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Football League Division Four

DARLINGTON v SWINDON TN

Saturday, 6th. November, 1982. Kick-off 3 pm.

HOW MIDWEEK AFFECTED DIVISION FOUR

There's been a very full week of games here in the Fourth, with top clubs losing and others closing the gap.

Top-of-the-table Bury, visitors here a fortnight ago, slipped up at Hull City. The Tigers hit two early goals and whilst Bury pulled one back midway through the second half, they rarely looked at their best and Hull were good value for their three points.

Second-placed Wimbledon, across at the Victoria Ground this afternoon, also lost. Colchester, now without Kevin Beattie, of course, won by three clear goals and were on top from start to finish.

That gives the Fourth Division a new side in second place. Enjoying their best start for many years, Scunthorpe United move level on points with Bury after Steve Cammack hit the only goal of their home encounter with another of the Division's leading sides of the season, Port Vale. So we know we've got our work cut out in a fortnight's time when the Irons return here

in the FA Cup.

The biggest midweek attendance, nearly four and a half thousand, saw Swindon Town take over fourth place in the League with a rousing 4-2 triumph over crisis club Tranmere Rovers

At the other end of the table, Crewe Alexandra shot away from the bottom by beating York City - perhaps easing up after 'murdering' Hartlepool last Saturday.

Bristol City continue to convince that they've plugged those awful defensive gaps. They held Chester to a goalless draw, City's second blank sheet in a row.

The top of the table tonight will depend heavily on the outcomes here and at Hartlepool. Scunthorpe look to have an easy home match against Northampton and Bury have a much stiffer task at Chester. And with Port Vale and Hull City both hard on the heels of the top four, it could be all change by a quarter to five.

Wham ! *But Harry Wilson blocks this one out ...*



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Club Pointers..

OBITUARY

We have to report that a fine player with Darlington in the 1920's, Billy Hooper, was cremated the day before yesterday.

Billy, a former Darlington captain from the inside left position, was with the Club for seven years. He was a member of the team which won the North East League in 1921 and then became founder members of the Third Division North.

His was quite a footballing family: two of Billy's brothers played the game and even his sister turned out for the Quaker Ladies' team.

You will be fondly remembered, Billy Hooper.

FA Youth Cup News

Our Juniors travelled to Blackburn in their FA Challenge Cup replay on Wednesday - but they almost didn't get there.

By early evening the Club Secretary received an SOS call from team coach Ronnie Grant to see that their vehicle had broken down on the A1. A relief bus was hurriedly arranged and the dash to the ground was successful enough to mean that the game's start was delayed by a mere five minutes.

Considering the hassle, our Juniors did remarkably well to earn a second replay (here next Tuesday night) with a 2-2 scoreline after extra-time (1-1 after 90 minutes).

Darlington scorers were Tom Brady and Neil Foster.

Darlington: Allinson, Hunter, Young, Ferry, J. Wilson, Brady, May, Foster, McDermott, Wakefield, Robson. sub: Sanders.

A Feethams Welcome to Today's Visitors:

Swindon Town

Year Formed: 1881
Turned Professional: 1894
Elected to Football League: 1920
Honours: Division 3 Runners-up, 1962/63, 1968/69. Football League Cup Winners, 1968/69. Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1970.
Record Victory: 10-1 over Farnham United Breweries, FA Cup, 1925.
Record Defeat: 1-10 by Manchester City, FA Cup, 1930.
Highest League Scorer in Season: Harry Morris, 47, 1926/27.
Most League Goals in Total: Harry Morris, 216, 1926/33.
Most League Appearances: John Trollope, 770, 1960/80.
Record Transfer Deals: £175,000 received from Chelsea in 1980 for Alan Mayes; £150,000 paid to Southampton in the same year for David Peach.
Managers since the War: Louis Page, Maurice Lindley, Bert Head, Danny Williams, Fred Ford, Dave Mackay, Les Allen, Danny Williams, Bob Smith, John Trollope.
Club Nickname: The Robins

Visitors Swindon Town are in their first-ever season in the Fourth Division and many knowledgeable observers who've seen them perform in recent weeks are confident that they'll get up and out at the first attempt.

