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The Bulletin's first Latic's team picture



Back Row (left to right)—Bob Ledger, Ken Knighton, Bill Asprey, David Best, Jim Bowie, Billy Molyneux, Allan Hunter, Jimmy Frizzell, Walt Joyce, Ronnie Blair. Front Row (left to right)—Alan Philpott, Ian Wood, Eric Magee, Ian Towers, Reg Blore, Keith Bebbington, Joe Makin.

and it's also available to all the Latic fanatics

THIS is the first time since the Boundary Bulletin was launched on Saturday, August 20th last year that we have presented a complete Latic's team picture. So we're proud to take this opportunity today of presenting a complete line-up of senior players on the staff—a chance for you to get to know the faces and an opportunity for the enthusiasts to add this team picture to their collection of soccer snap-shots.

There has been a persistent demand over the past 15 months for a team photo in the magazine, particularly a print in colour. Unfortunately, the cost of bringing out a picture in the colourful tangerine and blue is too prohibitive to be a proposition. This is the next best thing.

Sorry we've taken so long presenting the Latic's gallery of players. And our grateful thanks to Times Printing Company, of Oldham, who braved the winter weather to take the picture last Monday. We believe it's the only up-to-date Latics picture (i.e., including new capture Alan Philpott) which has so far been taken.

If that's so, we're proud to be the first to present it.


DUE to the demand from young fans for pictures of their Latic's favourites, we're now making available this official club picture. Actually, the photo we have ordered will be substantially larger (10ins. x 8ins. each print).

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JIMMY MCGREGOR

Shock treatment heats up Jimmy

SOME Third Division soccer trainers would be in hot water if Latic's physiotherapist Jimmy McGregor had his way. Because Jimmy was steamed up this week about the way these sponge men are pampering their players.

It's all to do with the magic sponge, that simple, but miraculous, piece of medical equipment which guarantees getting players back on their feet only seconds after they've been writhing in agony.

But Jimmy claims the miracle-cure is losing its potency in the hands of some trainers. For the snap of cold weather has prompted a number of officials to spare their players the discomfort of an ice-cold dousing to revive them.

"They're using hot water instead" Jimmy exclaimed in disgust this week. "I've never seen anything as ridiculous in my life. They might as well not use the sponge for all the good they're doing.

"It's happened on the last three away trips I've been on. At Stockport I dipped my hand in the bucket to soak the sponge and nearly scalded my hand. It was almost the same at Orient and last Saturday at Shrewsbury.

"It's called the magic sponge because of the shock treatment it gives players. Hot water might be very comfortable to a player lying in the perishing cold, but I can't see what on earth it does to make him feel better.

"And I think it's encouraging big softies in the game" he fumed.

And Jimmy reels off plenty of medical proof to support his case for throwing a bucket of cold water on the new idea. "For a start, a cold sponge is essential if you want to revive a dazed player. It also takes the immediate pain away from a bruising and lessens the inflammation—it numbs the damage done by such things as sprains. Hot water does nothing, except maybe leave the player feeling ready for a nice relaxing session in a steaming bath. This has really disturbed me, and I don't think the players should feel sadistic tendencies, is emphatic improve their recovery" he continued.

The Scot medico, who strongly refutes suggestions from the leg-pulling players that he's got sadistic tendencies, is emphatic that there'll be no sponge sympathy when he's called on to deal with an injury. No sympathy, but plenty of shivers.

"That's the way it should be" he claimed, as he washed his hands—in piping-hot water—of another day's work in the club's physio room last Wednesday.

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Time limit for our youngsters warns Jimmy McIlroy

SOMEONE once sang: "They only build me up to let me down." I could swear I heard manager Jimmy McIlroy humming the tune this week at the height of dependency brought about by a hat-trick of sudden failures involving many of the Latic's youngsters.

The one which really stuck in his throat was the 5-0 failure in the Youth Cup, and coupled with a 4-1 defeat at Crewe and a 5-0 hammering at Wigan in the Northern Floodlit League, it might give the impression that Latics have landed on the rocks with their youth policy.

"You're quite right, that has been my theme song for the last ten days. It prompts two questions in my mind—What has gone wrong? Are they really as bad as these results imply? On these showings, some of these boys are definitely not good enough" 'Mac' candidly stated yesterday.

"Yet four of five weeks ago Bertie Neill and myself were singing their praises. What an odd game this is. It's an accepted fact in football that you can rave about a youngster one week and be very disappointed about the same player the next.

"Of course, people want answers. How can the club be so excited four weeks ago and now feel absolutely depressed? Well, I don't know whether I can supply the answer or not with less than two years managerial experience. I possibly haven't worked with young players long enough to know whether these boys can be expected to pick themselves up off the floor and still make the grade. Even if they all show their previous form, I'm quite sure that all of them still will not make it.

Progress stops

"I remember reading somewhere about the staggering number of Irish boys who have been to Old Trafford during the managerial reign of Matt Busby. And out of this number Matt reckons he got four really good ones (Whelan, Blanchflower, Dunne, and Best) and I understand he has been satisfied with this percentage. We can't ever hope to have such numbers on trial at Oldham, and similarly our average of success must be higher."

Continued 'Mac': "It will be wrong to write-off the youngsters so soon. But I have also learned it isn't a wise thing to rave about them too soon, either.

"I repeat, there's a lot of talent here at the moment. But many of these lads seem mixed up.

"To the onlooker, when a boy joins a football club and has the benefit of daily coaching and training he should be constantly improving. It's not that easy. For a spell it seems a boy can be making tremendous strides and suddenly his progress stops. There seems no reason for it. Yet the player goes back in form and can lead a manager to despair. Sometimes, it's unbelievable how he loses even the basic things which earned him a chance in the first place.

"It would be wrong of me to mention names, but this has happened at Oldham. At least two of these youngsters were knocking on the first team door five weeks ago. They would now struggle to get into the 'A' team. They are making the most simple mistakes, mistakes they didn't make when they first came. And these lads are very worried about it."

"BUT I WILL NOT FORGET THESE BOYS ARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE CLUB EXPECTS SOMETHING IN RETURN FOR THE MONEY PAID OUT. THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE TIME WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT. RISKS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN AS TO WHETHER WE KEEP SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS OR RELEASE THEM.

"NOTHING WILL BE DONE IN HASTE, BUT THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO COULD BE CALLED STOCKTAKING TIME.

All these young professionals are great kids. They work hard at training and their menial tasks around the ground in the afternoon. But the football club is not run on sentimental lines.

"They are worried. I am worried. I need them in form. The future of the club depends on them progressing. At present the only help I can give them is encouragement. I hope the fans will be kind enough to do likewise," completed the Oldham manager.

Another point of view

25th November v. SHREWSBURY (2-4)



"Sunday Mirror": "Eric Magee was Latic's most constructive forward and it was he who put them in front in the 42nd minute. But in an early second-half spell Shrewsbury grabbed the lead, lost it through a penalty and regained it by another."

"Sunday Express": "After the interval came the scoring spree. Shrewsbury's Frank Clarke started the party with a 56th minute diving header. Two minutes later Jimmy McLaughlin had Town ahead. In the 61st minute Tony Gregory handled and Ken Knighton's penalty equalised. Then Allan Hunter brought Frank Clarke down and Peter Dolby restored Town's lead."

"News of the World": "It took a wonderful goal by Frank Clarke to set Shrewsbury on the path of victory. Clarke's goal, a diving header from Stobart's cross in the 56th minute, was the prelude to a hectic spate of goal-getting."

