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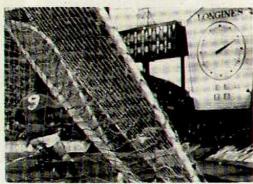


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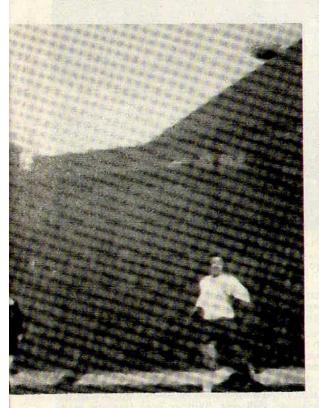
For the Men of the Midlands

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GROOVE

We thought that Trevor Francis's goal against Cardiff City on Boxing Day would open the way to a new spell of scoring for our 17-year-old forward—and that's how it has turned out! Including the Cardiff game, Trevor has now bagged four in three St Andrew's fixtures and Ray Harris's pictures show his "double" in the 3-0 win against Port Vale.

LEFT: Trevor loses his "shadow", Tony Loska, and shoots home after a mis-clearance from Vale centre half Roy Cross. BELOW: Trevor soars in above Loska to head a second-half goal from a long centre by Gordon Taylor. The smaller pictures show the deadly accuracy of Trevor's finishing from positions that were considered "half chances", according to Vale 'keeper Stuart Sharratt



Spot the slip

Our Deliberate Error in the Port Vale programme was spotted only by those readers with long memories. The answer: we played our 1951 FA Cup semi-final replay at Goodison Park and not Anfield. As a result of a "lucky dip" among the correct entries, the winner of the £1 prize is Mr. R. F. Dixon, 114 Willes Road, Winson Green, Birmingham.

Send today's entries to: "Spot the Slip", Birmingham City Pools Office, 26 Cattell Road, Birmingham 9. Postcards only, please.

FREDDIE



TALKING

It came as rather a surprise to me to hear the groans from some spectators when our players were recently seen to attempt to play a short corner. It is surprising, because it is a tactic which can be used to good effect.

One of the problems we have found in several of our matches, when we have tried the orthodox corner into the goalmouth, has been that there are so many players (up to 18 sometimes) in that small area. It is almost impossible for any of our players to find room to use their heading ability.

When a player goes out for a short corner, the defending side have to send out two defenders to mark our two players out there, so even if the ball is crossed direct into the goalmouth from the corner, we have at least opened out that area more than it was before. There are also other benefits from a

There are also other benefits from a situation like this, particularly if the defending team send only one player out in which case there would be a 2-1 situation in our favour. It is up to us to try to take advantage of these situations and your understanding of what we are attempting can help the players and give them confidence to try new moves.

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The game is changing all the time and players have to adapt themselves to different situations as they develop their game. The more variety a team has in its armoury, the more difficult for opponents to cope with

Today, we welcome Swindon Town, now being controlled by Dave Mackay. So many words have been written about him as a player that I cannot say anything that has not already been said, but I wish him well in his managerial career, although I hope that any luck going today is coming our way.

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We managed to break our unenviable record of no away wins with a 1-0 success at Watford. I can honestly say we have played better away from home than we did on Saturday and lost. But that is football and I feel sure that the anxiety which tends to creep into your game, when you are having a spell like that, will disappear now that we have broken our duck.

at ST ANDREWS today



SWINDON TOWN FC, 1971-72 ... Back row (left to right): Smart, Downsborough, Jones (R), Rogers. Middle: Jones (C), Trollope, Burrows, Horsfield, Butler. Front: Thomas, Peplow, Mackay, Noble.

It is still less than three years since Swindon Town achieved their famous feat of beating Arsenal in the Final of the Football League Cup—yet much has happened at the Wiltshire club in the short space of time since that day of glory at Wembley Stadium.

On the success side, they completed promotion from the Third Division in the same season and, the following year, carried off the Anglo-Italian Cup. In addition, money raised from those profitable seasons enabled Swindon to build a modern grandstand, which was opened this term and allowed them to reach a record crowd of 32,000 for the recent Cup-tie against Arsenal.