Swindon are managed by JOHN TROLLOPE who played for them for 20 years and amassed the incredible total of 770 League outings.

John Trollope, MBE is a genuine one-club man. Not only did he spend the whole of his long playing career with Swindon but the Wiltshire side is the only one he's managed (appointed almost exactly two years ago).

His regular goalkeeper is Scotsman JIM ALLAN, now in his 13th. year at the Club. Jim is now the longest-serving Swindon player on the books and has well over 300 League appearances.

Defensive choices surround Kevin Baddeley, Charlie Henry, Russell Lewis, Mike Graham and Gary Williams.

Swindon-born KEVIN BADDELEY was apprenticed with those other 'Robins', Bristol City, and made one appearance for them. He joined Swindon at the start of last season and has established himself as a first-team regular. Equally at home in either full-back position.

CHARLIE HENRY worked his way up through the Swindon youth ranks and was awarded his League debut two years ago. Has gone on to make a further 80 appearances, mainly at full-back, but with a few outings in the middle of the defence.

Welshman RUSSELL LEWIS is a whole-hearted, tough-tackling centre back and combines well with Lancastrian MIKE GRAHAM, formerly with Bolton Wanderers. Whilst most of Mike's Swindon appearances have been at centre back, he's also played in midfield.

Like Mike Graham, 23-years-old GARY WILLIAMS can play at the heart of the defence or in midfield. His League debut was as an amateur for

Tranmere Rovers. His first Club as a professional was Djurgarden in Sweden and then he had a season in the Third Division with Blackpool. Signed for Swindon last summer.

Vital to the Robins' midfield machine is Swansea-born player GARY EMMANUEL. Gary started his career in the First Division with Birmingham City and played 71 League matches for the Blues before moving to Bristol Rovers near the end of 1978. Has since made 50 appearances for Swindon Town.

Young PAUL BATTY, who comes from Edlington in Yorkshire, completed his apprenticeship last season and made his debut at the start of this season. Paul is a most promising midfield find.

Another player who started his career with Bristol City is HOWARD PRITCHARD. Howard, a Welshman, has First Division experience with City. He's an orthodox winger, able to operate to good effect down either flank.

LEIGH BARNARD, 24, hails from Worsley and was an apprentice with Portsmouth. He got his first-team chance against Exeter City some five years ago and went on to play nearly 80 times for Pompey. He then made a handful of appearances for Peterborough United whilst on loan before being snapped up by John Trollope before the start of this season.

Former Swindon apprentice BRIAN HUGHES, midfield, has completed two years as a full professional and has notched up over 50 League appearances for the Robins.

PAUL RIDEOUT was regular choice centre-forward for England Schools before Swindon signed him as an apprentice. Made his League debut as a 16-year-old and scored that day in the match with Hull City. By the time he was 18 he'd made a half-century of appearances and scored nearly 20 goals. Still not 19 years old.

ANDY ROWLAND was three times leading scorer for Bury during his stay there which encompassed 174

League games. Andy moved to Swindon Town four years ago and has maintained a consistent goalscoring record.

Six feet plus JIMMY QUINN can best be described as an 'old fashioned centre-forward.' He's particularly useful in the air and is being tipped for a fine future. Belfast-born, he was spotted by John Trollope whilst playing for Oswestry in the Northern Premier League.

Swindon have lost only twice this season in League games, once each at home and away. They've got by far the best defensive record in the Division and sit just one point behind the top two, Bury and Scunthorpe.

So we should be in for a fine game of football at Feethams this afternoon.



