



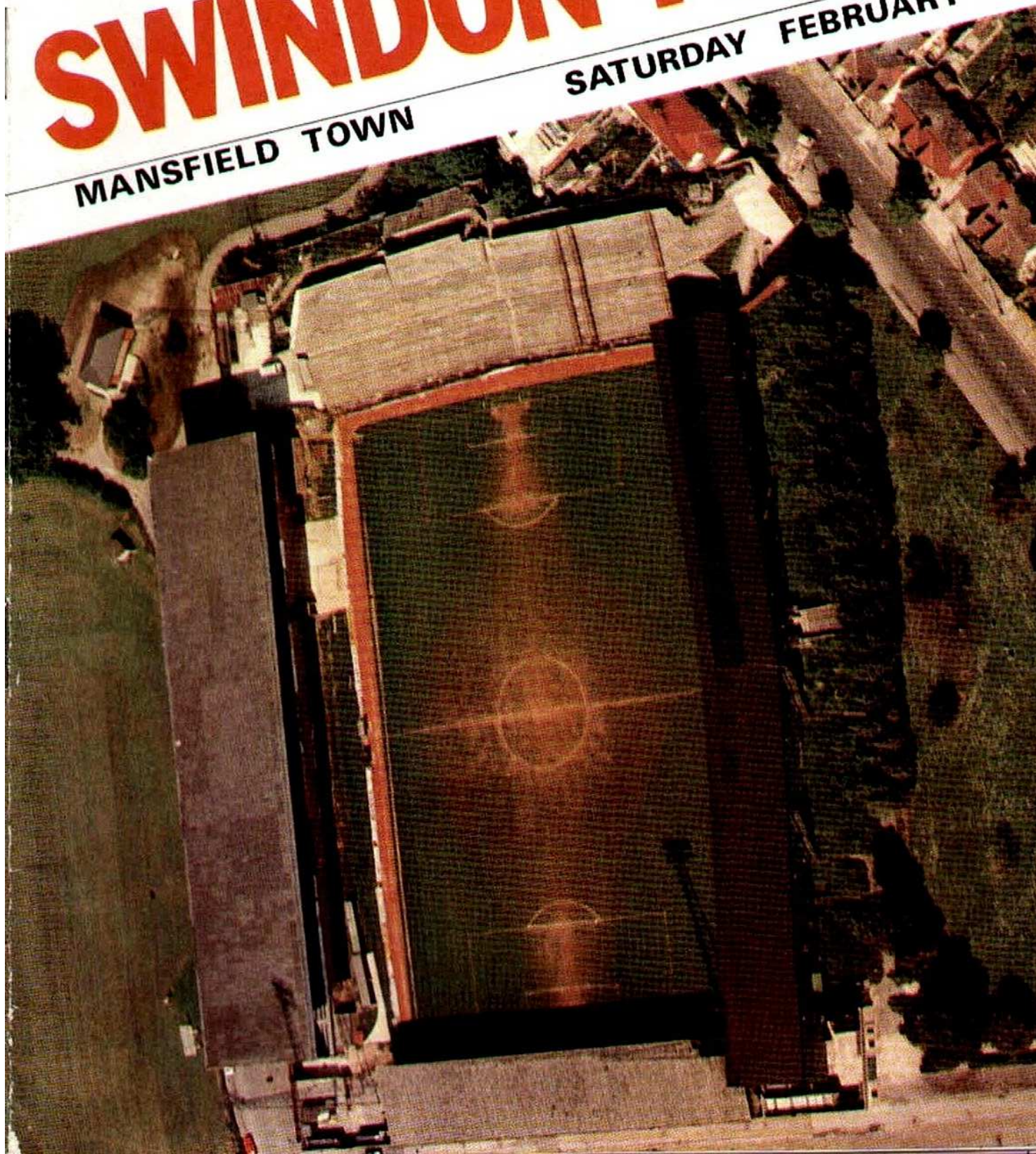
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Chairman's Comments



This afternoon we welcome to the County Ground the Directors, Players and Supporters of Mansfield Town who like ourselves are having a season with varied results and consequently are holding a position in the League table similar to our own. When we visited Mansfield back in September a goalless draw resulted in what was not one of our most entertaining games and hopefully this afternoon will see an improvement upon that previous encounter.

Last Saturday's win against Tranmere Rovers was a very important result for us after the recent break and hopefully we shall have added to our points total against Chester City last Wednesday evening in the re-arranged fixture at Sealand Road.

In the game against Tranmere I thought that we gave a very good team performance for the first seventy minutes but, having then allowed them to sneak a rather fortunate goal after dominating the match they pushed hard for the equaliser and I am sure that we were all glad to hear the final whistle.

I would like to welcome to our Club Mark Dempsey who has joined us from Manchester United on loan and helped us to achieve last week's victory and also Ian Muir who has since joined us on loan from Brighton F.C.

At this time of the year with the weather conditions we are experiencing at the present time the job of keeping the playing surface in as good a condition as possible rests with our ground staff led by Barry Skuse and immediately after the game with Tranmere Rovers had finished he together with all of the Apprentices, Harry Gregg and John Trollope prepared and rolled the pitch in readiness for last Tuesday's F.A. Youth Cup tie against West Ham United and hopefully everybody will have been rewarded with a victory and the right to play at Coventry City in the next round.

On Tuesday next we are at home to Torquay United in the second leg of the Freight Rover Trophy, first round and hopefully we shall have entertained you sufficiently this afternoon to draw you back again to support us through to the next round of the tournament.

Finally may I thank today's sponsors, BHSF Health and Welfare for their kind support. I hope you enjoy your visit to the County Ground this afternoon and may you be rewarded with excellent entertainment and maximum points.

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LOU MACARI

the reaction of you, the supporters, towards the players. The fee required for Mark is £12,000 so you can see that it is quite a decision to make. Today's game will be a good test for him as our opponents have one of the best defensive records in the League.

As far as the team in general is concerned I am sure that the next three League games will determine whether, come next May, we shall be chasing one of the top positions in the League. Let us hope that we get good results from these games to keep the season very much alive.

On Tuesday evening next we play Torquay United in the second leg of the first round of the Freight Rover Trophy, having secured a 1-1 draw in the first leg at Plainmoor. I for one do not regard this tournament as insignificant as do some people for I would get as much enjoyment in going to Wembley for the final of the competition as I would the F.A. Cup. After all, this competition is for Third and Fourth Division Clubs any of which could reach the final which is more than can be said for the F.A. Cup in which half of the Clubs in the lower divisions are eliminated before the big Clubs enter. It is important that you support us next Tuesday evening as the players will get a big lift from your encouragement.

