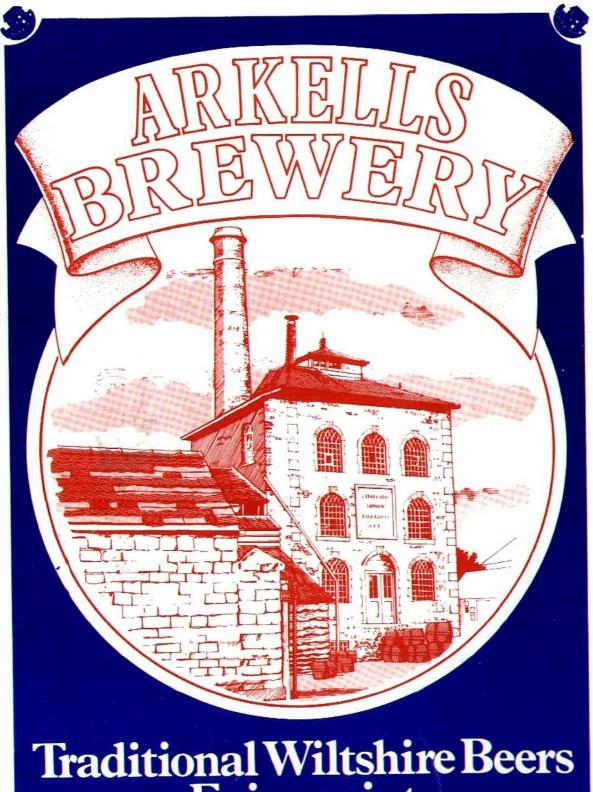
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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

Today is the last of our home games and we welcome the Players and Officials of Newport County who, like ourselves, are fighting for the rights to compete in the Third Division next season. Ironically, we meet in the return fixture with Newport County on the last day of the season. The importance of the result of these games leaves nothing to the imagination and a cup-tie atmosphere will be sure to be with us.

Our game with Oxford United on Tuesday last, was not for the faint hearted and no quarter was given on either side, although the game was fast and furious it was not spoilt by unfair tactics. The disgraceful scenes in the penned areas on the terraces allocated to Oxford Supporters was another blot on the name of our game. The idiot that threw a smoke firework from behind the town end goal should be brought to justice and banned from future matches. Mr Eric Read who sustained his head injuries, when called to the touch line by one of his linesmen officiating on the Shrivenham Road side, suffered concussion from objects thrown from the Oxford United pens. This disgusting behaviour is one of the reasons of the declining attendances at matches. Fortunately it is only on these few local derby games that this occurs. This kind of behaviour has reached a point when the Football League Authorities will be forced to take action. I can forsee the day coming when travelling supporters will not be allowed to follow their team away without an identification that he is a recognised member of his club, who will issue to such members a qualification that they have proved beyond any doubt that they are true, well-behaved citizens. This local problem is mainly our concern because normally our visitors come and go and add to the match enjoyment without any disturbances at all.

The solution to this problem of disturbances at football matches is not an easy one, because the Football Association has tried the banning of away supporters at a couple of games, which caused even greater confusion outside of the grounds.

Getting back to our domestic front, we are planning to set sections of our ground apart from our Family followers, and we are trying to encourage families by introducing special rates of admission both through season and match day tickets. An announcement will be made in the Press in the next few days, of our plans.

At the Football Combination meeting held last week, it was decided that most games next season would be played mid-week with only the occasional game being played on a Saturday if by mutual consent. This is the reason that the Midland Youth League have decided to close for at least one season to enable clubs to review the situation later. All clubs are looking to make savings on their expenditure next season and the day of the heavy buying and selling of players is over for a while. There will still be some of the top clubs spending but not on the lavish scale that we have seen over the past few years.

In my last programme notes I said we were introducing our team mascot back again for next season boys and girls. If you are interested, call in at the office and see Danny Williams for the particulars and book the game that you would like your son or daughter to lead.

We shall be playing away next Saturday at Portsmouth and we would like to make a special appeal to our supporters to make this trip an example of true sportsmen who can give us the encouragement we need and set an example that we would like all clubs to follow.

As these are my last programme notes of the season, I must pay a special tribute to all the people who help the club throughout the year. They are too numerous to name, but a special word of thanks to our friends who have given up their time to paint our ticket office and shops.