SWINDON TOWN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

1920/58	Division Three (South)
1958/63	Division Three
1963/65	Division Two
1965/69	Division Three
1969/74	Division Two
1874/82	Division Three
1982/	Division Four



Quaker Quick Quiz

1. Used to 'bite their legs.'
2. Ground where first-ever floodlit match was played.
3. Birthplace of Pat Cuff.
4. They play at Gigg Lane.
5. He scored the most League goals in total for Newcastle Utd.
6. Player manager at Scunthorpe.
7. Beat Arsenal on penalties in a Cup Winners' Cup Final.
8. Record receipts at Feethams were from a Darlington match against which Club?
9. York City player manager.
10. Playing home of Bolton Wdrs.

ANSWERS FROM TUESDAY NIGHT:

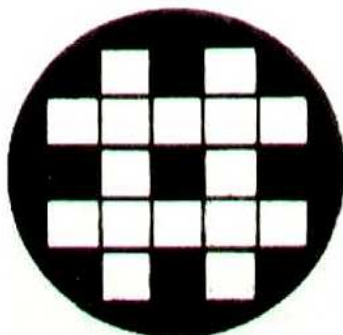
1. York City. 2. Twice. 3. Huddersfield Town.
4. Eric Tait. 5. Bill Forrest. 6. Rotherham Utd.
7. Richie Barker. 8. Dumbarton. 9. Newcastle East End. 10. Aston Villa.

So, try yourself out with our Puzzle Ball

Puzzle Ball

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits the top line. But you have to work out where the other answers must fit (*Answers in the next edition*)

Coming back to Spurs from France?
Man U. keeper in the 70's.
The Villa.
... and one of their strikers.



Answer to the "Who's this" in the Aldershot edition - it was Quaker coach George Herd.

One each with Scunthorpe

As we reported in Tuesday night's edition of the Match Day Magazine, the draw for the First Round of the FA Cup, made on the afternoon before, gave Darlington it's fifth successive home tie for this stage of the competition.

Scunthorpe United will come here two weeks today.

Three times out of the last four years the Quakers have been held to a home draw in the First Round. Twice we've won the replay (Chesterfield in 1978 and Huddersfield in 1979) but last year we lost the return at Carlisle. In 1980, Bury came here and beat us at the first attempt.

We haven't won a First Round tie at the first attempt since we knocked Workington out eight years ago.

We've met Scunthorpe twice before in the FA Cup. In 1964 we won 2-1 away and then went on to meet mighty Arsenal in Round Three. We went back to the Old Show Ground in 1973 in the First Round, but went out by the only goal of the game.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

John Stalker

DATE OF BIRTH
12th. March, 1959
BIRTHPLACE
Musselburgh, near Edinburgh
HEIGHT
5 feet 10 inches
BEST WEIGHT
11stones 12 pounds
WIFE'S NAME
Elaine
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO
Baker & Confectioner
PREVIOUS CLUB
Lincoln City
FAVOURITE TEAM
OTHER THAN DARLINGTON
Glasgow Rangers
FAVOURITE GROUND
Ibrox Park
FAVOURITE PLAYER
Kenny Dalglish
BIGGEST THRILL IN FOOTBALL
Turning professional
OTHER SPORT
Tennis
HOBBY
Reading
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME
Match of the Day
FAVOURITE FOOD
Steak Diane
FAVOURITE DRINKS
Lager, Wine
LIKED A LOT
Dining out
PARTICULARLY DISLIKED
Nearby people smoking
SUPERSTITIONS
Never walks under ladders
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION
To win promotion with Darlington