This afternoon we welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters from Mansfield Town to the County Ground. May I also thank you for your continued support - it really is appreciated.

As I was not able to welcome Mark Dempsey to the County Ground in last Saturday's programme I should like to take the opportunity this afternoon. Our thanks also to Ron Atkinson of Manchester United for permitting Mark to join us on loan.

After the game against Tranmere Rovers Mark told me how much he enjoyed playing here and this continued attitude would be very helpful if, come May, the United find they have an excess of players, releasing Mark to find another Club. He already feels at home here so part of the battle is already won.

I am hoping for a similar response from Ian Muir who joined us on loan from Brighton and Hove Albion and the next four weeks will decide whether Ian becomes a Swindon Town player or returns to Brighton. The decision will rest upon two factors, firstly upon how he plays whilst he fulfils his loan period and secondly



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Welcome to Mansfield Town

BY DAVE KING

The Field Mill Club were soccer equivalent to Charles Dicken's immortal character of 'Scrooge'. For upto the Christmas period the paucity of goals, for and against, made the Stags prime candidates for the most miserly team in this seasons Cannon League.

Mansfield have failed to score in eight of their twelve away matches this season. Scoring six goals in the process, three of those coming in the last away match at Southend! The Field Mill Club have only conceded nine goals on opponents ground as well. In all their League matches this season they have failed to find the net in twelve of their twenty three League matches.

Opponents have found scoring a problem against the Stags for on no fewer than Twelve occasions the Mansfield defence have kept a clean score sheet.

Six goals in the last 3 League matches has meant a bonanza for the Clubs followers. This coincided with the departure of leading goalscorer Dave Caldwell to Second Division Carlisle United on loan. Perhaps this will prompt the Field Mill regulars into quoting another of Dickens characters 'Oliver Twist' and ask for more!

In home matches this season Mansfield recorded victories over Rochdale 5-1, Chester, Northampton and Darlington 2-0, Torquay and Wrexham 1-0. They have been held to goalless draws by ourselves and Tranmere and defeated 2-0 by Crewe and Bury, with Colchester inflicting a single goal defeat.

Away from Field Mill their only victories have come at Port Vale by a solitary goal and a 3-1 win at Southend United. Single points have been gained in a one all draw at Stockport and Crewe also from goalless draws at Exeter, Aldershot, Hartlepool and Chesterfield. Three solitary goal defeats have occurred at Peterborough, Halifax and Blackpool. With the heaviest defeat coming at promotion contenders Hereford United by three goals to nil.

Included in Manager Ian Greaves squad are the following:-

Goalkeeper KEVIN HITCHCOCK played in the first 19 matches of this season after moving to Mansfield from Notts Forest during the summer. Although 22 year old Kevin did play in the Stag's final fourteen League matches of last season on loan making his debut in a 1-0 defeat at

Colchester on March 10th. Kevin has conceded only 24 goals in his thirty three match League career.

He has been replaced in the last four League matches by former Luton Town apprentice ANDY BEASLEY who made his League debut in the Clubs goalless draw at Chesterfield on Boxing Day.

The most unwanted record of any current League player is held by full back STEVE WHITWORTH, for 32 year old former England Schools, Youth, Under 23 and Full International Steve has failed to score a goal in any of his 562 League appearances. The former Leicester City apprentice went onto make 353 League appearances for the Filbert Street Club, before joining Sunderland for a £25,000 fee in 1979. After playing in 83 League matches for the Roker Park Club, he moved to Bolton for £25,000 in 1981 making 57 League appearances for the Lancashire Club. He joined Mansfield on a free transfer before the commencement of last season. Steve made his debut in 1970 for Leicester City and his first seven seasons with the Club he only missed five League matches out of a possible two hundred and ninety four!

Ever present in the Town line-up this season has been 22 year old MARK KEARNEY who joined the Club on a free transfer from Everton. Mark never appeared in the Goodison Park first team, after joining the Liverpool Club from non League Marine. He has scored twice this season, both goals coming in home matches, against Rochdale in a 5-1 victory, while scoring the only goal of the match with Wrexham, to earn his Club three points.

Plymouth born GEORGE FOSTER a former Home park apprentice, played for all three Devon Clubs in his first eleven seasons in League football. Although his six appearances for Torquay and twenty eight with Exeter City, were on loan from Argyle for whom he appeared in 212 League matches, before his £40,000 transfer to Derby County in 1982. At the Baseball Ground 28 year old George appeared in 30 of the Rams League matches before his move to Field Mill in the summer of 1983. Ever present last season, George has played in every League match this season, but has yet to score his first League goal for the Club.

Stranraer born COLIN CALDERWOOD had the misfortune to score an own goal in last weeks Freight Rover Trophy match at Hull City. Twenty year old Colin has now made

80 League appearances for Mansfield, his only League Club. His only League goal came in the final home match of last season in a 3-1 win over Northampton.

Signed on a free transfer from West Brom in 1983 was TONY LOWERY, the 23 year old midfield player joined Albion for £3,500 from Ashington. In three seasons at the Hawthorns he only played in one League match making his debut in the 1981/82 season.

His first League goal came in a six match spell on loan to Walsall, Wallsend born Tony missed only one League match last season and has been ever present this. His only goal this season came in the opening home match with Rochdale.

Wakefield born SIMON WOODHEAD is now in his fourth spell with the Club. Twenty two year old Simon has made 108 League appearances. His one hundredth League game in this seasons away draw at Stockport on September 22nd. Specialises in scoring in the last League match of the year, at home to Crewe in 1983 and at Southend in 1984!

Scotland Youth International MIKE GALLOWAY made his League debut for the Club in last seasons away match at Tranmere. Nineteen year old Mike has made 28 League appearances for the Club to

date. Scored his first League goals in the space of four days at Southend on December 29th and at home to Darlington on New Year's Day. Mike scored the Stags only goal at Crewe last Saturday.

Striker MICK VINTER who joined the Club from Oxford United in the close season has found life difficult at Field Mill, scoring only twice this season in twenty two matches. After scoring in the first home match against Rochdale he had to wait until the final match of last year at Southend to score his second League goal. Mick began his career at Boston United, before joining Notts County in 1971. At Meadow Lane he appeared in 166 League matches before joining Wrexham for a fee of £150,000 in 1979 after eight seasons with the Nottingham Club. Mick spent three seasons with the North Wales Club scoring 25 goals in his one hundred and two League match before joining Oxford United for £25,000 in 1982.