"The People" (John Bowman): "Oldham, with a fair share of attacking themselves, held their slender lead at the break thanks to the prompting and opportunism of the non-stop Magee, whose goal came from a gem of a shot on the run. Shrewsbury's stylish football had been unrewarding, mainly through over-eagerness but the second half was a different story."

"Daily Telegraph": "Although they went ahead through Magee in the 42nd minute at Shrewsbury, Oldham could not hold on to their advantage and with their opponents scoring twice in two minutes early in the second half went down to a 4-2 defeat that brought to an end their seven-game winning run."

"The Sun": "Former Wolves defender Ken Knighton was the inspiration behind Oldham's plucky but luckless performance. He completely blotted out Shrewsbury's front line schemer Barry Stobart."

"Daily Mirror": "Cockahoop Oldham set off in great style and looked like running away with the game. Their slick, speedy forwards had Shrewsbury on the run and tough tackling defenders broke up home raids long before Shrewsbury had chance to test goalkeeper David Best."

"Daily Mail": "In the first half when their best forward, Magee, gave them the lead, Oldham looked capable of reaching their record eighth successive win. But they were hit by a tremendous burst of pace and pressure by Shrewsbury in the second half."

"Daily Express" (Bryn Davies): "The main reason why Oldham's run took a nosedive lay up in front and this was because leader Bob Ledger lost his goal touch. He was so well policed by Alf Wood that I can't remember one decent shot from the centre-forward. He had one chance early but miscued his header into Boswell's grateful arms. So Oldham's hopes were left with the hard-working Eric Magee, the sparkling Keith Bebbington and Ken Knighton's spirit. But it wasn't enough."

"Oldham Evening Chronicle" (Jim Williams): "The bubble has burst. And, like an old friend defeat has returned to Athletic after an absence of just over a month. Everyone knew that it had to come and it was fitting that Athletic's long winning run should end in a royal manner with this six goal thriller at Shrewsbury."

"Manchester Evening News": "Most of Ken Knighton's great midfield work—he was the most accomplished player afield—was squandered by an attack which rarely got into gear."

SHREWSBURY TOWN: Boswell; Gregory, Fellows; Hemsley, Woods, Dolby; Meredith, Boardman, Clarke, Stobart, McLaughlin. Sub.: Clapham.

LATICS: Best; Asprey, Joyce; Frizzell, Hunter, Knighton; Blore, Magee, Ledger, *Philpott, Bebbington. Sub.: *Towers.

SCORERS: Clarke, McLaughlin, Dolby (penalty), Stobart—Shrewsbury.
Magee, Knighton (penalty)—Latics.

REFEREE: J. E. Carr (Sheffield).

ATTENDANCE: 4,772.

18th November v. BRIGHTON (3-0)

"Sunday Mirror": "Brighton were shaken time and again as shots were lashed in. There was nothing fancy about Oldham—just sheer tough tenacity to keep their winning way. Brighton's forwards were completely blocked by Oldham centre half Hunter and nearly all the play for long periods concentrated around Brighton's penalty area."

"The People" (Len Swift): "Under constant pressure all through the second half, Brighton became erratic and uneasy. Desperation crept into their confident approach of the first half and full-back Tranter was the first to break down under the strain."

"Sunday Express" (Robert West): "In the 70th minute Brighton's Wilf Tranter marred an otherwise sound display when he made a hash of a back-pass and lively Keith Bebbington was there in a flash to beat Burns. And it was left to Bebbington to put the seal on Oldham's undoubted supremacy after 82 minutes, when he raced on to a header from Ledger to crack in a great goal."

"News of the World": "In a second half blitz Oldham's forwards, given non-stop support by left half and skipper Ken Knighton, lashed the ball at goal at every opportunity. It was an incredible display of tenacity—and brought two goals from left winger Keith Bebbington."

"The Sun": "Oldham have a right to be confident and it is showing in their successful style. A goal up after 12 minutes—the players said after the game it was Keith Bebbington's although top scorer Bob Ledger's effort looked to be over the line before the winger touched it—Oldham never got right on top in the first half."

"Daily Mail": "Oldham's seventh successive victory over Brighton, was one of their most impressive yet. It was notable not so much for brilliant soccer as for their determination to succeed against a very useful and well-organised Brighton team."

"Daily Express" (Gordon Burnett): "Brighton could, however, still have had Oldham in a pickle after Bob Ledger (13) rather luckily boosted his season's tally to 11 goals. But they strangely reverted to weaving closely-knit patterns on the freezing bone-hard pitch, while Oldham's Ken Knighton and Allan Hunter in particular were belting the ball upfield with rare gusto."

"Daily Mirror" (Peter Atkinson): "The second half was a completely different picture, however. A few words from Mr. McIlroy and Oldham knew they were safe—if they played to his requirements. They did, bombarding Brighton from long range. The Brighton defence became erratic and uneasy."

"Daily Telegraph": "Oldham, after losing seven games on the run in the early part of the season, continued their remarkable recovery by gaining their seventh consecutive victory."

"Oldham Evening Chronicle" (Jim Williams): "Athletic more than compensated for a string of missed chances with a terrific workrate that stretched Brighton's bedraggled defence to the very limits of physical endurance. Never did they have anyone capable of matching the stamina and the staying power of an all-action Athletic."

LATICS: Best; Asprey, Joyce; Frizzell, Hunter, Knighton; Blore, Magee, Ledger, Philpott, Bebbington. Sub.: Blair.

BRIGHTON: Burns; Tranter, Dalton; Gall, Napier, J., Turner; Tawse, Livesey, Lawton, Napier, K., *Flood. Sub.: *Gould.

SCORERS: Ledger, Bebbington (2)—Latics.

REFEREE: K. Howley (Billingham).

ATTENDANCE: 7,852.

WITH THE RESERVES

Saturday, 25th November, 1967

LATICS 0 v. MORECAMBE TOWN 0

LATICS: Molyneux; Makin, Nolan; Blair, Lawson, Bowie; Quinn, Doyle, *Johnston, Smith, Chapman. Sub.: *Aitken.

MORECAMBE: Snasdel; Gaskell, Caldver; Sandshaw, Udall, Wroth; Beard, Price, Chester, Dalton, Lambert. Sub.: Carper.

ATTENDANCE: 400.

Saturday, November 4th, 1967

DARWEN 0 v. LATICS 1

DARWEN: Wallace; Griffiths, Holdsworth; Harkness, Garitty, Kleroon; Collins, Cairne, Gelling, Ashton, Bibby. Sub.: Walcore.

LATICS: Molyneux; Makin, Nolan; Blair, Lawson, Wood; Quinn, Doyle, Johnston, Smith, Chapman. Sub.: Aitken.

SCORER: Johnston—Latics.

WITH THE JUNIORS

Saturday, November 25th, 1967

OLDHAM 'A' 1 v. BOLTON 'A' 2

It was a chance for the junior team coach, Peter Seddon, to see how difficult the Lancashire Combination really is. He had to step in as an emergency replacement when fog prevented several members getting to the ground.

Although Latics looked the better team in the first half they failed to make the most of their chances. Bolton provided poor opposition and it was an injustice that Sweeney's goal was the only return for the first half work—it came from a good pass by McAuley.

Bolton showed more spirit after half time and when Fitton made an error the visitors equalised. Bolton's second came from a free kick when the scorer was unmarked.

Lack of power and strength was Latic's undoing and McAuley was the only player who figured with any distinction, showing neat touches throughout.

LATICS: Fitton; Darwen, Reeves; Seddon, Schofield, Hoolickin; Sweeney, McAuley, Beaver, Crumblehulme, Robins.