John Stalker



CENTRE PAGES FACT

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR/MILK CUP/FA CUP

Home matches in capitals. ¹ Number of goals scored. p Pen

1982/83	Opponents	F	A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Aug. Sat. 28	ROCHDALE	3	0	1,672	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks	McLean
Tues. 31	P/BOROUGH UTD. (M.C. 1)	0	2	2,436	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks†	McLean
Sept. Fri. 3	Crewe Alexandra	5	2	1,739	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith ¹	Kamara	Gilbert ¹	Wicks†	McLean
Tues. 7	Halifax Town	0	2	1,891	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks†	McLean
Sat. 11	HEREFORD UTD.	2	1	1,818	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Gilbert	Hawker	McLean
Wed. 15	Peterborough Utd (M.C. 1)	2	4	2,117	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Honour	Hawker	McLean
Sat. 18	Torquay Utd.	0	1	2,597	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Kamara	Dunn	Hawker	McLean
Sat. 25	PORT VALE	0	0	2,255	Cuff	Brissett†	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Tues. 28	SCUNTHORPE UTD.	0	1	1,574	Cuff	Gilbert	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Oct. Sat. 2	Blackpool	0	2	4,059	Cuff	Gilbert	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Sat. 9	CHESTER	0	2	1,387	Cuff	Gilbert	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Fri. 15	Colchester Utd.	2	2	2,547	Cuff	Liddle	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Mon. 18	Tranmere Rov.	0	2	1,105	Cuff	Liddle	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Sat. 23	BURY	1	2	1,240	Cuff	Liddle	Wilson	Smith	Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean
Sat. 30	Mansfield Town	2	0	1,816	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith	Rhodes	Kamara	Gilbert	McLean
Nov. Tues. 2	ALDERSHOT	1	1	1,453	Cuff	Brissett	Wilson	Smith ¹	Rhodes	Kamara	Gilbert	McLean
Sat. 6	SWINDON TOWN											
Fri. 12	Stockport											
Sat. 20	SCUNTHORPE UTD. (F.A. Cup 1)											
Sun. 28	Northampton Town											
Dec. Sat. 4	WIMBLEDON											
Sat. 11	F.A. Cup 2											
Sat. 18	PETERBOROUGH UTD.											
Mon. 27	Hartlepool Utd.											
Tues. 28	HULL CITY											
Jan. Sat. 1	York City											
Mon. 3	BRISTOL CITY											
Sat. 8	CREWE ALEX.											
Sat. 15	Rochdale											
Sat. 22	HALIFAX TOWN											
Sat. 29	Hereford Utd.											
Feb. Sat. 5	Port Vale											
Sat. 12	BLACKPOOL											
Tues. 15	TRANMERE ROVERS											
Sat. 19	Chester											
Sat. 26	COLCHESTER UTD.											
Mar. Tues. 1	Aldershot											
Sat. 5	Bury											
Sat. 12	MANSFIELD TOWN											
Sat. 19	Swindon Town											
Sat. 26	STOCKPORT COUNTY											
April Sat. 2	Hull City											
Mon. 4	HARTLEPOOL UTD.											
Sat. 9	Wimbledon											
Sat. 16	TORQUAY UTD.											
Sat. 23	Peterborough Utd.											
Sat. 30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN											
May Mon 2	Bristol City											
Sat. 7	Scunthorpe Utd.											
Sat. 14	YORK CITY											

APPEARANCES & GOALS TO (Substitutes, where used, in bra

	League Appearances	League Goals	Milk Cup Appearances
Tom Brady	—(1)	—	—
Trevor Brissett	8(1)	—	2
Pat Cuff	14	—	2
Barry Dunn	9	2	1
Tim Gilbert	9	1	1
Bruce Halliday	7	—	—
Dave Hawker	9	—	1
Brian Honour	5(1)	—	—
Alan Kamara	14	—	2
Gary Liddle	3	—	—
Tony McFadden	7	1	2
David McLean	14	2	2
Keven Smith	14	2	2
Mark Rhodes	2	—	—
John Stalker	7	2	1
Alan Walsh	14	6	2
Harry Wilson	14	—	2

LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	15	5	1	1	12	5	3	4	1	12	6	29
Scunthorpe	14	4	2	1	9	4	4	3	0	9	3	29
Wimbledon	14	5	2	0	19	6	3	2	2	13	11	28
Swindon	14	5	0	1	19	1	3	4	1	7	5	28
Port Vale	14	4	2	1	10	4	4	1	2	10	4	27
Hull City	14	4	3	0	16	4	3	2	2	8	8	26
Torquay	14	5	2	0	16	7	2	2	3	7	14	26
Mansfield	14	2	1	4	5	12	4	1	2	11	9	20
Blackpool	14	4	4	0	13	5	1	1	4	5	11	20
Aldershot	14	4	1	2	9	8	1	4	2	10	15	20
Colchester	13	4	2	0	15	4	1	2	4	3	8	19
Chester	13	2	2	3	9	7	2	3	1	5	3	17
Northampton	14	3	4	2	13	9	1	1	3	4	10	17
York City	14	3	2	1	13	10	0	5	3	9	12	16
Hartlepool U	14	4	2	1	11	7	0	2	5	6	17	16
Darlington	14	2	2	3	7	7	2	1	4	9	11	16
Stockport	14	2	4	1	9	8	1	1	5	8	16	14
Crewe A	14	2	1	4	11	18	2	0	5	5	6	13
Peterboro	13	2	1	3	7	9	0	5	2	3	6	12
Bristol C	14	2	3	2	8	8	0	3	4	7	21	12
Halifax T	13	1	3	3	5	10	1	2	8	5	8	11
Rochdale	13	2	3	1	8	5	0	2	5	5	16	11
Tranmere	14	3	2	2	8	6	0	0	7	4	17	11
Hereford U	13	3	2	2	5	4	0	0	6	4	18	11

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Darlington	8	5	1	2	20	10	16
Gretna	7	5	1	1	18	10	16
Hartlepool Utd.	10	5	0	5	22	17	15
Ryhope CA	7	4	2	1	14	9	14
Billingham	8	3	4	1	14	9	13
Northallerton	10	4	1	5	17	25	13
Esh Winning	8	3	3	2	16	17	12
Peterlee NT	8	3	2	3	15	11	11
Alnwick Town	9	1	3	5	9	21	6
Norton Stockton	7	1	2	4	7	15	5
Bedlington	6	0	1	5	3	11	1

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Goals. † Number of goals scored. p Penalty. † Player withdrawn • Sub used.

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks	McLean	Dunn ¹	Walsh ²	McFadden	Liddle	a.g.
Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks†	McLean	Dunn	Walsh	McFadden	Stalker•	
Kamara	Gilbert ¹ †	Wicks	McLean ¹	Dunn ¹	Walsh	McFadden ¹	Hawker•	
Kamara	Gilbert	Wicks†	McLean	Dunn	Walsh	McFadden	Hawker•	
Kamara	Gilbert	Hawker	McLean	Stalker ²	Walsh	McFadden	Brady	
Kamara	Honour	Hawker	McLean	Stalker	Walsh ¹	McFadden	Liddle	(1)
Kamara	Dunn	Hawker	McLean	Stalker†	Walsh	McFadden	Honour•	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Dunn	Walsh	Stalker	Gilbert•	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Dunn	Walsh	McFadden	Brissett	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Dunn	Walsh	McFadden	Brissett	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Honour	Walsh ²	Stalker	Brissett	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Honour	Walsh	Stalker†	Brissett•	
Halliday	Kamara	Hawker	McLean	Honour	Walsh ¹	Stalker	Brissett	
Rhodes	Kamara	Gilbert	McLean ¹ p	Honour	Walsh ¹	Dunn	Liddle	
Rhodes	Kamara	Gilbert	McLean	Honour	Walsh	Dunn	Liddle	

APPEARANCES & GOALS TO DATE

(Substitutes, where used, in brackets)

