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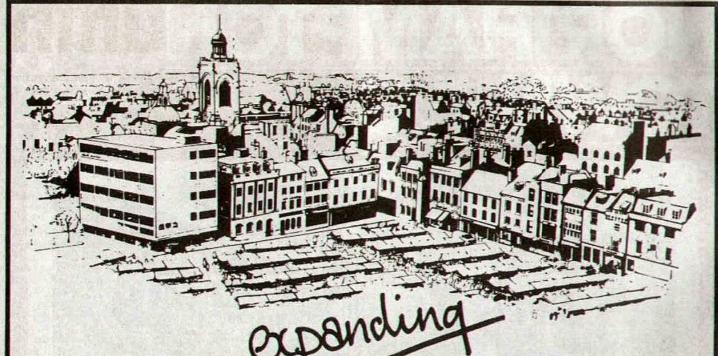


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Club Column

FUNNY old game football! How often have you heard that, but it really did apply to the Cobblers' adventures last week as three Fourth Division matches in six days brought six points and could so easily have pushed us up into second place.

As it was we had to be content with a place in mid-table after hitting a magnificent seven against Bristol City, losing 3-0 at home to Bury and then snatching the three points from a win at Stockport last Friday night.

The Bury match was an anti-climax after the heady success of Sunday but it would be wrong to be too depressed about it. The players tried all they knew but this time it did not come off against a solid all-round Bury team.

On Friday a hard-fought match seemed destined to be a 0-0 draw until Steve Massey pulled a goal out of the hat in the closing seconds. Playing against the club with whom he started his career, Steve put on a good performance and then crowned it by bursting through to score.

Gary Saxby missed the Stockport trip because of a recurrence of 'flu and Peter Coffill seized his chance to return to the side with a typically gritty performance typical of a good clubman.

Tonight we welcome Swindon, old rivals from the old Third Division South days but off our fixture list for some seasons. They are just down from Division Three and are certain to provide testing opposition.

After tonight we look ahead to a run of home matches, continuing next Saturday with a visit from another side we have met many times over the years, Aldershot. We can expect a tough one there and then, next Tuesday, we continue our Milk Cup campaign.

We have drawn Blackpool in the second round, as most of you will know, and the first leg will be played here at the County Ground on October 5 with the second leg at Blackpool later in the month. We will keep you posted on any plans to run coaches for the away leg.

Any season ticket holders who want to collect their tickets for the Cup match here should note that they can buy them from the club office up to and including next Monday. Office hours are 9a.m. to 12.30 and then from 2 until 5 in the afternoon. If you would like your tickets posted on to you, it can be arranged, provided you send

the money for the tickets along with a stamped and addressed envelope.

Following the Blackpool visit we turn once again to Sunday football with the visit here of Tranmere Rovers on Sunday, October 10. We must hope we are in a challenging position in the division when Tranmere come here because Sunday Football is proving popular and it will add extra spice if we can maintain a good place in the table.

So, finally, as always thanks for coming. If you enjoy yourselves please come again and bring your friends, that way the club can build a launching platform for a future we hope very much will include a new stadium within a few years.



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WELCOME TO SWINDON TOWN

It is good to be renewing acquaintance with Swindon Town one of the teams we met regularly in the days of the old Division. Three (South) but whom we have not met since April 1, 1977 when a Billy Best goal earned us a point after we had lost 5-1 at Swindon earlier in the season.

This is of course the first experience of Division Four for a club whose history goes back to 1881. By the time they were elected to the Football League as founder-members of Division Three (south) in 1920 they had already reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup on two occasions while members of the Southern League.

They were, like ourselves members of Division Three (South) without a break until the reorganisation in 1958, surviving three re-election applications and climbing to fourth place on three occasions. They then became members of the new Division Three and after winning promotion in 1963 and being relegated in 1965 they enjoyed their best-ever season in 1968/69 winning promotion again and winning the League Cup in sensational fashion with an extra time win over Arsenal at Wembley.

A year later they came within striking distance of Division One when finishing in fifth place and they won the Anglo-Italian Cup for good measure, but their stay in Division Two was still relatively shortlived.

They were relegated in 1974 and emberked on a remarkable spell of fluctuating fortunes. They just missed promotion in remarkable spell of fluctuating fortunes. They just missed promotion in 1974/75, just escaped relegation in 1975/76 and then after two fairly uneventful seasons, fell away badly in 1978/79 and 1979/80 after being in the promotion stakes in the first part of the season. Then in 1980/81 they just missed relegation.

Last season they began well with three wins and two draws in their first five League games. Then came a decline that was partially halted in the last few weeks of the season. During this pariod they best fourth place Lincoln, but in their very last game they lost at Newport when they needed to win in order to stay up.