Here's hoping that you enjoy today's game and thank you for your support.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Today we play what is probably one of the most important games in the history of the Club and a favourable result is essential. I am most pleased with the character and effort of the team during the last three home games which have resulted in maximum points. In these three games I cannot under value the magnificent encouragement given to the team by you the supporters. I have long said that a constant vocal support in favour of a team is essential to success and this has certainly been proved so here at the County Ground in the last three matches. In this last home game of the season may I make this earnest plea that you continue this tremendous effort as it is as equally essential as the performance of the players themselves.

Not only would I like to thank you for your support in recent matches but also for that throughout a long, disappointing and frustrating season. I know you to be the very rock of our support and I thank you most sincerely for it. I would also like to thank all of those who have made the staging of our matches possible, with a special mention to the Police Authorities who have had very trying times during three particular games when hordes of mindless cowardly youths have descended upon the County Ground to cause near riot conditions. A message to our own supporters, thankfully in a very small minority, who find it impossible to behave like normal human beings during our games stay away next season, you are not welcome.

May I also extend my gratitude to the members of the Supporters Co-operative and its committee for the very real help they are giving to me. It was through their efforts that J was able to sign Mike Carter on a months loan when Andy Rowland was injured and I understand there may be some good news from this source today. These are real supporters.

I look forward to seeing you all next season and I hope that as many of you as possible will travel to Portsmouth and Newport for our remaining two matches to give the team your support. Have a good summer and let us hope that when we meet again things will be a lot brighter.



FROM THE COMMERICAL OFFICE

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.

On this our last home game of the season I sincerely thank those supporters who have supported us in the Commercial Office either as agents or purchasers of our Lottery and Bingo Tickets.

There is no end of a season for us. The job of providing funds for the Club is if anything more important during the close season, and the continued support of all is vital.

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JIMMY GOODFELLOW (Trainer/Coach) joined Newport County in his present capacity in January 1979. Sunderland-born, he played for Bishop Auckland and Crook Town with whom he won an F.A. Amateur Cup Winners' medal. He started his League career with Port Vale, and later played for Workington, Rotherham and Stockport County with whom he ended his playing career because of injury.

DAVID WILLIAMS (Asst. Trainer/Coach) a locally-born former full-back with the Club whom he originally joined in 1959, retiring through injury in 1972. He was then involved over various periods with the Club on a part-time coaching basis, before being appointed to his present position in the summer of 1980.

BRIAN CLARK (Youth Coach) a well-known goal-scorer in League football, the Bristol-born former striker played for Bristol City, Huddersfield, Cardiff City (twice), AFC Bournemouth, Millwall, and Newport County, retiring through injury midway through the '78/79 season after joining the Club as a part-time player in 1976.

JEFF JOHNSON (Midfield) A Cardiff-born Welsh Schools and Youth Cap, he joined Manchester City in November 1970, and he made a few first-team appearances for them before going on loan to Swansea for the whole of the '72/73 season. In December 1973 he went on loan to Crystal Palace before joining them for a £12,000 fee in January 1974. Whilst with the Palace he won two Welsh Under-23 Caps, and in the summer of 1976 moved to Sheffield Wednesday. In his five years with them, he was a first-team regular, and last season missed only eleven League and Cup games. He joined Newport County for £60,000 on July 30th, 1981.

KARL ELSEY (Midfield) a Swansea-born player who was with Pembroke Borough in the Welsh League after being discovered in local league football. Queen's Park Rangers signed him in January 1979, and he had a few first-team games before leaving the Club at the end of '79/80 having been hampered by a cartilage injury. Newport County signed him in July 1980 on trial, and he signed a full contract at the start of '80/81, appearing in over half of the Club's League and Cup matches last season.

JOHN ALDRIDGE (Striker) born in Liverpool, he was a part-time player with South Liverpool in the Northern Premier League before joining Newport County in April 1979 for a £2,500 fee. Leading scorer in the Club's promotion season of 1979/80, he was hampered by injury in '80/81 though he played in over half of the team's League and Cup matches.

NEIL BAILEY (Midfield) a former Burnley apprentice who was born in Wigan, he joined Newport County in August 1978, having been released by his previous Club. He was signed on trial at first, but soon gained a full contract and has been a regular member of the squad in the last three seasons.