Saturday, November 18th, 1967

EVERTON 'A' 7 v. OLDHAM 'A' 0

A 60 second boost for Everton while the Latic's defence was bleary-eyed provided the set-back from which we never recovered. From that point Everton took up the running and completely overwhelmed the opposition on their Beilfield ground, which was in excellent condition.

Even though Latics fielded virtually the reserve team there was a general lack of power and strength and Everton's speed was never matched. Slack marking led to most of the goals and the defensive work was indifferent. Nolan made a silly mistake to give the second goal away, and the rot really set in after this.

Doyle was the most accomplished Latic's player, especially in the first half.

LATICS: Fitton; Makin, Nolan; Schofield, Yates, Doyle; Towers, McAuley, Quinn, Smith, *Robins. Sub.: *Darwen.

In your opinion . . .

MR. Bates implies in the Bulletin (Edition No. 10) that the team which is now so successful is the one that did so horribly at the start of the season.

This is just not true. The "knockers," of which I was one, are now silent because they have to some extent achieved their object, a realistic approach to team selection.

We have now got a more settled team with Best, Hunter, Knighton, Magee and Blore playing so well. It is hoped that the powers-that-be have learned their lesson and will not make too many changes too often, and too many experiments with young, inexperienced players at one time.

However, I, along with the other "knockers" and those who stayed away, are delighted at the Latic's success, also with the improved form of Bebbington who played his best game of the season on Saturday, irrespective of his goals. We can now look forward to a fight for promotion.

Having said all this perhaps I can make some suggestions that may be useful:

Walsall have a smart Refreshment Room where you can buy a snack or a drink in comfort. Surely something on the same lines can be done at Boundary Park?

The Bingo Club is facing fierce competition from other clubs who offer bigger prizes because they are part of a larger organisation. Is it not possible for the Latics to contact other football clubs who have bingo clubs to join together in subsidising for a larger prize which could run into thousands of £'s and provide a big counter attraction?

At Walsall the price for a stand seat was 10/-. In a price revision at the end of this season could it be possible to re-arrange stand prices at 10/- in the Centre and 7/6 on the sides.

It is noticeable that once Centre seats are taken at most games, a reduction for seats on the sides may encourage more people to use them. Also, let us have the Rochdale Road and Chadderton Road ends at a similar price—5/-?

I know a Pools Agent who sold over 100 tickets per week, thus

providing the club with over £250 per year. He ceased to become an Agent because he was refused a complimentary season ticket. There may have been others.

I would suggest that Agents selling 100 tickets or more per week should be given a Complimentary Season ticket as an added inducement to increase their sales.—W. H. MATHER, St. Thomas Street South, Oldham.

Your suggestions have been passed on. Now could I make a useful suggestion—stop being a 'knocker.'

I WENT to the football match between Oldham and Brighton with my dad, and I got my Boundary Bulletin.

I like reading the Bulletin, but when I got home I found some mistakes in the Third Division's tell-at-a-glance table. You can't have an average crowd higher than the highest crowd. There are eight teams in the table that have been given an average home crowd higher than the highest home crowd.

My favourite football player on the Latic's side is Keith Bebbington.—STEVEN DUDDLE (aged 8), Springfield Lane, Royton.

We plead guilty! In an attempt to bring the details bang up-to-date by including mid-week matches preceding the Brighton game, we got our columns crossed. Four games (eight teams) were involved—and we apologise.

AFTER receiving the programme of the Brighton match which you kindly sent me, I feel I must write to express my pleasure in finding a club of the lower divisions that has some imagination as far as producing a programme goes.

I send for a programme for all the Brighton games away, but all too often I find that Third Division clubs are simply content to rely on the Football League Review. This is used as an inset in their programmes to supply the good written articles and let the part of the programme which they produce serve solely as a means of gaining some extra money from advertisements and for expressing scrappy team notes and fixtures.

Your programme, however, has a thoughtful, well-planned layout with an individual approach akin to a national weekly magazine, which makes a welcome change.

One small point that I might make, however is that the programme, in my opinion, could do with being made a little more compact. But that is the only change I would suggest.—PETER MARSH (Aged 15), Richardson Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

We're delighted to have another satisfied customer.

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Views in verse

HERE is my Latics lament.

To tour Rhodesia's sunny
clime,
Seemed such a lovely notion
But though we beat them all
the time,
It didn't help promotion.

We started off with quite a
burst
And played just fair in patches
We drew at Colchester at first
But lost our other matches.

We're doing rather better now
Seven in a row—oh boy!
A smile has soothed the worried
brow
Of Jimmy McIlroy.

We've toiled in coffee bars for
years
'Till Ken Bates took us off it
The Supporters' Club, he
rather fears,
Shows insufficient profit.

The colours aren't the same to-
day
It really doesn't seem right
For Georgie Hardwick's team
could play
In the good old Blue and
White.—'ANON'

*Perhaps the coffee is sweeter
now
Because there is some profit
Though it could be that you're
stirring hard
Why don't you come off it!*

HIS IDEA

IT seems Latics fans haven't got many ideas—at least, many to improve the football club. For the recent appeal to fans to forward one suggestion for the further improvement of Oldham Athletic met with a stony silence.

We said simply: 'if you're not willing to state your case, then you've got no cause for complaint.' It was a challenge we thought would appeal to all those fans moaning about things wrong at Boundary.

But things can't be so bad after all. And there's not as many moaners as we thought (it must be that the few there are have loud-mouths).

It's with pleasure that I award the two prizes for complimentary stand tickets (for the Swindon match) to Mr. B. Pearson of Plymouth Street, Oldham for coming up with one suggestion. His improvement idea concerns the Bulletin and he writes:

*We are considering competi-
tions for the Bulletin, though on
other lines than Spot-the-Ball.
These ideas, which will be a test
of soccer know-how, may have to
be held up until the gates increase
substantially enough to make it a
paying proposition.*

LADY LUCKY

Oh, Lady Luck here's "Wel-
come back"
You've been away so long.
For when you choose to stay
away
So many things go wrong.

No 'Cup Luck' when you
turned away
When we came from the hat
Away for us with prospects
poor,
We get no joy from that.

But now it is our fervent hope
That you have come to stay.
And that you'll smile upon the
team
No matter where they play.

Oh, Lady Luck, you mean so
much,
Upon the field of play.
So give a fair 'run of the ball'
At home and when away.

So please just try to stick
around
And listen to our plea
Keep smiling on the playing
staff
And keep them injury free.

The weather too can mean a
lot
When playing our home dates.
Be kind to us then Lady Luck
And help us swell our gates.

Good luck to those enthusiasts
Who work so hard and strive
All raising funds by various
means,
To help the club survive.

Good luck go too, with Mr.
Bates
'Stepped in' when times were
hard
For we supporters then were
dealt
An extremely lucky card.—

**BILL BARKER, Rising Lane,
Garden Suburbs, Oldham.**

*Lady Luck, don't go away
There's one more wish for
which I pray
Of moaners we have had our
fill
So give us more fans like Bill.*

HIS IDEA

AFTER reading the Bulletin appeal for fresh ideas, I am of the opinion that the edition could earn quite a source of revenue by running a Spot the Ball competition. And it would make a good full page.

The Oldham Evening Chronicle is running one at the moment, and it seems to be gaining popularity, and seems financially successful I think it would be a very profitable venture, particularly using photographs of Latics matches.

All best wishes and more success.—B. PEARSON, Ply-
mouth Street, Oldham.

A TALE OF NO STORY BOOK FINISH FOR THE YOUNGSTERS

A SIMPLE summary came from coach Bertie Neil at full time. "We were beaten by a far better side" he told the despondent Latics lads, nursing the wounds to their pride which a 5-0 battering had given them at Maine Road last Monday night.