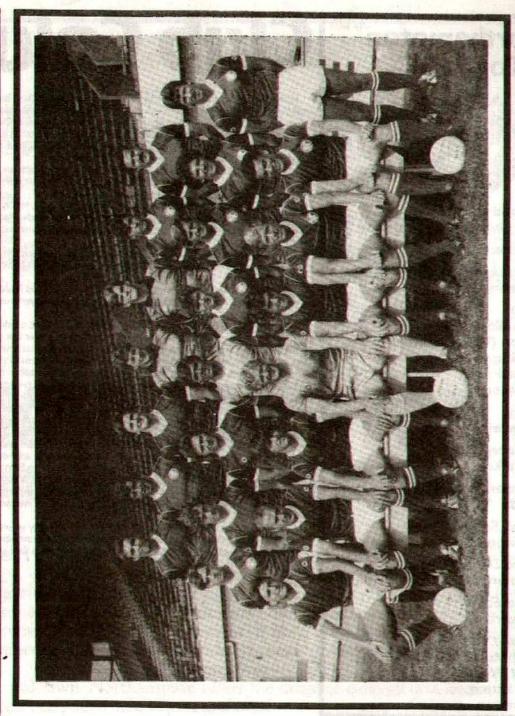
THIS SEASON

Thus they find themselves in Division Four and have so far found the going rather difficult. They went out of the Milk Cup 3-2 on aggregate to Bristol City and in League games have beaten Port Vale and lost to Halifax in home games and have lost at Blackpool and drawn at Rochdale on their travels.

Leading scorer to date, as last season, is teenager Paul Rideour and he is likely to be linking up with ANDY ROWLAND, who has netted over a hundred League goals for Bury and Swindon. Versatile Roy Carter (from Herefore in 1977) is likely to be

Versatile hoy cares from herefore in 1977) is likely to be linking up in midfield with Gary Emmanuel (ex-Birmingham and Bristol Rovers) and new signing Leigh Barnard from Portsmouth.

In defence Russell Lewis, a one-club man halling from Wales, links up in the centre with Mike Graham (from Bolton last season) with former Bristol City junior Kevin Baddeley and recent debutant Ray Baverstock on the flanks. In goal Jimmy Allan, a Scotsman by birth, has played well over 300 League games since making his debut in 1971.



Paul Rideout; Andy Rowland, Middle — Martin Blackler; Brian Hughes; Howard Pritchard; Ken Beamish; David Bristow; Roy Carter; Kevin Baddeley; David Round. Front - Mike Graham; Gary Emmanuel; Paul SWINDON TOWN: Back (I to r) - Jimmy Quinn; Russell Lewis; Charlie Henry; Jimmy Allan; Mark Stevens. Batty; John Trollope (manager); Ray Baverstock; Leigh Barnard; Gary Williams.

Swindon since signing from Scottish junior football in 1970. Made his league debut in September 1971 and has been the regular first team goalkeeper since 1976. Now the longest serving player at the club with 318 league appearances to the 3orn Inverness. Experienced goalkeeper who has been with

Joined Swindon in July 1981 and established himself in the first team last season making 29 league appearances. Can play in either full back position although usually found on the left. Born Swindon, Although brought up in Swindon Kevin Joined Bristol City to serve his apprenticeship and made one league appearance for them against West Ham United in August 1980. **CEVIN BADDELEY (Defender)**

Born Beifast. Promising young full back who signed professional ast season after completing his apprenticeship. Made one first team appearance at Oxford United in April 1982.

EIGH BARNARD (Midfield)

Portsmouth and spent several seasons with them after making his league debut against Exeter City in September 1977. A busy hardworking player he made around 90 league appearances for Portsmouth before joining Swindon in June 1982. 3orn Worsley. A player who served his apprenticeship with

PAUL BATTY (Midfield)

Born Edlington, Yorkshire. Young player who completed his apprenticeship last season and signed professional but had not appeared in the first team at the season's end.

Born London, Young fullback who served his apprenticeship with Swindon but had not appeared in the first team at the end of RAY BAVERSTOCK (Defender)

Born Bebbington. Ken is a coach at the County Ground but also available as a player and made 2 league appearances lest season. A very experienced player with a good scoring record he made 552 league appearances for Tranmere Rovers (twice), Brighton, Blackburn, Bury and Port Vale before joining Swindon in July KEN BEAMISH (Forward)

toy CARTER (Midfield)