League Appearances	League Goals	Milk Cup Appearances	Milk Cup Goals
—(1)	—	—	—
8(1)	—	2	—
14	—	2	—
9	2	1	—
9	1	1	—
7	—	—	—
9	—	1	—
5(1)	—	—	—
14	—	2	—
3	—	—	—
7	1	2	—
14	2	2	—
14	2	2	—
2	—	—	—
7	2	1	—
14	6	2	1
14	—	2	—

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE

Division Two
1982/83

Darlington versus

	F	A
Sep. 4 Alnwick	4	1
Sep. 11 Peterlee	1	2
Sep. 18 Gretna	0	1
Sep. 25 Norton	2	0
Oct. 2 Bedlington	4	1
Oct. 9 Esh	5	2
Oct. 16 Billingham Town	2	1
Oct. 23 Ryhope	2	2
Oct. 26 Tow Law (Cup)	2	1
Oct. 30 Billingham (Cup)	3	1
Nov. 6 Northallerton		

SNIPPET

Darlington's close Div. 2 rivals Gretna were narrowly defeated (2-1) at home to a strong Newcastle Utd. side in mid-week.

The friendly match was to mark the turning on of Gretna's new floodlights.

LEAGUE

A	Pts.
0	16
0	16
7	15
9	14
9	13
5	13
7	12
1	11
1	6
5	5
1	1

NEXT AT FEETHAMS

Tuesday, 9th. November, 1982
FA Challenge Youth Cup 2nd. Replay

DARLINGTON versus
BLACKBURN ROVERS

Kick-off 7.30 pm



Saturday, 13th. November, 1982

Drybroughs Northern League

DARLINGTON versus
ESH WINNING

Kick-off 3 pm

MAN IN THE MIDDLE



David Richardson, an administration manager, is married and has two daughters. He's keen on all sports and was a very reasonable amateur soccer player.

Mr. Richardson started refereeing over 20 years ago. He's been a member of the FIFA panel of referees for the last two years and has considerable international experience.

THE FLYING PIG

A special article
from Mike Amos



They say you have to be mad to be a goalkeeper, which probably explains why I always wanted to be one.

It never seemed to matter that I was hopeless or that unless the day was sunny and the ball white I couldn't see it from more than 10 yards. A muddy pitch and brown ball usually meant even greater disaster for any team foolish enough to pick me.

Jack Kelsey of Arsenal was the first goalie hero, followed by Mick Peacock and Mick Gilhooley of Shildon (both of whom played occasional games for the Quakers in the early 60's) and a string of No. 1 number ones like Kenny Simpkins of Hartlepool, Peter Bonetti and (whisper it quietly) Bob Wilson.

Mere hero worship never seemed to work much, though. I was only 14 when, after a particularly humiliating match for the House team at Bishop Grammar, Mac the housemaster stormed into the changing rooms. "Amos," he said, "you stood there like a bloody peasant praying for rain." He was a Methodist lay preacher, too; heaven knows what he'd have said had he been a heathen.

Later in life indignity followed indignity. The York district Sunday league had 80 clubs in six divisions and our team was bottom of the sixth. It was only after we'd

conceded 124 goals in nine games that the other lads began to wonder if it might be the keeper to blame, and I was dropped from the wooden spoonists of Division F of a lousy League. They kept playing with brown balls, I expect.

Occasional games thereafter for teams hoodwinked by my 6'2" frame into thinking I could stop something earned the nickname, 'The Flying Pig.'

Tommy Lawrence, the Liverpool and Scotland goalie, had it first but he, apparently, was a little better.

The climax to an undistinguished career came, however, in May, 1982. The works team, desperate for a last line of defence, turned yet again to the winged wonder. The game, against another newspaper side, was to be played at Hundens Lane in Darlington and such was the excitement that my secretary embroidered a splendid flying pig on the back of my tracksuit.

Those who know the council pitches at Hundens Lane will realise that there is a communal changing room at one end with the pitches stretching endlessly beyond.