RAY BISHOP (Striker) born in Hengoed, Glam., he played in Welsh League football before joining Southern League Cheltenham as a part-time professional and worked as a Post Office engineer. In January 1977, he was transferred to Cardiff City for £1,000 and made his first-team debut in August 1977. He had a useful goal-scoring record with them, but after losing his first-team place in the opening half of '80/81, he joined Newport County for £10,000 on February 26th, 1981.

PAUL BODIN (Full-back) Born in Cardiff, he was an associate schoolboy with Chelsea until Christmas 1980, and then joined Newport County on schoolboy forms, playing in a number of reserve-team matches. He signed apprentice forms in the summer of 1981.

GRANT DAVIES (Defender) a former Preston apprentice who joined them after representing Cumbria Schools, Barrow-born, he was released by Preston in the summer of 1978 and joined Newport County on trial, signing a full contract at the start of the '78/79 season. He has been a regular first-team player since he joined the Club.

STEVE LOWNDES (Midfield) a locally-born former youth player with the Club who turned professional in September 1977. He made his debut at the end of '77/78 and from September 1978 until April 1981 was ever-present in the side, setting up a new Club record of 160 consecutive League and Cup appearances. He has played twice for the Welsh Under-21 team.

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DAVID GWYTHER (Striker) an experienced goal-scorer who began his career with Swansea City. Born in Birmingham, he gained a Welsh Under-23 Cap whilst with Swansea, and he moved to Halifax Town in 1973. He later moved to Rotherham from whom Newport County signed him for a Club record fee of £40,000 on December 5th, 1979. He was leading scorer for the Club in '80/81 with 21 League and Cup goals.

RICHARD HAMER (Striker) Born in Blackwood near Newport, he is a former Welsh Schools Cap who signed for the Club as an apprentice at Easter 1980. Last season he was leading scorer for the Reserves, and at the start of 1981/82 had yet to make his first-team debut.

NEIL JAMES (Midfield) a regular in the Reserves last season, the Rhondda-born apprentice joined the Club from school in the summer of 1980, having played for Clydach Vale Boys' Club and appearing for County in several youth-team games near the end of '79/80.

MARK KENDALL (Goalkeeper) Born in Blackwood near Newport, he is a former Welsh Schools Cap who joined Tottenham Hotspur from school in 1975. He made his League debut in November 1978, and played 29 League matches for them as well as winning a Welsh Under-21 Cap. During 1979/80 he had a loan spell with Chesterfield, and moved to Newport County on loan in September 1980. He was signed on a permanent basis for £45,000 in October 1980, and appeared in half of the Club's League and Cup matches last season.

TERRY LEES (Defender/Midfield) Born in Stoke, he joined Stoke City as an apprentice in 1967, making his first-team debut in 1971. After a loan-spell at Crewe in March/April 1975, he spent a few months with San Jose Earthquakes (U.S.A.) and was with Port Vale for the 75/76 season. He then moved to Sparta (Holland) for a year before transferring to Roda (Holland) and after two seasons joined Birmingham City for £50,000 in 1979. He made several League appearances over the last few seasons and came to Newport County on a free transfer in the summer of 1981.

TOMMY TYNAN (Midfield/Striker) Liverpool born, he started his career with Liverpool, making his debut on loan with Swansea City in '75/76. He later had spells with Dallas Tornado (U.S.A.), Sheffield Wednesday, and Lincoln, joining Newport County in February 1979 for £25,000. Towards the end of '79/80, he moved back into midfield from his normal striking role, and played for most of last season in a midfield position. He was the Club's second top scorer with 20 in League and Cup last season, and is best remembered for the two goals which he scored in the Club's 2-2 European Cup Winners' Cup draw against Carl Zeiss Jena in March 1981.

KEVIN MOORE (Winger) Blackpool born, he began his career with Blackpool for whom he made a number of first-team appearances as well as having a loan-spell at Bury. He joined Swansea City in the summer of 1977, and played in their Fourth Division promotion side of '77/78. Newport County signed him for £12,000 in February 1979 since when he has been a regular member of the side.

KEITH OAKES (Central Defender) CLUB CAPTAIN... Born in Bedworth, Northants., he joined Peterborough United from school, making a number of appearances in defence and midfield. Since joining Newport County for £15,000 in September 1978, he has established himself as one of the most outstanding central defenders in the lower divisions, and has scored 26 League and Cup goals in the last three seasons to make him the highest scoring defender in League football.