Born Torpoint. Roy played part time football for Falmouth before joining Hereford in the summer of 1975. His league debut was a Halifax Town in April 1975 and he played in the Third Division Championship team of 1976. Made 71 league appearances before his transfer to Swindon in December 1977. His height and pace have made him a complete utility player and he has played in every outfield position whilst with Swindon for whom he had made 197 league appearances at the end of last season. Usually found as an attacking midfield player he was the team

captain and penalty taker last season. GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield)

first division games for the blues before a transfer to Bristol Rovers in December 1978. A further 65 league appearances followed for the Eastville club and he joined Swindon in an exchange deal during the 1981 close season. Gave some all-Born Swansea. Gary started his career with Birmingham City making his debut in January 1975 at Stoke City. He played 71

MIKE GRAHAM (Defender)

and made his league debut as substitute at Mansfield in March 1978. He had made 46 league appearances for Bolton, mostly at fullback before he joined Swindon in the summer of 1981. He made 30 league appearances last season often in the centre of Born Lancaster, Mike began his career with Bolton Wanderers the defence but also in midfield. CHARLIE HENRY (Defender)

Born Acton. Charlie grew up in Swindon and served his apprenticeship with the club signing professional in February 1980, By September 1980 he had made his first team debut in a eague cup match at Lincoln City and went on to establish himself in the first team at right fullback although he can also play at centre half. Had made 69 league appearances at the end

Retrospect compiled by Tom Garnell

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OCTOBER 4, 1952 saw us climbing to fifth place in Division Three (South) with a fine 3-2 win at Bristol City's Ashton Gate against a side that had started the game ahead of us in the table. An own goal by City defender Fred Stone set us on our way and Willie O'Donnell and Jack English followed up with further goals while John Atyeo and German forward Alec Eisentrager netted for City, the teams being: Bristol City: Morgan; Stone; Peacock; Roberts; Tovey; Smith; Eisentrager; Atyeo; Rodgers; Williams; Boxley.

Northampton: Wood; Southam; Patterson; Hughes; Collins; McLain; English; Edelston; O'Donnell; Ramscar; Fowler.

Attendance: 20,082.

Bristol Rovers, who were leading our division, drew 1-1 at Coventry while today's visitors Swindon Town stayed just clear of the relegation positions with a 2-2 draw against Shrewsbury, Ken Betteridge getting both their goals.

Both First Division leaders had convincing wins, Liverpool 5-3 against Newcastle and Wolves 6-2 against Manchester United with Roy Swinbourne getting a hat-trick. Jimmy Hagan got two of Sheffield Wednesday's goals in their 3-0 win over Blackburn Rovers that enabled them to move a point ahead of Huddersfield at the top after the latter's surprise home defeat by Nottingham Forest.

20 years

THOUGH dropping a home point in a 2-2 draw with Bournemouth on October 6, 1962 we moved to within a point of Watford at the top of Division Three. Barry Lines and a Cliff Holton penalty found the net for us and Dickie Dowsett and Jimmy Singer for Bournemouth. Teams:

Northampton: Brodie; Foley; Woollard; Leck; Branston; Kurila; Sanders; Holton; Mills; Reid; Lines.

Bournemouth: Best; Farmer; Jones; Bolton; Nelson; Standley; Burnstead; Archer; Dowsett; Singer; Crickmore.

In fact Watford lost ground in a 3-1 defeat at Swindon, Arnold Darcy and John Smith getting the Swindon goals. Meanwhile Everton smashed Wolves' unbeaten record with a 2-0 win at Molineux that put them at the top of Division One, Billy Bingham getting the opening goal, while the day's most exciting game was at Tottenham where visiting Arsenal forced a thrilling 4-4 draw. In Division Two Brian Clough got two of Sunderland's goals in a 3-1 win over Derby, a team he was destined to manage while Huddersfield held on to top palce with a 2-1 win at Swansea.

10 years

OCTOBER 6, 1972 saw us going down 3-0 at Doncaster and continuing our slide down the Fourth Division table after seven games without a win. Peter Kitchen and Mike Elwiss (2) got the home goals to lift them just above us in the table into 17th place. Teams:

Doncaster Rov: Book; Branfoot; Haselden; Uzelak; Brookes; Moore; Irvine; Rabjohn; Kitchen; Elwiss; Usher.

Northampton: Starling; Tucker; Burt; Baxter; Robertson; Bruck; Felton; Oman; Hold; Neal; Buchanan.

Attendance: 2,489.

This was a Friday evening match and on the next day Mansfield dropped only their fourth point of the season in a 3-3 draw with Southport but stayed top of Division Four. Swindon went down 2-1 to Second Division leaders Burnley at Turdf Moor and were now 18th in Division Two. Don Rogers got their goal.

In Division One Alan Ball was sent off in Arsenal's 1-0 defeat at Bramall Lane while Liverpool won the derby game against Everton with a Peter Cormack goal and moved well clear of the 'Gunners' at the top.