Scoring his first goal for the Club in a 2-0 home win over Darlington was NEIL WHATMORE, the former Bolton, Birmingham City and Oxford United player has now linked up with Manager Ian Greaves for the third time. His goal in the New Year's day match came in his fifth match for Mansfield.



Back Row: Michael Galloway, Mark Kearney, Kevin Hitchcock, Steve Whitworth, Andy Beasley, Gary Pollard, Colin Calderwood, Bill Dearden (Coach).
Middle Row: John Jarman (Ast. Manager), Noel Luke, Stuart Barrowclough, Tony Lowery, George Foster, Simon Woodhead, David Logan, David Caldwell, Ian Greaves (Manager).
Front Row: Simon Coleman, Lee Howard, Paul Kee, John Cunningham, Nigel Foster, Craig McKernon.

COMPREHENSIVE LEAGUE TABLE DIVISION FOUR

(up to and including Jan 26th)

LAST SEASONS FINAL POSITION	HOME GATE THIS SEASON	AVERAGE GATE 83-84	+	OR	MANAGER	HOME P W D L F A	AWAY P W D L F A	PTS	GOAL DIFF	LEADING GOALSCORER	TOTAL H A	WHERE SCORED	CAREER TOTAL	NO. OF PLAYERS USED	MAX APP
15	3,234	2,104	+		MARTIN DOBSON	25 8 2 1 25 8	7 3 4 17 15 50	+19		WAYNE ENTHWISTLE AND CRAIG MADDEN 13	11 8 3		208	14	5
14	4,009	3,414	+		JOHN DUNCAN	25 10 3 0 27 9	4 5 3 15 15 50	+18		ERNE MOSS	11 8 3		58	18	3
13	4,126	3,414	+		JOHN NEWMAN	24 10 1 1 21 5	4 5 3 15 15 50	+22		STEWART PHILLIPS	13 5 8		58	15	4
12	4,287	3,916	+		SAM ELLIS	25 8 4 0 21 6	6 2 5 20 18 48	+17		KEVIN STONEHOUSE	10 6 4		46	17	5
11	3,319	1,507	+		CYRIL KNOWLES	22 8 1 1 19 6	4 7 1 12 9 44	+16		CARL AIREY	7 5 2		12	21	3
10	3,960	3,424	+		JOHN WILE	26 10 2 1 23 12	4 4 3 12 19 44	+6		ERRINGTON KELLY	9 6 3		20	20	3
9	2,035	3,220	-		CYRIL LEA	24 7 3 2 25 17	4 4 4 21 22 40	+7		TONY ADCOCK	19 11 8		67	14	3
8	1,607	2,118	-		BRYAN HAMILTON	25 10 0 3 23 15	3 1 8 15 24 40	+7		JOHN CLAYTON	19 15 4		28	26	3
7	2,561	3,324	1		LOU MACARI	24 8 2 3 24 14	2 3 6 10 23 35	6		ALAN MAYES	9 8 1		117	21	3
6	2,431	1,505	+		BILLY HORNBER	24 5 6 2 18 14	4 2 5 12 16 35	-3		KEVIN DIXON	7 6 4		11	20	0
5	2,237	2,454	-		DARIO GRAD	25 6 2 5 20 19	4 3 5 14 18 35	-3		GARY BLISSITT	6 6 2		11	17	1
4	2,284	2,440	-		IAN CREAVES	23 6 2 3 13 6	2 6 4 6 9 32	+4		DAVE CALDWELL	8 5 6		56	18	3
3	3,467	4,023	-		JOHN RIDGE	25 5 3 2 20 14	3 3 6 14 20 32	4		ALLY BROWN	9 5 4		125	23	3
2	2,016	3,142	-		FRANK BARLOW	22 5 3 2 22 14	2 4 4 6 11 16 28	+3		CHRIS CONLING	13 9 4		26	19	3
1	2,115	2,483	-		BOBBY MOORE	25 4 5 3 17 13	2 3 8 17 33 28	-16		STEVE PHILLIPS	13 9 4		159	20	1
12	2,115	2,098	-		BOBBY MOORE	24 4 5 3 17 13	2 3 8 17 33 28	-16		MARTIN FOYLE	8 3 5		9	21	2
11	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 6 3 3 22 13	3 1 9 15 26 23	-12		IAN BENJAMIN	11 6 5		28	19	1
10	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	24 4 1 7 18 19	1 2 7 9 15 26 23	-12		RAY PRATT	14 10 4		52	20	5
9	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 4 6 3 16 13	1 2 8 12 30 23	-13		SIMON LONE	7 6 1		7	17	3
8	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 4 6 3 16 13	1 2 8 12 30 23	-13		BARRY DIAMOND	5 5 0		5	27	1
7	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 4 6 3 16 13	1 2 8 12 30 23	-13		PETER TELEM	4 2 7		15	20	1
6	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 4 6 3 16 13	1 2 8 12 30 23	-13		DEREK HALL	3 0 3		5	27	1
5	2,111	2,098	-		ERIC WEBSTER	22 4 6 3 16 13	1 2 8 12 30 23	-13		JIM STEEL	9 6 3		47	20	3

THREE OR MORE GOALS:

SENDING OFF: - 29

LEADING PENALTY SCORERS:

AUG 25 TONY ADCOCK 3 COLCHESTER V SOUTHEND 3-3, 2376

LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN:

BLACKPOOL 6

SEP 2 ALAN MAYES 3 SWINDON V BLACKPOOL 4-1, 2501

CHESTERFIELD AND DARLINGTON 13 matches

LEADING GOALSCORERS:

NOV 30 STEVE CAMBACH 3 SCUNTHORPE V WREXHAM 5-2, 2180

LONGEST RUN WITHOUT A WIN:

COLCHESTER 16

DEC 14 JOHN KERR 3 STOCKPORT V CHESTER 5-1, 1462

CHESTER 11 matches

BEST DEFENSIVE RECORD:

JAN 5 PHIL CAVENER 3 NORTHAMPTON V TORQUAY 3-1, 1496

SUCCESSIVE WINS:

MANSFIELD TOWN AND DARLINGTON 15

JAN 12 SIMON LONE 3 HALIFAX V BURY 4-1, 2854

BLACKPOOL 7

LEADING ATTENDANCE:

26 STEWART RIMMER 3 CHESTER V SOUTHEND 2-1 1410

APPOINTMENTS:

8,536 - WREXHAM V ALDERSHOT

MANAGERIAL DISMISSALS:

LEADING GOALSCORER LEAGUE & CUP:

8,536 - WREXHAM V ALDERSHOT

MICK BULLOCK - HALIFAX TOWN

JOHN CLAYTON (FRANWATER ROVERS) 23

LEN WALKER - ALDERSHOT

JOHN CLAYTON (FRANWATER ROVERS) 23

JOHN MCGRATH - CHESTER CITY

JOHN CLAYTON (FRANWATER ROVERS) 23

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COLCHESTER, PETERBOROUGH,

JOHN CLAYTON (FRANWATER ROVERS) 23

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FOCUS ON FOUR

BY DAVE KING

A warm welcome to the County Ground for our recent signing from Manchester United, midfielder player Mark Dempsey. The galaxy of stars currently paraded at Old Trafford has meant that opportunities have been limited for Manchester born Mark. Twenty one years old on the fourteenth of January, the former Old Trafford apprentice has been restricted to one senior appearance, when he came on as a substitute in the second leg of the European Cup Winners Cup tie with Spartak Varna at Old Trafford on November 23rd 1983.

It was a match which saw Lou Macari included in the United line up for his last full appearance. Mark's appearance came when Kevin Moran left the field. With two substitutes allowed for the European Competition, it also allowed Mark Hughes to substitute for Norman Whiteside. Two goals from Frank Stapelton enabled Manchester United to win the match 2-0. The final aggregate score for the tie was 4-1 in the Old Trafford Club's favour.

Mark's appearances for United have been restricted to their Lancashire League Division One and Central League Teams. He is a player who Lou Macari has obviously seen a lot of at close quarters. For both were regular members of Old Trafford reserve team last season, with Lou wearing the No.2 shirt and Mark the No.8 on several occasions.

The formative years of Mark's career included an apprenticeship with United, after which he signed Professional forms for United in January 1982. He made twenty seven Central League appearances last season, scoring thirteen goals, which included one penalty. This season he has made twelve Central League appearances scoring once.

In Lou Macari's Testimonial match with Glasgow Celtic on Sunday May 13th, Mark came on as a substitute for England International midfielder player Ray Wilkins. He was also taken on the Old Trafford Club's Far Eastern Tour to Hong Kong and onto Australia last summer.

Any lingering hopes that Graham Withey would become a Swindon Town player were dashed when the 24 year old former Bristol Rovers player signed an 18 month contract with Second Division Club Cardiff City.

His £15,000 transfer from Coventry City was completed at the end of Withey's month

long loan spell at Ninian Park. Cardiff first made a move to make the transfer permanent two weeks ago with the offer of an 18 month long contract. Withey who comes from Bristol joined Rovers for £5,000 from Bath City two and a half years ago.

The former Inland Revenue Officer made 25 appearances for Rovers in his first season in full-time football before following Bobby Gould to Coventry for £5,000. Last season he scored four goals in 20 League outings at Highfield Road. This season his first team appearances have been restricted to two First Division games. While he has made ten Central League appearances scoring 3 goals for the Highfield Club.

Burnley have signed Scunthorpe United goalkeeper Joe Neenan on a month's loan. The 25 year old former York City player has gone to Turf Moor to take over from the out of form Roger Hansbury who subsequently asked to be placed on the transfer list.

Torquay United have been successful in obtaining another month's loan agreement with Third Division Bristol City for winger Gary Marshall. Plainmoor Manager David Webb wanted to keep the player until the end of the season, but City boss Terry Cooper refused.

'Gary has already played four games for Torquay and I am sure he has benefited from the experience,' said Cooper. 'By the end of another month he could have a dozen more League matches under his belt and maybe ready to challenge for a first team place with us'.

Torquay have also signed eighteen year old Mario Walsh from Portsmouth on a months loan. Yet to play in League football for Pompey, London born Mario made his first team debut for the Plainmoor Club in our recent Freight Rovers Trophy match at Torquay.

Mick Jones the recently appointed manager of Halifax Town is the Shays Club's eighteenth appointment since 1945. Taking into account that two of those, the late Alan Ball Senior and George Kirby both had two spells in office that makes nineteen managerial changes in all! His immediate priority is to steer the Yorkshire Club to a position away from the re-election zone. A former Derby and Notts County player he has managed today's



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Billy Horner the Hartlepool United Manager is angry at the tactics some Clubs are adopting in the chase for his impressive 6ft 2in centre back David Linighan. Having already sold Dave's elder brother Andy to Leeds United for £20,000 he countered Leed's Manager Eddie Gray's suggestion that the Hartlepool Manager should name his price by stating 'I know several Clubs are interested in the lad but I am sure they are waiting until the end of the season to get him on the cheap'.

Linighan's contract runs out in May but the 20 year old has turned down an improved contract from the Club.

When Stockport County visited the County Ground on the last Saturday of October they included both Steve Taylor and Oshor Williams in their attack. During November both left the Club for fees of £3,000, Taylor to Rochdale while Williams joined Port Vale. Steve made an immediate impact at Spotland and has scored three goals in his first six matches. Life was more difficult for Oshor Williams and it took him until the nineteenth of last month to score his first goal for his new Club. But it was a goal that enabled Port

Vale to equalise and share the points in a 2-2 draw in the only Fourth Division match played on Saturday January 19th at the Victoria Ground, Hartlepool.

Our recent Freight Rovers first leg match at Torquay saw Lou Macari score his one hundredth goal in English football. Lou is now the third player currently in the Town's playing staff with a century of goals to their credit. A total which Alan Mayes and Andy Rowland have previously attained.

Yeovil Town have failed in their attempt to sign our former full back Kevin Baddeley from Cheltenham Town. Yeovil's Manager Gerry Gow said, 'Kevin has got a full time job with Cheltenham on the promotions side, and that carries a company car'.

What a start for Stewart Rimmer Chester's on loan striker from First Division Everton in last Saturday's 5-1 trouncing of Southend United. After helping the Sealand Road Club to a 2-1 interval lead he went onto complete his hat trick in the 82nd minute and complete Chesters 'nap hand'.

Our 2-1 win over Tranmere last Saturday was our fifth consecutive home victory following wins over Aldershot, Colchester, Halifax and Chesterfield.