The worst teams, it seems, get to walk the furthest for a game and it came as no surprise that our end of season encounter was on a meadow more than half-a-mile walk away from the dressing room. Eventually we made it, the wife with bairn then nine months old, and the specs fastened behind my head with rubber bands. The game was less than a minute old when a high ball came into the area. Remembering the professionals' advice, I thought: command the area, attack the ball, impress the defence. "Keeper," I shouted and ran out to collect.

The next thing I knew I was in agony on the ground, having collided with an 18-stone centre-forward and failed to touch the ball. The walk back to the changing rooms - there are no such things as stretchers at Hundens Lane - seemed endless. The drive to the hospital no more comfortable.

A friendly, coloured doctor did all the usual tests, returned with a "nothing much wrong" verdict and declared, "Mr. Amos, if I were you I'd give up goalkeeping and stick to jogging."

At long last the flying pig has taken his advice.

Mike Amos is the News Editor of the Northern Echo.



^ Aldershot's keeper is beaten by Smith's goal. Walshie is up .. but not for long. v



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ENCOUNTERS

OUR REGULAR LOOKING-BACK FEATURE BY FRANK TWEDDLE

Swindon Town make only their second League appearance ever at Feethams this afternoon.

This is their first season of Fourth Division football and they have spent all previous time between the Second and Third Divisions.

Our only other League encounter here with Swindon was in Division Three, 1966/67. We had journeyed to Swindon for our first away game in the Third Division on 27th August, 1966 only to lose 4-0. It was New Year's Eve on 1966 when the return game was played here at Feethams and the Quakers gained revenge for that defeat by winning 2-1 with goals from Les O'Neill and Don Ratcliffe (penalty).

We have, however, encountered Swindon in the Football League Cup twice during the 1960's and as any octogenarian supporters may recall, we first met them in February 1911 in the last sixteen of the F.A. Cup. Both clubs were then non-League sides.

That first encounter some 71 years ago brought to an end one of the greatest Cup runs the Quakers have ever known. They played eleven games in eight different rounds, coming from the First Qualifying Round to the last sixteen, beating First Division Sheffield United at Bramall Lane and then Bradford Park Avenue at Feethams before Southern League Swindon Town finally put them out, 3-0, before a 9,000 crowd.

Swindon, including the legendary Harold Fleming (he scored the second goal) who played eleven times for England prior to World War One, went out to Chelsea in the next round.

The following season they made history by reaching the semi-finals for the second time in three years, only to lose to Barnsley after a replay. Newcastle had ended their run two seasons before.

Darlington's other two cup ties with Swindon took place within three years of each other in the Sixties.

Firstly, after beating Chesterfield in the First Round, we made our first-ever journey to Wiltshire and the County Ground in September, 1962. We lost 4-0.

Revenge came quickly and sweetly, considering it had been 50 years between our first two meetings, when Swindon Town came to Feethams for another Second Round League Cup tie on 22nd September, 1965. After trailing for some time, two goals in the last ten minutes saw the Quakers through to Round Three. Bryan Conlon and Jim Lawton were the scorers. After the game Jim Lawton was transferred to Swindon and we received Alan Sproates in part-exchange: a player who was to go on to make over 300 appearances for the Quakers.

So, although we have only met Swindon Town in a total of five games spread over a period of 70 years, there has been no shortage of incident in these encounters.

The record stands at two wins to Darlington and three to Swindon - let's hope it's all square after today's sixth meeting.

THE LAST TIME WE MET AT FEETHAMS

31st December, 1966 - Division Three.

Darlington 2 (Conlon, Lawton)

Swindon Town 1 (Nurse)

DARLINGTON: Hope, Peverell, Keeble, Atkinson, Greener, Sproates, Webster, Ratcliffe, Conlon, Smith, O'Neill.

SWINDON TOWN: Hicks, Thomas, Trollope, Smart, Nurse, Harland, Rogers, Brown, Penman, Butler, Walker.