Most of the players from the League Cup side remain on their books—though two of the departures, have close associations with the West Midlands. Skipper Stan Harland is, of course, here at St Andrew's, while midfield man John Smith is coach at Walsall with another giant-killing mission to plot at Everton next Saturday.

It is in management that Swindon have displayed a rapidly-changing face. Danny Williams, who took them to the Cup and promotion double, went soon afterwards to join Sheffield Wednesday and his successor, Fred Ford, left the County Ground last November.

Team matters now rest in the hands of Dave Mackay, signed from Derby County last summer and given the manager's duties a couple of months ago. Although the world-famous Scottish international wing half is still very much part of the playing staff, he is gradually making the switch to full-time administration and, only last Saturday, he revealed his priorities by leaving the team to travel on a scouting mission.

Mackay intends to go on playing until at least the end of this season, but he says: "Although I pick the team and am responsible for discipline, my title remains team-captain, not player-manager." Mackay believes that it is too much for one man to do two jobs and adds: "When I stop playing will be the time to start regarding me as a manager."

The arrival of the former Tottenham and Derby personality created a rush of interest among the Swindon public last summer when the demand for season-tickets was higher than usual. However, results were disappointing in the early months of the season and the £250,000 new stand has rarely been filled to its capacity. Indeed, attendances have fallen below last season's level.

There were two significant explanations behind Swindon's slow start. First, there was their misfortune in collecting six away dates in the first nine fixtures, and, secondly, there

Swindon Town

was the tactical re-shuffle needed to accommodate Mackay in his specialist role in the back-four. For a time, Stan Harland was pushed forward into midfield, but this move was not a success for either the side or the player. Eventually, Swindon decided to part with their Wembley captain—and that's where we stepped in with a successful five-figure offer.

Swindon's first result of the season—a 4-1 beating at Blackpool—was the signpost for a trying period in the club's fortune. The first hint of improvement came in a 4-0 win against Fulham, which was promptly followed by their first away success, by a solitary goal at Cardiff. But they managed only one win in the next ten matches, during which they gathered four goals, and only one of those from a forward.

But the Mackay influence began to show in the team's readiness to fight their way out of trouble. He was as forthright as ever in driving home his demands to the players. "I made it clear that they would have to do better," he said. "Otherwise, there would be changes."

The message was received and understood. Swindon came out of the doldrums with a 2-1 win at Burnley and, since then, their only defeats have been against the promotion-seekers, Norwich City and Queen's Park Rangers. Most encouraging was the return to scoring form by Don Rogers, who scored two goals in each of the successive victories over Portsmouth and Fulham.



STAN HARLAND . . . pictured as skipper of Swindon's League Cup winning side. Now he is on the rival side today!

Swindon are unbeaten in their last four League matches—having dropped only one point to Carlisle—and a 2-1 win against Hull last Saturday proved there was no reaction to the Cup defeat by Arsenal.

LAST SEASON'S RESULT

BIRMINGHAM CITY 2 (Vincent, Robinson), SWINDON TOWN 1 (Noble)

Birmingham: Kelly; Martin, Pendrey; Hockey, Hynd, Robinson; Murray, Campbell, Vowden, Vincent, Summerill.

Swindon: Jones (R); Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Burrows (sub: Gough), Harland; Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers.

Attendance: 18,502.

SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded: 1881. Elected to League Division III: 1920. Ground: The County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. Record Attendance: 32,000, v Arsenal (FA Cup). January, 1972. Runners-up, Division III: 1962-63, 1968-69. Football League Cup winners: 1989. Anglo-Italian Tournament winners: 1970.

RECORD IN LAST TEN SEASONS

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1966-67 3 8th	20 50	1961-62	3 9th 17	45

PEN PICTURES

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH (Goalkeeper): Born Halifax. Signed in August, 1965, from Halifax Town. Regular member promotion-winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1968/69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969. Played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70.

ROY JONES (Goalkeeper): Born Clactonon-Sea. Signed for Swindon in October, 1967, after obtaining his release from the RAF. Played in Anglo Italian Competition Winning Team Season 1969/70.

OWEN DAWSON (Right back): Born Hatfield. Joined the Club from Portsmouth in June, 1962. He was a regular first team player until he was unlucky to lose his place through injury. A former Youth International and regular member of promotion winning

side of Season 1968/69.