TODAY'S

THE CANON LEAGUE

TEAM CHANGES	SWINDON TOWN	
	SCOTT ENDERSBY	1
	CHRIS RAMSEY	2
	CHARLIE HENRY	3
	LOU MACARI	4
	NIGEL GRAY	5
	ANDY ROWLAND	6
	MIKE GRAHAM	7
	IAN MUIR	8
	COLIN GORDON	9
	MARK DEMPSEY	10
	GARY NELSON	11
	PETER COYNE	12

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LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	MANSFIELD TOWN	TEAM CHANGES
1	KEVIN HITCHCOCK	
2	GARY POLLARD	
3	MARK KEARNEY	
4	PAUL GARNER	
5	GEORGE FOSTER	
6	COLIN CALDERWOOD	
7	TONY LOWREY	
8	MICK VINTER	
9	NEIL WHATMORE	
10	MICK GALLOWAY	
11	SIMON WOODHEAD	
12		

Next Match:

Tuesday, 15th February

TORQUAY UNITED

Kick Off 7.30pm.

REFEREE:

BODENHAM, MARTIN - Insurance agent. Single. Comenced refereeing in 1966 and progressed via Sussex County and Football Combination. Interested in squash and cricket. Refereed several Sussex Finals and lined U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1982.

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Town defender Chris Ramsey joins the attack and forces a corner against Tranmere



Tranmere goalkeeper Platt collects the ball from the high-rising Colin Gordon

"Then and Now"

BY DAVE KING

The sad situation of a bowed and repentant George Best appealing against the shame of 12 weeks on jail before Christmas seemed a long way distant from an evening in April of 1964 when George was the star of a Manchester United team who played us here at the County Ground in the first leg of the F.A. Youth Cup.

Few can probably recall the eleven Manchester United youngsters who defeated us on aggregate that year, George was then a Belfast youngster who at 18 proved he could do no wrong. Other members of that team watched his spiralling career at Old Trafford with awe. In manhood, those same boys have watched in sadness, George in headlines few those 21 years ago could have envisaged.

For those eleven Old Trafford youngsters their careers spanned years playing for big Club's until age blunted their ability and they now have families and jobs selling insurance and bird seed.

A nostalgic look back at the programme notes of that evening of Monday April 27th 1964 and the present day whereabouts of the United team make interesting reading.

JIMMY RIMMER:- An apprentice Professional who joined the Club straight from school this season. Hails from Southport and in addition to playing for the towns school team was a Lancashire trialist.

NOW:- Still playing in League soccer - for Swansea.

ALAN DUFF:- A Guiseborough (Yorks) schoolboy who is now in his third full season with the Club. Originally a Winger, he has been showing good form this term as a Fullback. Professional.

NOW:- 39, Remembers the teams £7 a week apprenticeship as a stepping stone to a playing career in South Africa. He is now a partner in a Guiseborough insurance firm.

BOBBY NOBLE:- Another member of last years team. A Stockport boy who played for Cheshire and was an England trialist as a schoolboy playing at Wing Half. Is doing well in his converted position at Full Back and has a game in the second team. Professional.

NOW:- 39, A Manchester warehouse worker, had his own fight with a drink problem. A career ended with a car crash and serious injuries.

PETER MCBRIDE:- A Motherwell schoolboy who was also a Scottish trialist. Joined the Club straight from school last season as

an Amateur.

NOW:- 39, Whose career dwindled into Non-league play, is now a Glasgow newspaper dispatch clerk.

DAVID FARRAR:- A local boy who joined the Club as an Amateur straight from school after playing for Manchester, Lancashire and England schools. Originally a Wing Half, has moved successfully to Centre Half and this season became an apprentice. Has already made an appearance in the Central League side.

NOW:- Is now a Sales Rep. just a few miles from United's ground.

JOHN FITZPATRICK:- An Aberdeen schoolboy now in his second season. Signed Professional at the commencement of the current season. Originally an Inside Forward who had been showing good form as a Wing Half.

NOW:- 38, An Aberdeen Wine Importer.

WILLIE ANDERSON:- Another regular member of last year's team. Hails from Huyton near Liverpool and joined the Club straight from school after playing for Prescott and Lancashire schools. Still an apprentice, he has already had several second team appearances.

NOW:- 37, was the George Best look-alike. He went for more lucrative pastures playing soccer in the states. Now a radio executive in Oregon.

DAVID SADLER:- An England schools trialist who joined the Club as an Amateur from Maidstone, then turned Professional on reaching his 17th birthday. Played for England Youth team and gained Full Amateur Cap.

NOW:- 38, A Manchester Mortgage Broker.

ALBERT KINSEY:- In his third season with the Club and a regular member of last years team. Hails from Liverpool and played for the City Boys team as well as Lancashire and England schools.

NOW:- 39, Emigrated to play in Australian soccer and now makes Medicines in a Sydney suburb.

JOHN ASTON:- A local boy, son of a former England and United Full Back. An apprentice who joined the Club as an Amateur on leaving school after playing for Manchester and Lancashire schools.

GEORGE BEST:- A Northern Ireland schoolboy who joined the Club as an Amateur on leaving school. Has since signed Full Professional. Has a number of second team appearances to his credit and this season made his first team debut at Outside Right.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

BY DOUG BUSWELL



NATIONAL SPORTS POOLS "TOP SCORE"

I touched on this in our previous programme and the up to date position is now much clearer. Together with Mr Hillier, Mr Green and Dave Cooper I attended the meeting at Crystal Palace on Thursday 24th January.

The whole concept of this National Competition was discussed during which the representatives of over sixty Football League Clubs and twenty Scottish League Clubs put various problems forward for clarification. At the end of the day the vast majority of those present were convinced that this idea is a winner.

It will operate weekly as in the case of the Pools companies and will be subject to the same Government regulations as Littlewoods and Vernons etc.. The competition will commence at the start of season 1985/86.

With this in mind we shall need various people to act as main agents, sub agents, canvassers etc.

If there is anyone who thinks they can fullfill any of these functions then please contact me on Swindon 31510 for details.

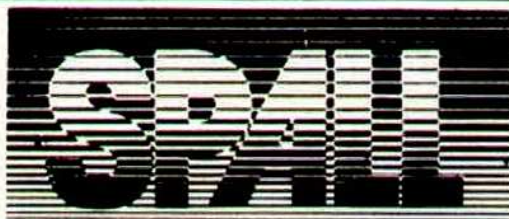
The "Top Score" competition will be advertised on a national basis and will be run professionally and all profits will be ploughed back into the Football League Clubs who are members of The National Sports Pool.

GRAND NATIONAL DRAW MARCH 27th 1985

After a break of some years a Grand National Draw will take place in March. All our season ticket holders who helped us at Christmas have been informed. If anyone would like to buy a ticket or even better sell some then please contact Alison on Swindon 642984. Tickets are 10 pence each and there is a prize fund of £400.