But if it's any belated consolation for the Boundary boys, team boss Bertie also predicted: "The team that beats City will win the Youth Cup—they're a very good team."

So they were, and for the second year in succession Oldham's Youth Cup hopes bumped into a brick wall on the City ground.

"But we were too bad to be true" sighed the club's youth-conscious coach. "These past few weeks we have had four or five players off form. I'm not being wise after the event, but I knew that if these lads hadn't snapped out of it for the trip to City we would be in for a hammering."

"Six weeks ago when the youngsters were playing really well I would have been more confident about the outcome. The form factor is really inexplicable in these lads. If they were older you could diagnose the reasons behind it—but in youth it's just one of the phases they all seem to return to," Bertie told the Bulletin.

But an unexpected hero did emerge for Latics in goalkeeper Roy Barlow, late stand-in for the injured John Fitton. It was less than five hours to kick-off time that Roy, an amateur from Royton, was contacted to take over from the injured Fitton (pulled muscle), and it was less than an hour before the match started that he was introduced to the Latics youth squad for the first time.

That was quite a Cup call-up for a lad with only a smattering of junior team experience to his credit. And he must have wondered what he'd let himself in for when City got under way.

For City were sharp and simple and packed with power. In the 7th minute Bingham plied a pass to Towers who steered a through ball into Oldham's wide-open middle. And Jackson, an outstanding player this night, flashed a low shot home. In the 13th minute Glennon, an impressive aggressive leader, slipped a short pass to Jackson, who side-stepped the fallen feet of Schofield and planted in the second.

After 24 minutes pivot Booth soared up to a right wing corner from Jackson, and with Barlow at fault for one of the few times, nodded the third goal via the underside of the bar. After 28 minutes Towers, a skilful 15 year old, zipped a ball through to the irrepresible Glennon—and the leader's angled shot inside the box flew just inside the post.

The final goal came in the 76th minute when England Youth cap Bingham sent Glennon dashing away to crash home an unstoppable shot.

DOYLE TAKEN OFF

In goals, that's how the game went. Barlow prevented more, once making a daring stop at the feet of the weaving Bowyer and coming out of the collision with a nasty stud hole in his knee (36th minute). Makin whipped one off the line from Bowyer (11th) and Nolan twice similarly blocked the way—21st from Glennon; and 68th following a free kick.

What about Latics? The first minute showed it wasn't to be a day for the Tangerines. Doyle went down injured and was eventually replaced at half time by McAuley, his injury being diagnosed as twisted ankle ligaments.

After the interval Goodwin was thrust into the back division to stem the tide while Quinn moved to a direct striking role. But the Latics strikes were rare—and a snorting left wing shot from Robins which roared over the City bar was an isolated attempt (63rd).

Apart from the gallant goalkeeping of Barlow, a momentary indication in the opening spell that Aitken had a few of the right ideas, Latics were outpaced and outgunned. McAuley gave occasional hints through the grey evening that he would look better in improved circumstances.

Added Bertie: "We have a sprinkling of good youngsters, not a team of good youngsters. It's nearly impossible to get a team of good youngsters, and I've always said that."

"Naturally it's disappointing. What I think the defeat will have done to our lads is to knock any cockiness out of them which they might have been getting."

TWO CITIES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER FOR SENIORS

LATICCS are on the trail of the Lancashire Senior Cup again. And last Tuesday night's match at Boundary Park had another consolation—sweet repayment for the crushing our youngsters had at the hands of the City starlets only 24 hours earlier.

It was a closer finish than might have been expected after the opening bursts. In the first raids Blore whacked in a menacing angled shot which had 'keeper Dowd on the alert, and soon after Bebbington schemed an opportunity. He poked a pass into the penalty area which Ledger looked like settling on, but Magee saw an opportunity to do away with delay and tore through to smash a shot fractionally wide of the post.

Knighton, in the mood which makes him a vital force in Latics mid-field work, displayed his dynamic shooting in the 13th minute when he pounded a Magee pass against the post. It was an incredible stroke of work from the wing half in the 29th minute which produced the first goal.

Bebbington, having some mesmerising dashes, slipped Knighton clear on the left. It seemed an impossibility to stop the ball running out of play, but Knighton did so and screwed back a tremendous left foot cross—a gift for Ledger to nod into the net.

City's lively leader Chris Jones was carried off six minutes later after a harmless looking incident. he pivoted to hit a left wing pass on the treacherously wet pitch and finished in agony, his knee-cap displaced. Sub Ian Bowyer took over, becoming the fourth member of Monday night's youth team in the City line-up.



REG BLORE

Knighton's demon display upheld its part again in the 46th minute when he set Blore through for the second. A good job it was notched, too, for only 11 minutes later City found the goal-mouth

gap to threaten the home team's command. A left wing corner had Best floundering out of his goal, and as the 'keeper fell back desperately to his goal-line he could only push a Bowles header high into the net.

Conditions became more difficult before the finish and Latics failed to rely on the earlier wing threat which had been provided by Blore and Bebbington. The sparkle was not as apparent in Magee's play, either.

Manager 'Mac's' view of the victory: "We didn't show enough goals for the amount of pressure we applied—and I seem to have made this complaint several times recently. The football is neat enough and the team is fairly consistent."

"If you look at the Lancashire Senior Cup records you will find that Burnley reserves have won the trophy consistently over the last six or seven years, and in the process they have beaten quite a few Third and Fourth Division sides. They managed this because their reserve squad was so powerful. "I would say City's reserve team is one of the most powerful in the Central League at present (they're third in the table). So bearing in mind the records from the past, too, it's quite an achievement by Third Division standards to beat a strong Central League team," he claimed.

Special attention was focused on 19 year old Ian Wood, making his second appearance of the season at right back. Says 'Mac': "At this stage it looks as though Ian's best chances of making League football are at full back. He's going to be a very hard full back."

It's been quite a week for skirmishes with City, and we've emerged with our young pride dented but still running strong in one Cup competition.

Last season a tonic start at home to Manchester United launched the side on the way to their first Senior Cup triumph in 59 years. Now the Latics lads are set for a repeat.

THE LINE-UPS

LATICCS 0		CITY 5	
Roy Barlow (Amateur)	1	Ronnie Healey (App.)	
Joe Makin (Pro')	2	Graham Powell (App.)	
Michael Nolan (Pro')	3	Brian Woods (Pro')	
Ronnie Blair (Pro')	4	Derek Jefferies (App.)	
Graham Schofield (Amateur)	5	Tommy Booth (Pro')	
*Alistair Doyle (Pro')	6	Tony Towers (App.)	
Noel Quinn (Pro')	7	Ray Hatton (App.)	
Billy Aitken (App.)	8	Tony Jackson (App.)	
Ian Goodwin (App.)	9	Chris Glennon (Pro')	
Ray Smith (Pro')	10	John Bingham (Pro')	
Ian Robins (App.)	11	Ian Bowyer (App.)	
*Billy McAuley (App.)	Sub	Dave Hoolickin (Amateur)	

SCORERS: Jackson (2), Glennon (2), Booth

REFEREE: A. W. S. Jones (Ormskirk)

App.—Apprentice Professional; Pro'—Full-time Professional.

LATICCS 2		CITY 1	
David Best	1	Harry Dowd	
Ian Wood	2	Roy Cheetham	
Walt Joyce	3	Brian Woods	
Jimmy Frizzell	4	Derek Jeffries	
Allan Hunter	5	Stan Horne	
Ken Knighton	6	Jimmy Mundy	
Reg Blore	7	Paul Hince	
Eric Magee	8	Johnny Clay	
Bob Ledger	9	*Chris Jones	
Alan Philpott	10	Stan Bowles	
Keith Bebbington	11	John Bingham	
Ian Towers	Sub	*Ian Bowyer	

SCORERS

Bowles

REFEREE: T. Carter (Padiham)



KEN BATES

LET'S HAVE RUTHLESS REFEREES - It would help Latics

appeals chairman Ken Bates

THIS afternoon we are sitting just seven points behind promotion. This simple statement indicates how open the Third Division race is this year.