JOHN RELISH (Full-back) The Club's longestserving professional, he was signed from his first League club Chester in May 1974, having had a brief loan-spell at Bury. Since then, the Huytonborn defender has been a regular first-team player apart from a twelve month absence in 1976 through a broken leg. He has also made several appearances in midfield.

NIGEL VAUGHAN (Midfield) locally born, he joined the Club from school as an apprentice in 1975, signing full professional forms in June 1977. He made his debut as a full-back in the '75/76 season, but over the last few seasons has played mainly in midfield, having had a regular place since 1978/79.

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a season to remember: 1969-70

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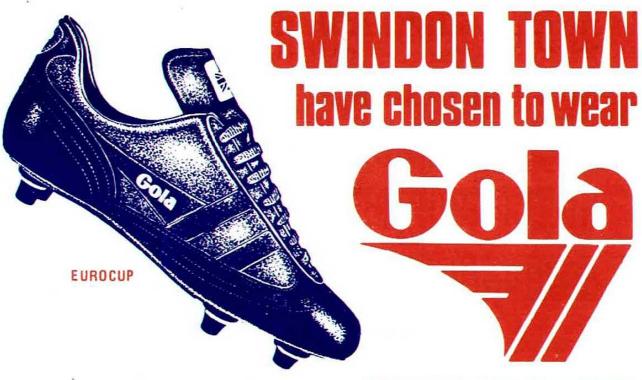
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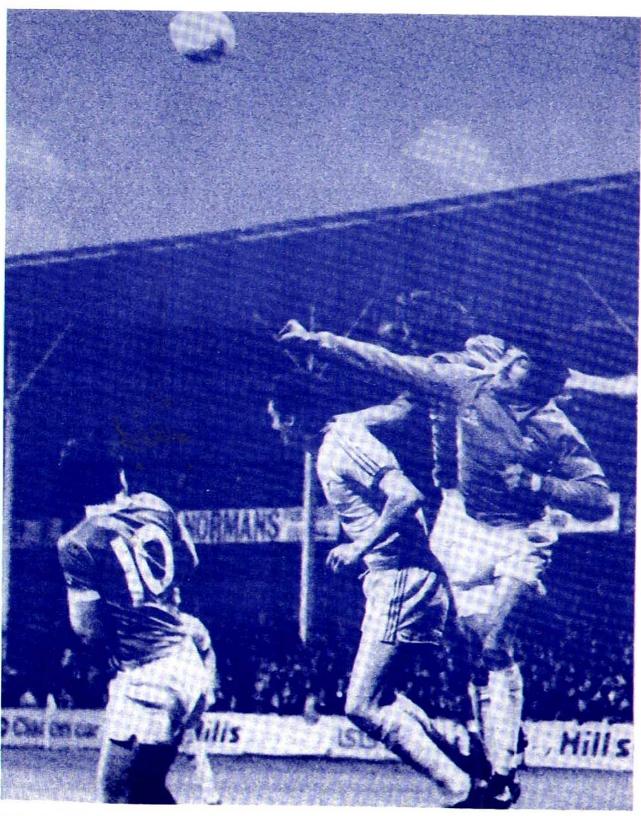
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- 2 CHARLIE HENRY
- 3 KEVIN BADDELEY
- 4 GARY EMMANUEL
- 5 RUSSELL LEWIS
- 6 KENNY STROUD
- 7 GARY WILLIAMS
- 8 ROY CARTER
- 9 PAUL RIDEOUT
- 10 ANDY ROWLAND
- 11 MIKE GRAHAM

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NEWPORT

- 1 MARK KENDALL
- 2 RICHARD WALDEN
- 3 JOHN RELISH
- 4 ROD THOMAS
- 5 KEITH OAKES
- 6 JEFF JOHNSON
- 7 NIGEL VAUGHAN
- 8 STEVE LOWNDES
- 9 TOMMY TYNAN
- 10 JOHN ALDRIDGE
- 11 KEVIN MOORE

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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, DEREK W. CIVIL

Birmingham

Commenced refereeing in 1955, and via Worcestershire Combination, Football Combination and Football League line, to the Referees Full List. Has refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup Final in 1971/72, and was linesman in a European Cup Quarter Final (1972)

LINESMEN:

RED FLAG: Mr. K. R. TILLEY

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