ROD THOMAS (Full back): Born Glyncorrwg. Signed from Gloucester City in July, 1964. Has gained Welsh Under-23 Caps and full Welsh Caps. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1968/69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969 and played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70. JOE BUTLER (Full back): Born Newcastle

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ROGER SMART (Midfield): Born Swindon. A local player who joined the Club direct from Swindon boys. At 17, he was appearing regularly at centre-forward in the Reserve Team, but he excells as a deeplying inside forward. A versatile player who is able to play at wing-half. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1968/69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969 and played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70. FRANK BURROWS (Centre half): Born Larkhall, Scotland. Joined Swindon from Scunthorpe, for whom he played for 3 seasons. Formerly with Raith Rovers. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1969/70. Played in League Cup Winners of Season 1969/70. Played in League Cup 1969/70. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70.

DON ROGERS (Outside right or left): Born Paulton. He was signed by Swindon when only 15. Gained many England, Youth International Caps and subsequently played for England Under-23's. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1968/69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70.

DAVE MACKAY

PETER NOBLE (Inside forward): Born Sunderland, Joined Swindon from New-castle in January, 1968. Prefers to play an attacking role. Regular member of promotion winning side of Season 1968/69. Played in Football League Cup Final winning team of Season 1968/69. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969, and played in Anglo Italian Competition.

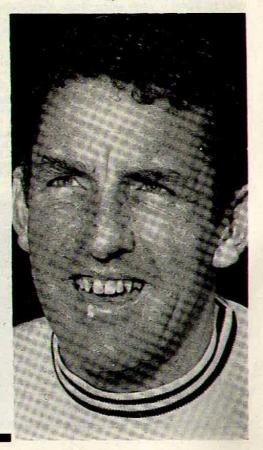
CHRIS JONES (Centre forward): Born Altrincham. A hard working centre forward signed from Manchester City. Played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70.

ARTHUR HORSFIELD (Inside forward): Born Newcastle. Signed from Newcastle. Previously played for Middlesbrough, whom he joined as a Youth International. Top goal scorer last season. Played in League Cup Winners Cup winning team of 1969 and played in Anglo Italian Competition winning team Season 1969/70.

STEPHEN PEPLOW (Outside right): Born Liverpool. Played for Liverpool Schoolboys, and joined Liverpool from school. Made 3 First Team appearances Season 1969/70 for Liverpool.

RAY BUNKELL (Wing half): Born Tottenham. Joined Swindon during the close season from Tottenham, where he was a regular Football Combination player. He also played for the England Youth Team.

CHRIS PORTER (Outside left): Born Bridgwater. Signed from Bridgwater in 1969, and made 17 League appearances last





JOHN TROLLOPE

DAVE MACKAY (Defender): Born Edinburgh. He commenced his professional career with the Scottish club, Hearts, in 1951. Was transferred to Tottenham in 1953 and joined Derby in Season 1967/68. He was capped 26 times for Scotland and is the holder of a Scottish League Cup Winners' medal, Scottish FA Cup Winners' medal and FA Cup Winners' medal. In addition, he is also the possessor of a European Cup Winners' medal which he obtained with Tottenham. He is probably the only player who has played both for the Scottish League and the English League. Signed by Swindon in May, 1971. Now in charge of team management, having taken over from Fred Ford during the season.

PAUL PETERSON (Full back): Born Luton. Signed during the close season from Leeds, whom he joined from School. Played three games for the First Team and regularly for the Central League side. Originally played at outside-left.

DAVID DANGERFIELD (Inside forward): Born Nailsworth, An English Schoolboy International who signed for Swindon as a professional in 1969. Had three League games last season.

TERRY HUBBARD (Inside forward): Born Newport. Formerly an apprentice professional and signed professional in 1969. Made debut last Saturday.

DAVID MOSS (Outside right): Born Witney. Signed professional for Swindon in 1969.