A good win this afternoon will put us in the snakes and ladders part of the table where winning or losing a game results in a jump or fall of several positions.

After the terrible start to the season, due partly to a heavy injury list, the battle is on. But we are handicapped accordingly and only the most outstanding performances allied with the run of the ball will give us the glory.

By all accounts, last Saturday's match was a ding-dong thriller and we missed several chances to improve our score before Shrewsbury made the game safe with a late goal.

The Youth team were soundly thrashed by Manchester City last Monday, but it should not be all despondency and gloom. If the players have now learned that ability is insufficient without hard work and fighting spirit, something worthwhile will emerge from the experience.

Some revenge was extracted by beating City 2-1 in the Lancashire Senior Cup last Tuesday and we now look forward to our next challenger in defence of our title.

This week sees the first full launching of the Tangerine Pools. Forward sales indicate that we are nearly half way towards our initial target of 15,000 a week, but we do need every bit of help that we can get.

If you can be an Agent, please call at the office after the game or fill in the slip on this page, of the Bulletin.

Ticket Fillup

There are attractive rewards for helping the club. Besides regular Agents' social events, we are giving a complimentary stand seat to those who sell 200 tickets a week and a complimentary paddock ticket for sales of 100 a week. In addition, a proportion of the Club's Cup Final tickets will be reserved for Agents.

All this is, of course, in addition to the usual commissions. Ours is the only pool which will unreservedly and immediately help the club. The accounts will be audited weekly by an independent firm of Chartered Accountants and in addition to the numbers being drawn in public at the Grosvenor Cinema, results sheets will be distributed to all Agents.

If all loyal supporters who genuinely have the club's welfare at heart rally round, we can make this pool a great success and the financial independence will ensure for all times that never again do Latics have to sell players to pay wages.

A split camp never won anything, so please support the Tangerine Pool. It is the only official fund-raising effort where the proceeds go directly to help Oldham each week, and the accounts are certified weekly also.

Much has been said and written about hooliganism on the field, but to me the solution seems obvious, particularly now that the League and F.A. are getting tough with reported offenders. It is simply for the Referees to exercise their power to the full.

By stamping out dirty play and being ruthless with players who question their decisions and invoking the "ungentlemanly conduct" clause regularly and harshly, petulance would soon disappear.

This would only be to the benefit of Latics. Too often have I seen our good football spoiled by bruisers who have simply kicked our players off the field (examine our serious injury list) and have been allowed to get away with it.

Justice

The greatest curse in football today is the indirect free kick for "obstruction." The speed of modern soccer is such that it leaves little time for such delicate interpretations and a simple black/white foul decision would make life simpler all round.

It is an ill-wind that blows no good and Peterborough's "relegation" removes one would-be contender for promotion. Under the new regime, penalties are certainly getting tougher.

It should be like this and nobody will complain provided justice is meted out without fear or favour.

In the light of Peterborough's fate one wonders what will happen, say, to clubs who field weakened teams before important Cup matches.

Next Saturday the trek to Wembley begins . . . at Barrow. Make no mistake it will be a tough one and we need your support. Book your coach ticket after the game at the Club office or during the week at Arthur Hudson's shop in Oldham.

* If you have a viewpoint worth airing, drop a line to The Editor, 356 Corn Exchange Buildings, Cathedral Street, Manchester 4. We'll gladly listen to any moan, criticism, suggestion (or praise) if it hasn't to do with team selection.

GET IN THE SWIM and JOIN THE POOL

Harrassed Latic's secretary Bernard Halford checked the diminishing bundles of pools tickets in his office this week and felt confident enough to declare . . . "I think we've made a cracking start."

Those tickets have been the cause of Bernard's fevered brow all week as he has completed arrangements for the launching of the club's new Tangerine Pool—remember, the only official football club fund-raiser.

From scratch Bernard, and his usual troop of helpers, have been promoting the Pool and enrolling agents. There's been no spare time since the Latics directors decided to operate their own supporters club and pool, and even on Sunday Bernard was picking his way through foggy areas like Newton Heath and Moorside to ensure the distribution of the brand new tangerine tickets.

Membership target for the pool is 15,000. "It's an impossibility to build up that kind of membership overnight" says Bernard 'but we were well over 4,000 sales in the early part of the week. And it has been improving since then.

"We've met sales resistance and some people are loathe to break the habit of buying the old-style Supporters tickets, but they have been very impressed with our prize list and the organisation behind this new pool. I think the converts will come" he said.

It's an appealing jackpot. £100 for a full house bingo; £25 for a bingo line; three highest scores—£50; 10 lucky draw Nos each week worth £5 each; 62 i.o.u. tickets at 10/- each; monthly draw with such items as washing machines, television sets, and record players (articles around £40 value) offered; prizes for the agents selling the lucky tickets; and a special draw for any unclaimed full-house bingo.

That's all for one shilling.

Continues Bernard: "The need is for as many agents as possible. It's amazing the number of people who have taken a handful of tickets to start with and have

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been back for more. I spent half-an-hour showing one chap how good the pool was and he took 15 tickets. Next week he wants 100. This could be a big money-spinner for the club."

How do you become an agent? Fill in the form in the right-hand column, forward it to the club—and leave the rest to us.

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My Address.....

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MATCH DATES AND DETAILS

DIVISION III

			Last Year			
			Result	Attend'g	Result	Attend'g
1967	Aug. 19	Colchester United Away	D 0-0	3,989	2-3	5,921
	23	Workington (League Cup) Away	D 1-1	2,731	—	—
	26	Peterborough United Home	L 0-2	7,542	1-0	6,594
	29	Workington (L. Cup 1st Replay) Home	D 1-1	3,973	—	—
	31	Workington (L. Cup 2nd Replay) Away	L 1-2	3,278	4-2	9,766
Sept.	2	Mansfield Town Away	L 1-3	6,718	—	—
	5	Bury Home	L 1-3	7,435	—	—
	9	Watford Home	W 2-0	5,678	1-1	5,803
	15	Southport Away	L 0-1	7,701	—	—
	23	Scunthorpe United Home	L 3-4	5,263	2-0	13,975
	26	Bury Home	L 1-2	9,903	—	—
	30	Torquay United Away	L 1-2	9,595	0-4	8,350
Oct.	4	Oxford United Away	L 1-3	6,204	1-3	6,157
	7	Gillingham Home	L 0-1	4,604	2-1	5,192
	14	Walsall Away	L 1-3	10,366	1-1	8,727
	21	Northampton Town Home	W 2-0	5,019	—	—
	24	Oxford United Home	W 3-1	4,966	1-1	4,828
	28	The Orient Away	W 2-0	3,186	2-2	4,720
Nov.	4	Tranmere Rovers Home	W 2-1	7,308	—	—
	10	Stockport County Away	W 2-0	14,264	—	—
	14	Mansfield Town Home	W 1-0	7,691	0-0	14,687
	18	Brighton & Hove A. Home	W 3-0	7,852	4-1	6,013
	25	Shrewsbury Town Away	L 2-4	4,772	1-3	5,038
	28	Manchester C. (Lancs. Snr. Cup) Home	W 2-1	1,889	—	—
Dec.	2	Swindon Town Home	—	—	1-0	5,605
	9	Barrow (F.A. Cup—1st round) Away	—	—	—	—
	16	Colchester United Home	—	—	4-0	8,961
	23	Peterborough United Home	—	—	1-3	7,637
	26	Barrow Home	—	—	—	—
	30	Barrow Away	—	—	—	—
1968	Jan.	6 (2) Home	—	—	2-2	8,112
	13	Watford Home	—	—	1-1	11,236
	20	Southport Home	—	—	1-1	3,580
	27	(3) Bournemouth & B.A. Home	—	—	5-0	11,696
Feb.	3	Scunthorpe United Away	—	—	1-2	9,482
	10	Torquay United Home	—	—	0-1	8,940
	17	(4) Bristol Rovers Away	—	—	6-2	10,265
	24	Gillingham Home	—	—	1-2	6,224
Mar.	2	Walsall Home	—	—	—	—
	9	(5) Bournemouth & B.A. Away	—	—	3-1	9,949
	16	Northampton Town Away	—	—	—	—
	23	The Orient Home	—	—	—	—
	29	(6) Tranmere Rovers Away	—	—	—	—
Apr.	6	Stockport County Home	—	—	0-1	8,115
	12	Grimsby Town Away	—	—	0-2	9,931
	13	Brighton & Hove A. Home	—	—	4-1	9,411
	16	Grimsby Town Home	—	—	1-2	7,147
	23	Shrewsbury Town Home	—	—	3-6	10,347
	24	Reading Away	—	—	1-3	9,722
	27	(S.F.) Swindon Town Away	—	—	3-0	12,089
May	4	Reading Home	—	—	—	—
	11	Bristol Rovers Home	—	—	—	—
	18	(F) Home	—	—	—	—