FRIENDS OF SWINDON TOWN "5000 CLUB"

Membership of the "5000 Club" will be up for renewal soon. This is an opportunity to help the Club survive the summer months when with gate money non existant times get really tough. Watch this space for details in the next couple of months.



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FACTS AND FIGURES

Date	Opponents	Results	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1984														
Sat Aug 25	Wrexham	2-1	Endersby Bailie	Nelson	Macari	Henry	Graham	Barnard	Batty	Rowland	Mayes	Hockaday	Coyne	for 5
Sun Aug 26	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup)	1-5	Sperling Bailie	Graham	Macari	Gibson	Rowland	Hockaday	Coyne	Mayes	Barnard	Nelson	Rhughes	not used
Sat Sep 1	Barnet United	2-2	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Nelson	Barnard	Payne	not used
Sun Sep 2	Bristol Rovers (Milk Cup)	1-0	Endersby Graham	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Batty	Barnard	Mayes	Gardiner	Nelson	Henry	not used
Sat Sep 8	Torquay United	1-3	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Coyne	Nelson	Payne	for 7
Sat Sep 14	Tramere Rovers	2-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Batty	Coyne	Mayes	Gardiner	Nelson	Mayes	for 3
Sun Sep 15	Bury	0-2	Endersby Bailie	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Payne	for 8
Sat Sep 22	Hereford United	0-3	Endersby Bailie	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Payne	for 2
Sat Sep 29	Marfield Town	0-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Gardiner	not used
Sun Oct 2	Blackpool	4-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Gardiner	for 8
Sat Oct 7	Peterborough United	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Oct 13	Crew Alexandra	2-3	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	for 3
Sat Oct 20	Port Vale	0-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	for 10
Sat Oct 24	Exeter City	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Oct 27	Stockport County	4-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 3	Northampton	1-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 6	Southampton	0-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 10	Northampton	0-4	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 17	P.A. Cup Round 1	0-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 24	Aldershot	2-1	Endersby Hockaday	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sat Nov 26	P.A. Cup Rd. 1	1-2	Endersby Fulbrook	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Barnard	Coyne	Mayes	Mayes	Nelson	Bailley	not used
Sun Dec 2	Darlington	0-1	Endersby Gray	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Graham	Henry	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Barnard	not used
Sat Dec 8	P.A. Cup Round 2	0-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Fulbrook	not used
Sat Dec 15	Colchester United	2-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Barnard	not used
Sat Dec 22	Halifax	2-3	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Dec 26	Southend United	2-3	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Batty	for Henry
1985														
Sat Jan 1	Cherterfield	4-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Jan 5	Wrexham	0-4	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Jan 12	Martlepool United	0-4	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Jan 19	Torquay United	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Jan 26	Tramere Rovers	2-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 3	Cherterfield	2-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 5	Torquay Utd FKT	0-4	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 9	Hereford United	0-4	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 12	Blackpool	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 16	Bury	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Feb 23	Northampton	2-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 1	Stockport County	1-0	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 5	Exeter City	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 9	Port Vale	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 16	Crew Alexandra	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 23	Peterborough United	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Mar 30	Blackpool	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Apr 6	Southend United	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Apr 13	Cherterfield	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Apr 20	Northampton Town	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat Apr 27	Aldershot	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat May 4	Colchester United	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat May 11	Cherterfield	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat May 18	Halifax Town	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used
Sat May 25	P.A. Cup Final	1-1	Endersby Ramsey	Bailie	Macari	Rowland	Gray	Rowland	Coyne	Gordon	Batty	Nelson	Macari	not used

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FLASHBACK

BY MIKE SKINNER

Swindon Town v Mansfield Town

Full Football League results:

HOME	SEASON	AWAY
2 Jan 5-2	1931-32	2-3 Aug 29
5 Mar 3-3	1937-38	0-2 Oct 23
22 Oct 1-2	1938-39	1-1 Feb 25
1 Mar 6-1	1946-47	1-1 Oct 26
22 Apr 2-1	1958-59	0-0 Apr 13
23 Apr 2-1	1959-60	2-1 Mar 28
20 Nov 6-2	1965-66	5-1 Apr 16
11 Apr 3-1	1966-67	3-1 Apr 24
30 Mar 1-1	1967-68	2-2 Nov 4
22 Apr 1-0	1968-69	0-2 Nov 23
27 Mar 0-2	1975-76	1-3 Dec 6
30 Apr 0-1	1976-77	1-1 Nov 27
2 Sep 1-0	1978-79	1-0 Nov 11
22 Mar 2-1	1979-80	1-1 Nov 10
23 Oct 4-0	1982-83	0-1 Mar 5
29 Apr 1-1	1983-84	2-2 Nov 26

Mansfield were in their first season of League football when they came to the County Ground in January 1932, and, like Swindon, were struggling near the bottom being 16th, one place above the Town. But the conditions that day also played a part in the final score - a gale force wind blowing, adding to the heavyness of the pitch. Swindon took the lead through Harry Morris, in his last but one season with the Town, and increased it to two when Jack Starsmore managed to push the ball home. Mansfield were looking lively despite the score, and managed to pull one back before half-time when Johnson beat Harry Cope.

The start of the second-half saw Mansfield continue their revival, and found their strength lay in the use of their wingers, where as Swindon preferred to play the ball down the middle. Johnson gained Mansfield's equaliser after only five minutes, further encouraging the Stags to seek their first away win of the season. In fact they kept Swindon under pressure for another twenty minutes, but failed to take advantage, allowing Harry Keeling to restore the Town's lead in the 75th minute. Swindon having realised their mistake began to use the wing more often, resulting in Morris getting another two goals, the last being a minute from time, to complete the 5-2 victory. Swindon would