Spotlight on . . . JOHN TROLLOPE

- Many famous players have been developed in the Swindon nursery, but few have repaid the club so handsomely as local lad John Trollope. He joined them straight from school, made his League debut when he was still 16 in August, 1960—and remained everpresent for a run of 368 matches!
- Had he not broken his arm in a game at Hartlepool in August, 1968, he could have gone on to beat the Football League record of 401 successive games set up by Tranmere's Harold Bell between 1946 and 1957.
- As soon as he was fit again, John resumed his place in the side and is again a model of consistency. With a bit of luck he should make his 500th League appearance this season.
- John has played out two promotioncampaigns with Swindon—1962/63 and 1968/69—but his finest moment came on Wembley's mud-pie pitch on a March day in 1969 as a member of the Swindon side which defied all odds to crush mighty Arsenal in the League Cup final.
- Had he not preferred to have remained loyal to his home-town club, John might well have made a name for himself in First Division football like several of his colleagues—Mike Summerbee, Bobby Woodruff and Ernie Hunt among them.
- Instead, John stayed at the County Ground, as did Don Rogers. And over the years these two have built up a wonderful understanding on the left flank. John could surpass one League "best", though it is still quite a long way off. At 28, there's time to challenge Jimmy Dickinson's total of 764 League games for one club.

JOHN TROLLOPE'S LEAGUE CAREER:

Swindon	Apps	GIs		Apps	Gls
1960-61	44	0	1967-68	46	2
1961-62	46	1	1968-69	19(1)	1
1962-63	46	1	1969-70	42	2
1963-64	42	0	1970-71	39	0
1964-65	42	2			_
1965-66	46	3	Total	458(1)	14
1966-67	46	2			0.00

PEN PICTURES

AT HOME WITH

As a youngster in his native Dublin, Tommy Carroll was "soccer-mad". His obsession with the game took him all over the city in search of any match that was going—and it also went perilously near to curtailing his courtship of Jean, the girl whom he subsequently married.

"I was forever limping round to Jean's house to take her walking and she let me know in no uncertain manner that she didn't fancy being married to a professional footballer," say Tommy. Jean's version was different: "It was just that every time he called he seemed to have some injury or other and it began to look as if he was physically handicapped or something".

In the end, Tommy was fortunate enough to get the best of both worlds—a professional career that has taken him to numerous countries and Jean, as his wife and mother of his three children David (10), Adrieaane (9) and Elaine $(4\frac{1}{2})$.

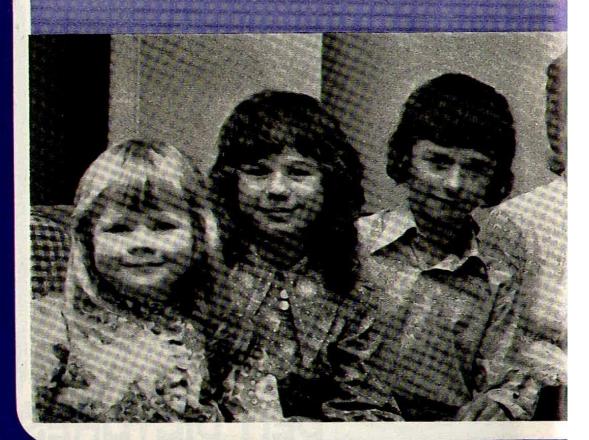
"It all really started with my fether, who was just crazy about football," says Tommy. "He used to tell me "It's the best thing in the world but if you don't want to

play it, don't play it'. This is exactly what I am saying to my own son, David, now that he has started to shown an aptitude for the game.

"I wasn't pushed and I'm not going to push him. I've had a look at his game and it seems as if he has the makings. He's interested and needs coaching, but I want him to approach me about it. Every footballer hopes his son will prove to be another George Best. But, if my lad wanted to play and could only get as good and enjoyable a living out of the game as I have, then there will be no complaints.

"I literally walked into football on a serious level. My elder brother, Eddie, was playing for Shelbourne Under-18's and he asked me to keep him company as he walked to a training session. I did and joined in and after a spell with the minors' side, I played for the first team when I was fifteen and a half.

"But it was not until 1962 that I played at full back. I played in every other position for Shelbourne, including goalkeeper and won medals for the League of Ireland Champion-



Tommy Carroll

ship, the Irish Cup, the League Cup and President's Cup.

"We went into Europe and played against Sporting Lisbon in 1961 and, the following year, we did exceptionally well against Barcelona, losing by only 2-1 over there and getting a 1-1 draw at home. Of course, I was only a part-timer, my trade being a floor-and-wall tiler and carpet-layer.