On duty this season

	League	Goals	League Cup	Goals
BEST	20	—	3	—
ASPREY	17	1	3	—
JOYCE	13	—	—	—
KNIGHTON	20	3	3	—
BLAIR	7	—	2	—
HUNTER	20	1	3	—
FRIZZELL	17	—	2	1
BLORE	16	1	1	1
McILROY	2	—	3	—
TOWERS	6	—	3	—
BOWIE	9	—	1	—
BEBBINGTON	17	3	1	—
LEDGER	16	11	—	—
MAGEE	12	4	—	1
PHILPOTT	5	—	1	—
FOSTER	3	—	1	1
CHAPMAN	2	—	2	—
JOHNSTON	6	4	2	—
WOOD	3	—	1	—
LAWSON	1	—	1	—
MAKIN	3	—	—	—
QUINN	4	—	—	—
NOLAN	1	—	—	—
DOYLE	1	—	—	—

LEAGUE SUB.: Lawson (5), Magee (1), Frizzell (1), Wood (1), Towers (1).

LEAGUE CUP SUB.: Foster (1)

1967-68 SENIOR DEBUTS

Eric Magee on 19th August, 1967 v. Peterborough (0-2).

Walter Joyce on 26th September, 1967 v. Bury (1-2).

Noel Quinn on 26th September, 1967 v. Bury (1-2).

Alistair Doyle on 7th October, 1967 v. Gillingham (0-1).

Alan Philpott on 4th November, 1967 v. Tranmere Rovers (2-1).

1967-68 TRANSFER DETAILS

Signed John Johnson, 15, centre-half, on 29th August, 1967 from Huyton Boys.

Signed Ian Robins, 15, left winger, on 31st August, 1967, from Bury Boys.

Signed Kevin Crumblehulme, 15, inside-forward, on 4th September, 1967 from Claworth Road Youth Club team.

Signed Walter Joyce, 30, utility player on 26th September, 1967 from Blackburn Rovers.

Signed Brian Reeves, 16, full-back on 30th October, 1967 from Manchester Boys.

Signed Alan Philpott, 24, inside forward on 3rd November, 1967, from Stoke City.

Sold Tony Foster, 18, inside-forward, on 24th October, 1967 to League of Ireland club St. Patricks.

Third Division's tell-at-a-glance table

Team	Home					Away					Ave. Home	H'st Home	Ave. Away	Leading Marksman						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F. A.	Pts.	Crowd	Crowd	Crowd						
Walsall	20	8	2	0	29	7	4	2	4	14	19	28	9,586	13,480	6,990	Taylor (11)				
Torquay	20	7	3	0	16	6	3	2	5	11	21	25	9,094	9,595	8,089	Barnes (6), Stubbs (6)				
Oxford	20	9	0	1	26	11	0	5	5	8	16	23	13,075	11,704	7,230	Bullock (6)				
Stockport	20	8	2	1	21	10	2	1	6	7	18	23	6,280	14,264	7,186	Atkins (8)				
Peterborough United	20	6	2	2	22	10	3	2	5	13	20	22	10,021	9,460	8,263	Fairbrother (8)				
Shrewsbury	20	7	2	1	24	9	1	4	5	7	19	22	4,536	8,475	8,388	Clarke (9)				
Gillingham	20	6	3	1	16	9	2	3	5	12	19	22	7,797	7,890	6,932	Brown (9)				
Swindon	20	7	2	1	24	6	0	5	5	11	17	21	6,574	17,240	7,752	Rogers (11), Terry (11)				
Bury	19	7	1	1	28	11	2	2	6	14	20	21	7,521	11,144	7,416	Jones (11)				
Barrow	20	5	3	2	18	6	4	0	6	10	16	21	5,711	7,442	6,809	Storf (7)				
Reading	20	6	3	1	21	11	3	0	7	9	22	21	4,025	17,867	9,003	Harris (9)				
Watford	20	7	2	1	27	5	1	2	7	5	17	20	4,903	11,091	8,061	Garbett (7), Scullion (7)				
Brighton	19	6	2	2	15	7	2	2	5	9	15	20	4,036	19,689	7,421	Napier, K. (7)				
Southport	20	6	2	2	16	9	2	2	6	17	23	20	5,742	8,821	5,703	Harkin (9)				
Northampton	20	5	3	2	17	12	3	1	6	11	20	20	9,936	13,743	7,703	Martin (9)				
Colchester	20	3	5	1	13	12	3	3	5	13	24	20	7,907	6,420	6,725	McKechnie (5)				
Tranmere	20	7	2	2	25	15	1	1	7	8	18	19	7,144	11,000	8,622	Yardley (18)				
Oldham	20	6	0	4	17	11	2	2	6	11	17	18	8,830	9,903	7,423	Ledger (11)				
Bristol R.	19	4	2	3	13	11	2	4	4	14	21	18	7,839	10,742	7,017	Mabutt (6)				
Bournemouth	20	6	2	1	16	7	0	4	7	7	22	18	5,577	6,813	7,304	Hold (6)				
The Orient	19	5	1	4	13	11	0	4	5	7	19	15	6,173	4,722	7,322	Massey (4)				
Grimsby	20	5	3	2	17	9	0	1	9	5	22	14	13,311	7,518	8,234	Moore (5)				
Scunthorpe	20	2	6	2	13	15	1	1	8	10	23	13	7,130	6,137	7,877	Barton (8)				
Mansfield	20	3	3	4	17	19	0	3	7	6	16	12	6,668	7,397	7,276	Rowland (6)				