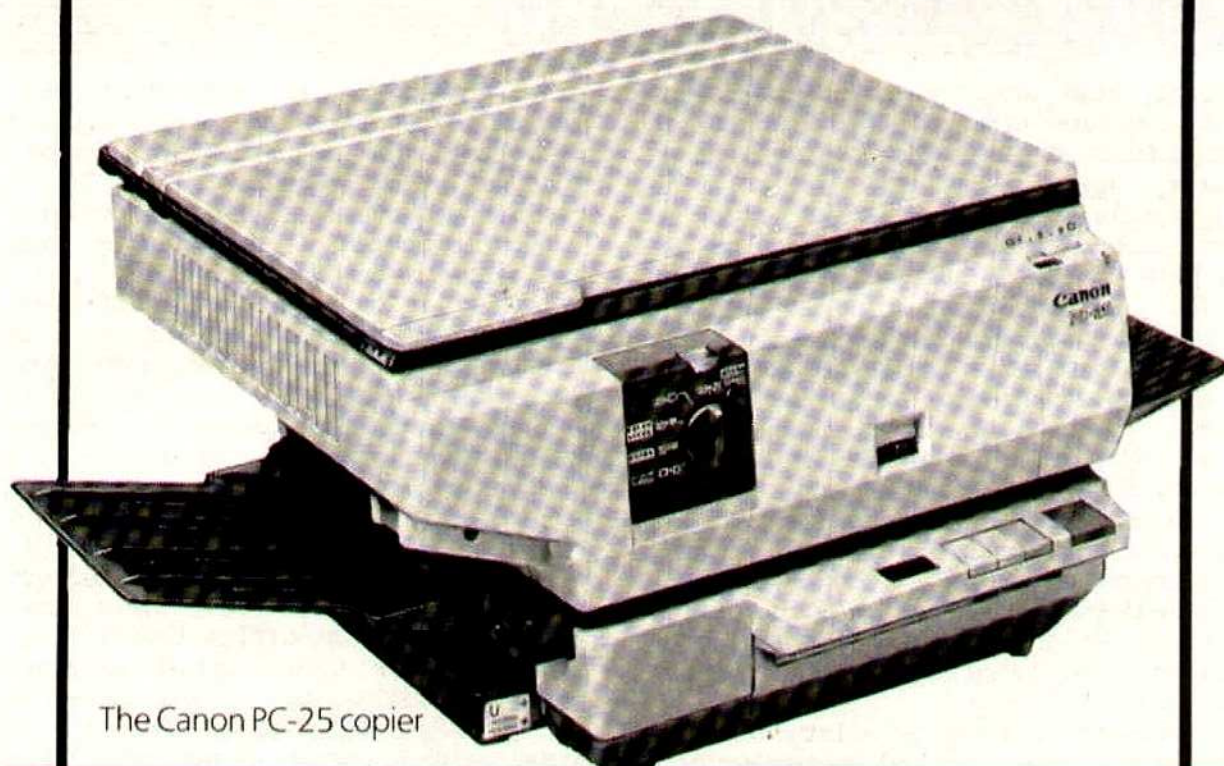
have won by more as Mansfield cracked under the new found onslaught, but unfortunately time would not permit.

Swindon:- Cope, Dransfield, Girvan, Godfrey, Lambie, Braithwaite, Eddleston, Starsmore, Morris, Keeling, Burgess. Attendance 4,481.

November 1965 is a month that Keith East is unlikely to forget, brought in for the injured Jimmy Lawton he scored four in the Cup-tie against Merthyr, thus securing his place in the side that faced Mansfield on the 20th. Mansfield, six places behind eighth placed Swindon, had only collected five points from the last eleven games, but at one stage looked like at least forcing a draw. However, it was East who got the Town off to a quick start by scoring in the 12th minute and, looking as though they would over run Mansfield, Don Rogers added the second three minutes later. But as the game progressed Swindon allowed Mansfield back into it, and, apart from East's second goal, the visitors were in control - indeed Swindon couldn't have complained if the score had been equal at half-time, Peter Downsborough earning his money on several occasions.

The second-half saw an urgency creep into the side, especially as Mansfield pulled a couple of goals back, but in the 71st minute East made it four with a stunning overhead kick from the edge of the area. Three minutes later Dennis Brown's cross from the left wing was headed home by East past the stunned Alan Humphreys, as Swindon took total control. And it was East who made it six by scoring his fifth three minutes from time to earn his place in the record books, having scored the most goals in a Third Division match - a record that still stands.

Swindon:- Downsborough, Dawson, Trollope, Morgan, Nurse, Shergold, Weaver, Smart, East, Brown, Rogers. Attendance 12,001.



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Junior Robins Page

Firstly news of a trip in the Easter Holidays. I have arranged for a party of Junior Robins to tour Wembley Stadium on Wednesday April 10th. The cost will be £3.50 (inclusive of travel and tour) to members. Parents will be welcome but we shall have to charge them a higher price of £4.50 as the cost of the tour for adults is considerably more expensive. The party will leave the County Ground at 12 noon and should return at 6.00pm in the evening. I do hope enough members will show an interest to make the trip viable as it would be nice to think that Swindon Town could make their presence felt at Wembley. If you are interested in coming please leave your name, school and a £1 deposit addressed to me at the Club Office or fill in one of the forms that will be available at our next meeting on February 11th.

I realise that £3.50 is a lot of money to find all at one time and consequently I am hoping to arrange for a Savings Club which members can pay into at intervals. I am at present talking to the Leeds Permanent Building Society about this facility so that by paying in early you can gain some interest on it.

The next club meeting on February 11th will take the form of a quiz evening. I hope to arrange an inter school quiz with teams of members, parents and players and a special football quiz that all members attending can take part in. The meeting will be at the usual time of 6pm and will take place in the Supporters Club. I do hope as many as possible will attend so that we can match the super turn out we had for the Christmas Party.

I am working on arrangements for some other competitions at present, including a penalty competition and another one which I think will be of special interest to our Young Lady members. As the details of these are not quite finalised I have delayed the next Newsletter so that all the necessary information and, where needed, entry forms can be included.

Fortunately at present I have a lot of things to write about so I can fill up the column with information about events which have been organised. When this is not the case I am sure this page would be more interesting to you if it contained information about Junior Robins themselves. If a member has done something of note; scored a hat trick for the school team, been a school side which has won some competition or come top of his or her class I would like to know. One of our

aims should be to show that not all football supporters are mindless hooligans but that the majority are decent well behaved young people. Facts like those mentioned above can help us prove it.

Our membership continues to grow and has almost reached the hundred and fifty mark. While on the subject of increased membership I should like to congratulate Kirsteen Glead who has done some good work encouraging people to join at his school Nythe. We have also gained two new members called Macari. Funny, where have I heard that name before?

Unfortunately in the excitement at the end of our last club meeting I lost a list of names of new members who joined at that event. If they could leave their names and school at the Club Office I will see they receive their autographed photographs. Finally I would like to apologise to the young lad who asked me for Scott Endersby's autograph at our first meeting. I have got it for you but do not know who you are so if you contact me at our next meeting I will pass it on.

