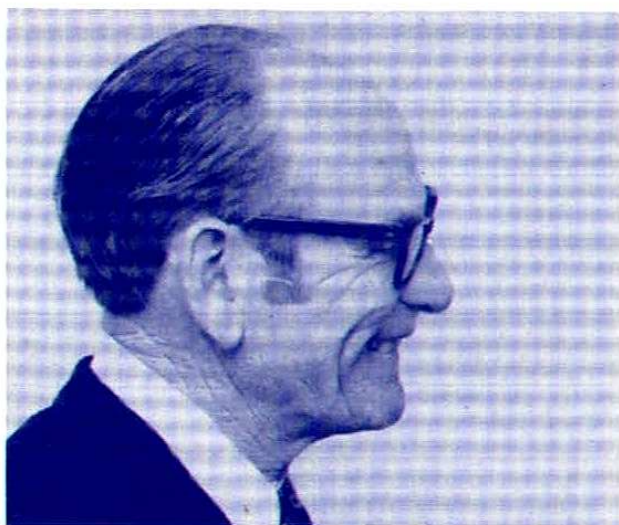


BY DAVE EVANS



Swindon's Howard Pritchard tries the spectacular - an overhead kick against Exeter City at the County Ground.





## COMMERCIAL SPEAKING

Three more useful points for the Club against Exeter wasn't it? This again proves the old adage "Better - Late - Than - Never". So to all our regular readers in particular and all other readers of these notes, it is not too late to join us as agents for the sale of our Moonraker Lottery and Robins Gold Bingo tickets.

I am sure so many of our fans could sell 10 or 20 of our tickets on a weekly basis amongst their friends and colleagues. In doing so not only would give themselves the chance of winning the £100 prize as the seller of our £1,000 top prize ticket, but also help to support the Club other than on match days only.

It has been said so many times before that Football Clubs cannot exist without financial support from outside the game itself. Events of recent weeks concerning two of our near neighbours proves this point, Swindon Town F.C. is no exception. The cash raised by Lotteries etc. is the Clubs life line.

If the Club is to climb the League Tables, with a reasonable chance of staying in a higher division then the receipts from it's Lotteries etc. must rise with it.

So all hands to the plough, or should I say tickets. Hoping to hear from you in the Lottery Office. Enjoy the game.

### NEXT MATCH

Saturday 13th, February, 1982

BURNLEY

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE TABLE.....up to and including Wednesday February 3rd

	Home						Away						Pts	Avg Home		Top Goalscorers*
	P	W	D	L	F - A	W	D	L	F - A	Lge Gate						
Chesterfield	23	7	3	2	18 - 9	5	2	4	13 - 7	41	5,096	Phil Bonnyman 9, Martin Henderson 7				
Fulham	22	6	3	1	17 - 8	6	2	4	19 - 16	41	5,967	Gordon Davies 17, Dean Coney 11				
Carlisle Utd	21	9	1	1	20 - 9	4	1	5	10 - 12	41	3,947	Bryan Robson 9				
Southend Utd	23	7	3	3	19 - 13	4	2	4	12 - 11	38	4,887	Keith Mercer 6, Terry Gray 5				
Reading	25	6	3	4	20 - 21	4	3	5	13 - 16	36	3,965	Gary Heale 9, Kerry Dixon 6				
Walsall	22	7	1	3	21 - 10	3	4	4	10 - 11	35	4,113	Don Penn 8, Richard O'Kelly 6				
Oxford Utd	21	5	2	3	11 - 7	5	2	4	17 - 16	34	4,758	Keith Casells 20, Andy Thomas 11				
Bristol Rov.	25	6	3	4	18 - 17	3	4	5	12 - 16	34	6,057	Archie Stephens 9, Paul Randall 8				
Millwall	22	5	1	5	15 - 13	4	4	3	15 - 13	32	5,543	Nick Chatterton 12				
Burnley	22	5	4	2	14 - 12	3	4	4	15 - 17	32	4,404	Steve Taylor 9, Billy Hamilton 7				
Plymouth Argyle	25	6	3	4	22 - 14	2	4	6	9 - 16	31	4,630	Jeff Cook 9				
Brentford	24	2	3	6	5 - 8	7	1	5	18 - 17	31	5,908	Keith Bowen 6				
Lincoln City	22	5	4	3	20 - 11	3	2	5	13 - 15	30	3,537	Tony Cunningham 10, George Shipley 9				
Huddersfield T	22	5	3	3	16 - 11	3	3	5	11 - 13	30	7,913	Peter Fletcher 10				
Gillingham	22	5	2	4	19 - 17	4	1	6	10 - 16	30	5,504	Dean White 11, Ken Price 8				
Doncaster Rov.	21	6	1	3	16 - 9	2	4	5	11 - 19	29	6,690	Alan Warboys 7				
Exeter City	22	6	1	4	24 - 23	2	4	5	15 - 22	29	4,667	Tony Kellow 14				
Newport County	24	5	4	3	14 - 10	2	3	7	15 - 20	28	4,581	John Aldridge 7				
SWINDON TOWN	22	4	2	5	18 - 19	3	3	5	10 - 16	26	6,213	Roy Carter 8, Andy Rowland 7				
Portsmouth	23	4	5	2	12 - 8	1	5	6	12 - 19	25	9,648	Jeff Hemmerson 8				
Preston North end	23	4	4	3	8 - 8	2	3	7	11 - 20	25	5,365	Alex Bruce 9				
Bristol City	22	3	4	4	12 - 14	2	4	5	8 - 13	23	6,109	Mick Harford 11, Jimmy Mann 10				
Chester	23	1	7	3	10 - 14	4	1	7	9 - 18	23	1,862	Gary Simpson 5				
Wimbledon	21	3	2	5	12 - 17	2	3	6	14 - 22	20	2,802	Paul Lazarus 6, John Leslie 5				

\* Including League Cup & F.A. Cup





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# TONIGHT'S TEAM

## SWINDON

		League*	
		Apps.	Goals
1	JIMMY ALLAN	294	—
2	CHARLIE HENRY	51	1
3	KEVIN BADDELEY	9	1
4	GARY WILLIAMS	19	2
5	RUSSELL LEWIS	117	5
6	KENNY STROUD	287	16
7	GARY EMMANUEL	20	—
8	ROY CARTER	174	26
9	PAUL RIDEOUT	29	9
10	ROY GREENWOOD	41	6
11	HOWARD PRITCHARD	8	—
12			

\* Club career totals up to and incl. January 31, 1982



## SOUTHEND

		League*	
		Apps.	Goals
1	JOHN KEELEY	15	—
2	MICKEY STEAD	132	4
3	STEVE YATES	161	3
4	GLENN PENNYFATHER	16	2
5	ALAN MOODY	377	39
6	DAVE CUSACK	137	12
7	GARRY NELSON	63	7
8	RON POUNTNEY	217	18
9	DANNY GREAVES	13	4
10	KEITH MERCER	74	19
11	ANTON OTULAKOWSKI	109	3
12			

Tony Hadley	219	15
Derek Spence	87	28
Mervyn Cawston	148	—
Terry Gray	104	28
Phil Dudley	105	3

The exact numberings of both teams will be announced over the PA system to enable spectators to insert the relevant numbers prior to the kick-off.

### REFEREE:

MR. MORRIS R. BAKER (Wolverhampton)  
Commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton Amateur League, then through West Midland (Regional) to Football League. Has officiated in an England v. Scotland (Amateur) International, also a Hungary v. Austria match.

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