ALL DETAILS ON THIS PAGE CONCERN LEAGUE GAMES UP TO AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1967

Reserve Fixtures

Lancashire Combination

1967 K.O. 3-15 p.m. unless stated Res'ts

Aug. 19	Ashton Utd. (C) Away	2-1
26	Padham (L) Away	4-0
Sept. 2	Ashton Utd. (C) Home	2-0
9	Dukinfield T. (C) Away	2-1
16	Dukinfield T. (C) Home	3-1
23	Wigan A. Res. (C) Away	2-2
30	Wigan A. Res. (C) Home	3-1
Oct. 7	Ashton Utd. Away	1-0
14	Chorley Home	3-1
21	Blackpool Mech. Away	P.
28	Lytham-St.-Annes Home	6-1
31	Nelson (7-30) Home	4-1
Nov. 4	Darwen Away	1-0
11	—	—
18	Dukinfield T. Away	P.
25	Morecambe Home	0-0
Dec. 2	Chorley Away	—
9	Ashton Utd. Home	—
16	Horwich R.M.I. Away	—
23	Padham Home	—
26	Netherfield (Tues.)... Away	—
30	Netherfield Home	—
1968		
Jan. 6	Leyland Motors Away	—
13	—	—
20	Fleetwood Away	—
27	—	—
Feb. 3	Wigan A. Res. Home	—
10	Radcliffe Boro Home	—
17	Radcliffe Boro Home	—
24	Blackpool Mech. Home	—
Mar. 2	Lytham-St.-Annes Away	—
9	Fleetwood Home	—
16	Darwen Home	—
23	—	—
30	Dukinfield T. Home	—
Apr. 6	Morecambe Away	—
12	Lancaster C. (Fri.)... Home	—
13	Horwich R.M.I. Home	—
15	Lancaster C. (Mon.)... Away	—
20	Wigan A. Res. Away	—
27	Leyland Motors Home	—
May 4	Nelson Away	—
11	—	—

PORTRAIT GALLERY

LES CHAPMAN

Birthday—27th September (he was 19).

Career—After leaving Chadderton Grammar School (where he was chosen for Chadderton Boys team) he was invited to start with Huddersfield Town as an amateur centre-or-inside forward. He was 17. From leaving school he stayed with Huddersfield until the end of 1965-66 season. Visited Latics in September last year after making some promising shows with the junior sides as an amateur and accepted a full-time trial—which ended with him signing full-time pro' forms on February 1st this year.

Soccer ambition—To play in a F.A. Cup winning side at Wembley.

Hobbies—Car maintenance. Has started night school classes (once a week on the subject at Royton. "I've been going each Monday night since the school session started in September. I'm learning to tinker about with cars—I've got an affection for old cars. You know the Eliot Ness type from the Thirties. I'm on the look-out for an old model to buy—a 1930 type" he says. He likes table tennis, too, and has had it in his mind to take up golf. "It's a great sport. I took it up on the close-season tour to Rhodesia. I'd like to play regularly, but I never get round to it" he confesses.

Family—Not married, and he rates as the club's most eligible young bachelor.

Reading interests—Any magazines. "I don't like the thought of ploughing through big thick books. Magazines have short stories and I've more patience for that. I like soccer mag.s., and those on music. Though my favourite subject is science fiction" he continued.

Drinking tastes—Never touches a drop—unless it's tea. "With three lumps of sugar" he stipulates.

Food tastes—Lamb and pork chops. And cheese—New Zealand cooking cheese, he says with the air of a connoisseur.

Personal likes—Sunbathing on a warm, sunny beach. And "general messing about on the beach" he adds, inviting some pointed comments.

Personal dislikes—Winter weather. "All that fog, clammy cold. It makes me shudder" he shivers.

Model player—Bobby Charlton of Manchester United. Simply because "he's just great."

His other favourite club—Manchester United. "I always look for their result. I think it's because they are such a great team. I'm interested in how Huddersfield go on, but that's because I had a spell with them" he concluded.



LANCASHIRE COMBINATION

	Appearances	Goals		Appearances	Goals
Molyneux	11	—	Johnston	7	10
Makin	8	—	Goodwin	2	—
Nolan	11	—	Blore	2	3
Ledger	4	—	Bebbington	1	—
Lawson	7	—	Magee	5	4
Foster	6	1	Aitken	5	1
Quinn	7	—	Schofield	3	—
Bowie	6	—	Blair	6	—
Wood	9	2	McAuley	2	—
Smith	12	5	Frizzell	1	—
Chapman	6	1	Robins	1	—
Doyle	9	4	Fitton	1	—

COMBINATION SUBS.: Wood (1), Gee (1), McAuley (1), Robins (1), Aitken (1).

AND LEAGUE TABLE DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC RES.	7	6	1	0	19	3	13
Chorley Reserves	11	5	2	4	26	16	12
Fleetwood Reserves	7	5	1	1	26	11	11
Ashton United	8	5	1	2	20	13	11
Darwen	7	4	2	1	11	7	10
Lytham-St. Annes	9	4	1	4	14	23	9
Dukinfield Town	5	4	0	1	19	4	8
Radcliffe Borough	8	4	0	4	14	14	8
Morecambe Reserves	5	2	3	0	12	7	7
Wigan Athletic Reserves	8	3	1	4	13	10	7
Leyland Motors	7	3	1	3	16	19	7
Netherfield Reserves	7	3	0	4	22	24	6
Blackpool Mechanics	7	2	1	4	12	20	5
Horwich R.M.I. Reserves	8	1	2	5	15	26	4
Lancaster City Reserves	6	1	1	6	7	23	3
Padiham	8	1	0	5	8	18	2
Nelson	6	0	1	5	5	21	1

UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1967

NORTHERN FLOODLIT LEAGUE

All Kick-off at 7-30

Sept. 6 Crewe Alex.	Home	3-1	22 Crewe Alex.	Away	1-4
20 Wigan Ath.	Home	1-1	29 Wigan Ath.	Away	0-5
Oct. 4 Shrewsbury	Away	6-1	Dec. 6 Wigan Ath.	Home	—
11 Crewe Alex.	Away	1-2	13 Wigan Ath.	Away	—
18 Shrewsbury	Home	1-2	20 Crewe Alex.	Home	—
Nov. 8 Wigan Ath.	Away	P	Jan. 17 Shrewsbury	Away	—

AND APPEARANCES

	Appearances	Goals		Appearances	Goals
Molyneux	6	—	Smith	6	4
Hill	1	—	Chapman	4	—
Makin	5	—	Lawson	4	—
Ledger	2	1	Bowie	3	—
Wood	5	—	Doyle	4	—
Nolan	7	—	Blair	2	—
Foster	4	3	Schofield	2	—
Quinn	3	2	McAuley	3	1
Magee	3	1	Aitken	2	—
Johnston	5	—	Telfer	1	—
Blues	1	—	Blore	1	—
Towers	2	1			

FLOODLIT LEAGUE SUBS.: Aitken (1), Foster (1), Robins (1), McAuley (1), Doyle (1).

AND LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan Athletic	6	5	1	0	16	3	11
Crewe Alexandra	6	2	1	3	15	14	5
Oldham Athletic	6	2	1	3	12	12	5
Shrewsbury Town	6	1	1	4	8	22	3

UP TO AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1967

F.A. YOUTH CUP

FIRST ROUND—Beat Eccleshill 4-1.

TEAM: Fitton; Makin, Nolan; Blair, Schofield, Doyle; McAuley, Aitken, Quinn, Smith, Robins. Sub.: Hoolickin.

SCORERS: Robins, Doyle, Quinn (2). Played on Tuesday, November 7th.

SECOND ROUND—beaten by Manchester City 0-5.

TEAM: Barlow; Makin, Nolan; Blair, Schofield, *Doyle; Quinn, Aitken, Goodwin, Smith, Robins. Sub.: *McAuley.

Played on Monday, November 27th.

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SWINDON

Through the eyes of manager **DANNY WILLIAMS**

NEARLY everybody said Swindon would make it this season. Take the Latic's lads, for instance. Out of predictions from 16 players on the opening day of the campaign, one dozen tipsters took the Wiltshire club for their short-lists.