OUR COMPLETE RECORD (Darlington score first)

SEASON	COMPETITION	HOME	AWAY
1910/11	F.A. Cup Rd. 3	0-3	-
1962/63	F.L. Cup Rd. 2	-	0-4
1965/66	F.L. Cup Rd. 2	2-1	-
1966/67	Division 3	2-1	0-4

BILL ELLIOTT

"Hello Supporters,

"After a well-deserved win over Mansfield Town last Saturday, our midweek game against Aldershot, when we had to settle for a point, was a little disappointing. For long spells we were well on top but our final ball, whether it was a pass, a cross, or a shot, let us down. We have to correct these parts of our game or we'll struggle. Aldershot didn't help matters by frequently stringing seven players across the back, so making it very difficult to break through.

"Our search to bring better players to the Club continues. George Herd and I are doing our utmost, watching as many players and teams as time will allow, having to constantly take into consideration fees and wages required. It's slow progress and one which requires patience. I need to get it right for all of us.

"Congratulations to our Reserve side, heading their section in the Drybroughs Northern League. Ronnie Grant, who now looks after our Reserves on match days, has certainly got the kids buzzing. At the time of writing this to you I don't know our result against Blackburn Rovers in the FA Youth

Cup replay but I am sure of this - whatever the result, for or against, they will have 'scrapped' them.

"Today's visitors, Swindon, relegated this year, look like making a quick return to Division Three. Things are going well for them. After today's game I wish them luck."

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NORTHERN SOCCER SCENE

The northern soccer scene this week is sprinkled with new names and the likely disappearance of some familiar ones.

If the former England captain Mick Mills has seemed to take an interminable time to make his mind up between Roker Park and Stamford Bridge, Alan Durban at least will have mixed understanding with the patience he's shown through the week.

He'll have understood Mills' predicament. Mick has often admitted that as a player he's had to rely on physical fitness and sheer dedication to make up for shortcomings in skill. Now well into his thirties, he can't keep at peak fitness all the time so realises that he must start planning for his non-playing future.

So the move away from the club he served so well for 16 years has had to be thoroughly thought through.

This week, another full-back with a fine career behind him has been exercising the thoughts of Sunderland's Alan Durban. Willie Donachie, capped 35 times for Scotland and with 350 appearances in the First Division for Manchester City, has returned from America and is on trial at Roker Park.

Yet a third international full-back, the long-time Ipswich partner of Mick Mills, turns out for Allison's Boro this afternoon. Kevin Beattie, advised less than a year ago to quit the game because of knee trouble, makes his debut at Ayresome Park against Barnsley.

There are (nearly) new faces in the Fourth, as well.

Hartlepool fans got a quick glimpse of their new loan signing, Jimmy



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Hamilton, when he came on as second half substitute against Mansfield on Wednesday night. The skilful ex-Sunderland, Plymouth Argyle, Bristol Rovers and Carlisle United midfielder gave a preview of the touches of class Billy Horner hopes will help Pool climb the League table.

The midweek Feethams crowd saw the powerful midfield action of their on-loan new boy Mark Rhodes. His first two games in the Quaker black and white have looked most encouraging.

But just as new faces appear, so familiar ones go.

Newcastle United's Arthur Cox has put three of his squad up for sale. Bruce Halliday, who turned down the chance of extending his recent loan spell at Feethams, goes on the list and is joined by Peter Cartwright and Kevin Todd.

Cartwright is ex-Drybroughs Northern League and has more than 50 first team appearances behind him; Todd, brought out of the Wearside shipyards, scored twice in his very first game in the Second Division earlier this year.

But one swallow doesn't make a summer - not in football, anyway!

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SWINDON TOWN 1982/83



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Middle Row: Martin Blackler, Brian Hughes, Howard Pritchard, Ken Beamish, David Bristow, Roy Carter, Kevin Baddeley, David Round.
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TODAY'S COVER PICTURE

Bruce Halliday in action during his last home game for the Quakers, against table-topping Bury a fortnight ago.

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