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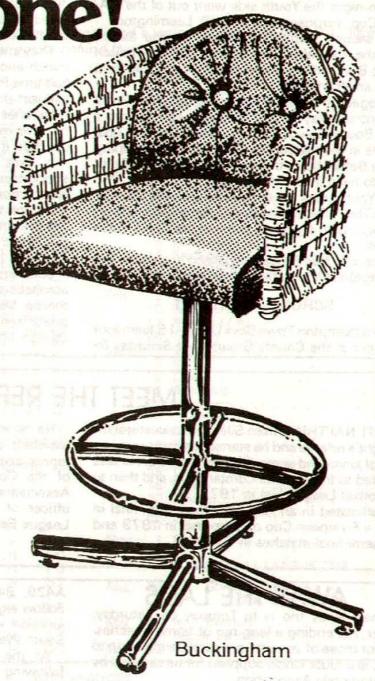
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RESERVES AND YOUTH GO DOWN

BOTH the Reserves and the Youth team suffered home defeats last week. On Wednesday the Reserves lost 3-1 to Bournemouth while the followin night the Youth side went out of the F.A. Youth Cup, surprised 3-2 by A. P. Leamington.

The second team's Mid-Week League fixture came the day after the Fourth Division match against Bury, which made selection difficult from

such a small squad.

Manager Clive Walker had to call up several local non-contract players and they did well against a skilful Bournemouth line-up. The Cobblers' goal cam late in the match when the rapidly developing Frankie Belfon burst through and centred for Peter Coffill to head into the net.

The Youth team could have no excuses for their defeat. They allowed the lively Learnington side far too much room and were twice a goal down in the first half

Belfon and Neil Brough equalised each time, but Learnington still snatched the winner in the second half.

SCHOOLS SPOTLIGHT

THE Northampton Town Boys Under-15 team took over here at the County Ground last Saturday for

their English Schools Trophy second round tie against Coalville and went down to a surprise 2-1 defeat.

Although the Northampton boys showed a great deal of skill and the benefit of good coaching they failed to put away their chances, something at which Coalville excelled.

They created two clear-cut chances in the whole match and scored from them both. Seconds after half time Paul Sjoberg, son of former Leicester City stalwart John Sjoberg, ran through to score and then, after Glyn Sanders equalised for Northampton five minutes from the end, little Gary Sperry clinched it for the visitors.

It was frustrating for home players and supporters, but we will hear more of several of this

Northampton side.

Before the Bury match here the final of the Northampton Town Boys penalty competition for the Under-12s was fought out between the five survivors from an original entry of 28.

Cobblers goalkeeper Mark Kendall made some acrobatic saves but Stuart Bloxham from Kingsthorpe Middle won the competition with three goals from five attempts. Keven Hillery from St David's finished second.

MEET THE REF

GILBERT NAPTHINE from Sileby in Leicestershire is tonight's referee and he started his career among the local junior and senior leagues in 1959. He was promoted to the Football Combination, and then to the Football League List in 1971.

He officiated in an Anglo-Scottish semi-final in 1980, a European Cup quarter-final in 1979 and three semi-final matches in 1980. He is married with three children and is an assistant engineer. His hobbies include cricket, tennis, swimming and gardening. A past chairman of the Combination Referees' and Linesmen's Association, he is a referee instructor and training officer of the Midland Section of the Football League Referees and Linesmen.

AWAY THE LADS

OUR next away trio is to Torquay on Saturday, October 16, ending a long run of home matches. Here, for those of you who are considering a trip to Devon, is a route kindly supplied for us as usual by the Automobile Association.

Leaving Northampton, follow the signs for Oxford on the A43 to Brackley, and then keep forward and in 2.2 miles turn right on to the B4O31, signposted Banbury, to Aynho. There turn left following signs to Chipping Norton and from there follow the A436 to Stow-on-the-Wold.

From Stow follow signs for Cheltenham via

A429, B4068, A436 and A40 to Cheltenham. Follow signs to Gloucester to leave by A40 and at junction withthe motorway follow signs for the South West to join the M5.

At the end of the motorway keep forward following signs for Torbay to join the A38. In 2.5 miles take left hand lanes and follow signs for Torquay to join A380.

Enter Torquay by Newton Road and for ground turn left, opposite Torbay Hospital, into Hele Road. At end go over crossroads into Westhill Road, and at end forward into Warbro Road for, shortly on the right, the Torquay United ground.

NEXT HOME MATCH

Football League Division Four NORTHAMPTON TOWN v. ALDERSHOT Saturday, October 2nd, 1982 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Season by Season

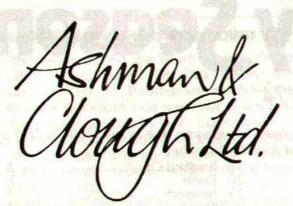
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