Currently, they're lying eighth. But it's still advisable to have a healthy respect for Danny Williams and his boys. And particularly when you hear the Swindon boss say . . . "I still think we're in with a chance for promotion.

That's what Danny said this week. There's proof that they mean business, too. This week they also shattered the hopes of a free-spending section of the football community by refusing to part with their high scoring winger Don Rogers. He's the boy who puts the dazzle in the Swindon attack, and the club have indicated cash would be a poor compensation if they let him go. Resisting pressures like these is nothing new to their directors—and good luck to them if they can keep it up.

With Rogers ripping through defences there's a better possibility that they'll strike the necessary formula for Division Two.

What's holding them up? "We are a good footballing side. But they don't let us play it in this division. If we got up I don't think we would come down, but it's mighty tough getting the necessary breaks this season. We're having all the bad luck going," Danny said.

"Once we strike a good seam, I'll be a lot happier. It's got to come and I am hoping it will be at Oldham's expense."

Injury Blows

"We hit the bar three times in the first five minutes at Southport and then they broke away to score. Against Reading we were shooting in, and then we conceded an own goal. This is what it's been like. We have also had the misfortune to have two players who haven't kicked a ball for us this season. Right winger Barry Lowes, whom we signed from Coventry, was injured in the first match of the season against Brighton.

"About a fortnight ago he had a cartilage operation

"Keith Morgan, our right half, has been nursing a knee injury since the close-season. You have got to have better breaks than this," continued the Swindon chief.

Danny is still cautious about what the future holds in the Third. Two teams have been impressive to Swindon eyes—Walsall, the present leaders, and Peterborough. But the manager was absent from the matches on other business.

"I believe they are both good teams. We apparently played well at Walsall but lost 3-2. We forced a home draw with Peterborough.

But when it comes to sorting out teams likely to provide stiff opposition at the top, then I must rate Shrewsbury. They have always been a fair side. We beat Watford 2-0 earlier this month, but they are not a bad team and come into my reckoning. Then there's Torquay, though we haven't played them so far.

"Apart from the fact that we don't get many opportunities to play our brand of football I think far too many teams play defensively away from home. Don't worry—we don't. I don't believe in it," he concluded.

Carey Compliment

Forgetting the Rogers serial over the past week, there's not been much transfer activity at the County ground.

An early-season signing, Dave Harper from Ipswich Town, failed to settle down and has since been

sold to the Orient. Danny went delving into East Anglia for his other capture, winger Don Heath, whom he bought from Norwich City.

Swindon are a team of talents, and they have got the international gloss on their game. Apart from the England Under-23 background of Rogers they've got the sound centre half services of Mel Nurse, whose name was almost household in the Welsh team at one stage in his career.

Last season I remember Nottingham Forest manager John Carey emerging from a tingling F.A. Cup series with Swindon and exclaiming how far removed this opposition was from Third Division standards. He's right. That's why I'm sticking to Swindon for my final promotion analysis, and I haven't heard any of the Latic's lads changing their minds, either.

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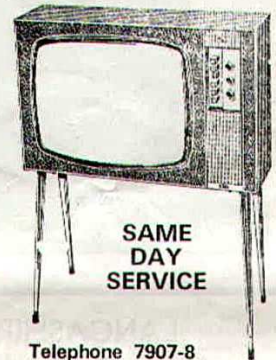
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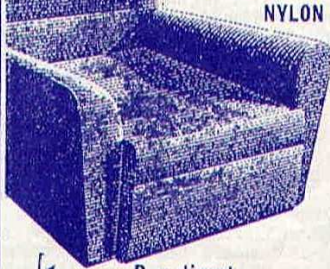
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THE TEAMS

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH: A fearless, agile player who has done much to strengthen the defence since his arrival from Halifax Town at the beginning of the 1965-66 season. Born in Halifax, he is a product of soccer in that area. Figured in 26 League games last season. 5ft. 10½in. and 12st. 5lbs.

OWEN DAWSON: A former Youth International, he joined the club in June 1962 from Portsmouth. A fast, tenacious player who was frequently chosen for first team duty until losing his place through injury. He figured in 13 League games last season. Hails from Hatfield, he's 5ft. 10ins. and 11st.

JOHN TROLLOPE: A local boy who joined the Swindon ground staff from school, and gained first team recognition at the beginning of the '60-61 season—at the age of 16. Ever-present during that season, and since then he has a remarkable record of never missing a match during '61-62, '62-63, '65-66 and '66-67. 5ft. 10ins. and 11st.

JOE BUTLER: Began his career with his home-town club, Newcastle United. Graduated through their junior ranks and made three League appearances for them whilst they were in the Second Division. Was sold to Swindon in August, 1965, and since his arrival has just completed a half-century of senior appearances with them. 5ft. 7¾in. and 9st 13lbs.

MEL NURSE: Holder of 12 Welsh international caps—the first 9 being gained while he was on the books of Swansea Town. The Welsh club sold him to Middlesbrough for a reputed £25,000 in September, 1962 and three years later, at the beginning of the '65-66 season, he journeyed South to the County Ground. Missed only 3 League games last season and scored 6 goals. 6ft. ½ins. and 12st. 12lbs.

STAN HARLAND: Ever-present with Carlisle United in their '64-65 promotion team before he joined the Southern club in July, 1966. Began his career with Everton, the local club, and when he was released signed for Bradford City, from whom Carlisle bought him. Made his debut with them at the start of the season and finished as an ever-present. He's a six footer, and weighs 12st 7lbs.

DON HEATH: A comparative newcomer to the staff being signed this season from Norwich City for whom he played in half of last season's Second Division games. Spent three full years at Norwich after being given a free transfer by Middlesbrough at the end of '63-64. 5ft. 5ins. and 11st.

WILLIE PENMAN: Signed for a considerable fee from Newcastle United in September, 1966. A Scot, from Wemyss, Fife, he has

also seen service with Glasgow Rangers. A clever ball-playing inside forward he appeared in 38 League matches last term and netted 10 times. 5ft. 8ins. and 11st. 7lbs.

PAT TERRY: Joined the club during 1966-67 from Reading, and celebrated by scoring in his first match against Grimsby Town. Was Reading's leading goalscorer in '65-66 and also cracked in 13 for them in 28 League games before he joined Swindon. Finished last season with a further 18 League games and 7 goals. 5ft. 9½ins. and 12st. 6lbs.

ROGER SMART: A local boy, he worked his way through the club's junior teams and at 17 was appearing regularly in the reserve team. Excels as a deep lying inside-forward, which also makes him suited to playing at wing-half. Made his League debut in '61-62 and has since figured in well over 150 League games. 5ft. 11ins. and 11st. 4lbs.

DON ROGERS: Is probably the most sought-after player outside the First Division and was one of last season's notable goal-getters. Joined the club when he was only 15 and his talents were soon recognised. Holder of many England Youth International caps and also Under-23 honours. Last season notched 25 goals in his 46 League games. Hails from Paulton near Bristol, he's 5ft. 10ins. and 12st. 6lbs.

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DAVID BEST

2—Right Back
BILL ASPREY

4—Right Half
JIMMY FRIZZELL

7—Outside Right
REG BLORE

8—Inside Right
ERIC MAGEE

5—Centre Half
ALLAN HUNTER

9—Centre Forward
BOB LEDGER

3—Left Back
WALTER JOYCE

6—Left Half
KEN KNIGHTON

10—Inside Left
ALAN PHILPOTT

11—Outside Left
KEITH BEBBINGTON

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DON ROGERS
11—Outside Left

ROGER SMART
10—Inside Left
STAN HARLAND
6—Left Half

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