Dick Mattick,
Organiser Junior Robins

KEY OF THE BOARD

- A Chester v Blackpool
- B Chesterfield v Bury
- C Darlington v Aldershot
- D Peterborough v Torquay
- E Port Vale v Hereford
- F Rochdale v Tranmere
- G Arsenal v Coventry
- H Aston Villa v Ipswich
- I Everton v Watford
- J Leicester v Chelsea
- K Luton v Tottenham H.
- L Manchester Utd. v West Brom. Alb.
- M Norwich v Nottingham Forest
- N Q.P. Rangers v Southampton
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	Mr G. Edwards of Triumph International	
	Mr Rod Wyborn of Wyborn Signs	
Mansfield Town	BHSF Health and Welfare	ECCO Industrial Agency.

BEHIND THE SCENES

BY BOB JEFFERIES



Last week at a meeting of associate members the Club representatives accepted the proposals outlined by the television negotiating committee for a new contract, save that they were unhappy about the differential in the distribution between Full Members and Associate Members. It has always been the practice that monies received from T.V. be distributed equally between the ninety two clubs but in the proposals for the new contract it is planned that First and Second Division Clubs will receive £10,000 per season more than those in the Third and Fourth Divisions. It must be borne in mind that the Full Member Clubs, by reason that they are the Clubs who will be featured on the television, will also receive additional revenue from Perimeter Advertising Boards and Shirt Sponsorship so they benefit all round. The proposals must be accepted at an extraordinary meeting of the Football League at which the First and Second Division Clubs have one vote each whilst the Third and Fourth Division Clubs have only eight votes between them so the result is a foregone conclusion. The only thing we were able to do was register our disapproval.

At the meeting of representatives of Full Member Clubs later in the day it was decided to defer consideration of the proposals for twenty eight days mainly for two reasons. Firstly it was considered that too many live games were being offered and secondly it was suggested that the deal be put out to tender with ITV and BBC tendering to be the sole channel to televise matches. The football League negotiating Committee stated that this was a non starter for, despite the fact that football was the only programme in which

the two sides joined forces in their negotiations, there are a number of practical disadvantages to the idea. There are much publicised cash problems in the BBC and therefore the likelihood is that the League would be committing itself, perhaps irrevocably, to independant television which may not be in the best interests of the League. The League also doubts that one company on its own would be able to give the Clubs the amount of recorded exposure which is considered necessary.

The proposed deal allows for sixteen live Canon League matches per season, eight on each channel transmitted Sunday afternoons in every case. The Milk Cup Final would be televised live on Sunday afternoon as at present and two matches from the Milk Cup Semi-Final ties would be televised live, the first on the Wednesday of the First Leg and the second on the Wednesday of the Second Leg. Only First Division Canon League games will be shown and there would be no more than one visit per home club for live television of League matches save that any Club, if they wished, could take a second live visit in a season.

On the weekends when they are not transmitting a live match i.e. On twenty three Saturdays, BBC Television would continue with Match of the Day recorded as at present for transmission on Saturday evenings. On the fifteen weekends when there are no live transmissions on the Sunday ITV would have the following options.

- 1) To transmit a network recorded programme as at present e.g. The Big Match.
- 2) To revert part of the way to the old arrangements whereby matches were selected and recorded for transmission on a regional basis.
- 3) To take, subject to certain conditions, a live regional match, which would be moved to Sunday at a minimum of eight weeks' notice.

The proposals will be considered once again on the 14th February when the League are convening an extraordinary general meeting to hopefully accept the package and we will keep you informed of the outcome.

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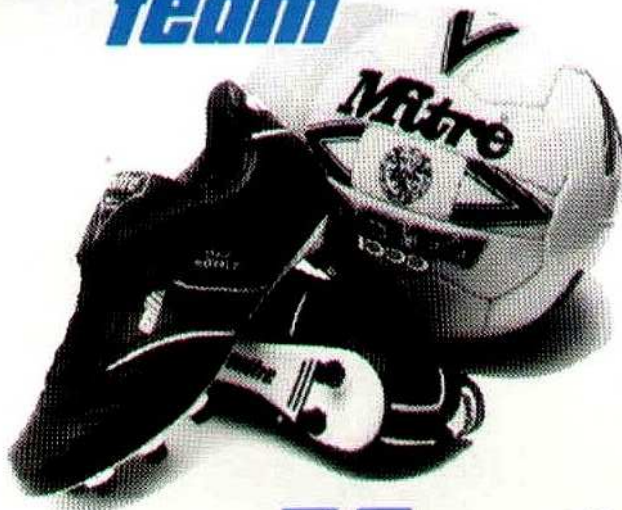
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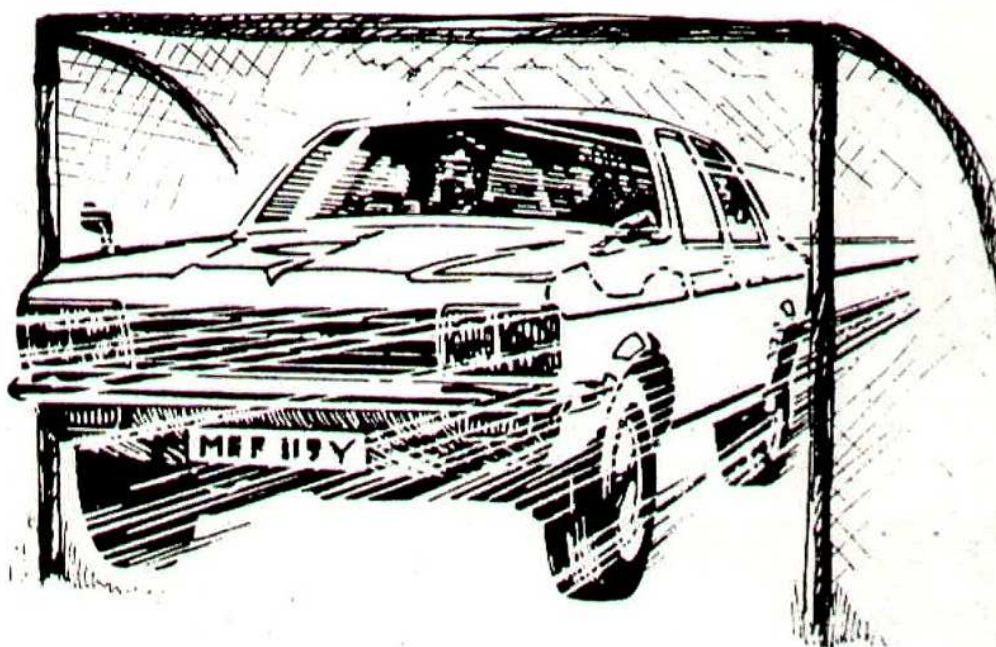
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