"This stood me in good stead on my travels, because in 1964 I moved to Cambridge City. By that time, I had already earned three amateur international caps, playing against Great Britain and Holland in the qualifying rounds of the Olympics, and I have also made ten Inter-League appearances against Italy, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

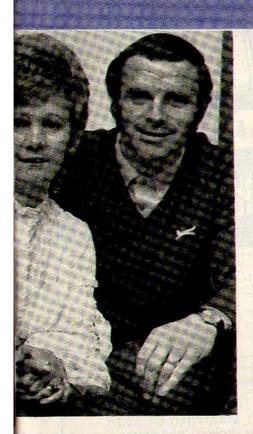
"It was while I was with Cambridge—I was there for two seasons—that I won an Under-23 cap against France and then Ipswich came along and I became an adopted East Anglian. The funny thing was I could well have become a 'semi-Georgie', for Newcastle came for me just hours after I had signed for Town.

"I've played 14 times for Eire, against a wide variety of countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, West Germany, Sweden, Austria, Spain and Denmark—but my greatest thrills were my first cap and my first goal.

"My first cap came just four days after lpswich had won the Second Division championship in 1968 and my first goal came on my last international appearance—from the penalty spot against Sweden."

So globe-trotting Tommy arrived at St Andrew's. How has Jean taken his soccer wanderings? She answers: "It can be difficult, because you generally find that just when you have your home nice and comfortable and you're putting your feet up, then you have to move and start all over again.

"It's not so bad for the children—they adapt quite easily and make new friends—but I'm glad we're back in a city. Birmingham's fine with me. I'm glad to be here and I know Tommy's hoping to make a real success of his career with Blues."





Tommy Carroll, wife Jean, and David, Adrieaane and Elaine pose for cameraman Roger Parker. "It's nice to be back in a city," says Jean. "As a Dublin girl, it was difficult for me to feel at home in towns like Cambridge and Ipswich." David, 10, has recently become the second footballer in the family. "Every player would like his son to turn out to be a second George Best—but I'm not going to push him into anything," says Tommy.



Welcome to Geoff

Geoff Greaves, a man with 12 years' experience in various fund-raising schemes, begins his duties as Promotions Manager for Birmingham City next Tuesday. Leicestershire-born Mr. Greaves is joining our staff for the second time, for he was a pools representative for two years until 1968.

Since leaving St Andrew's, he has added to his knowledge of this specialist business—mainly in fund-raising and public relations for a private organisation and also for six months in football on Merseyside.

Geoff, and his Birmingham-born wife, Pat, and their two children, Jeremy and Sally, are already living in the City, so he has an insight into the people and projects connected with his new appointment. Looking to his future with Blues, he outlined the ambitions of the specialist departments . . .

★ POOLS: An entirely new operation will be launched next week, to be based very much in the Birmingham and West Midlands area. Every pools ticket will contain a free line on a Treble Chance entry for Vernons Pools and, each week, major prizes MUST be won, including a week-end in Paris for two (see page 19 for more details).

"The Pool is important—indeed, vital—to the club," says Mr. Greaves. "The money raised gives better facilities for the supporters and that means that any profit accumulated through the turnstiles is available for team improvements."

The main achievement of the former Pool was to finance the £80,000 City Stand, including the St Andrew's Club.

★ PUBLIC RELATIONS: This is another important part of my job. Birmingham City are a friendly club and we have many ideas in mind to make you feel a part of YOUR club. Next Wednesday, there will be a special gathering at the St Andrew's Club for old and existing pools agents. Manager Freddie Goodwin and the players will be in attendance and cabaret and buffet will be provided free.

If you would like to sign on as an agent and many more are needed—enrol at the Pools Office in Cattell Road . . . and then





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Greaves

you will be eligible for similar functions in the future.

★ PROGRAMME, CATERING AND AD-VERTISING: "The first two items have a dual role," says Mr. Greaves. "The programme is to entertain and inform, catering is for your added enjoyment of the game; and, of course, both are intended to make a profit which will be translated to your comfort in time."

"I am aware of the programme's high reputation within the game, but point out that it has been going in its present form for some time. We must not stand still, even with a good product. Therefore, a re-styled magazine will be presented next season, with more prominence for the Supporters' Club—and other fans. Please contribute your suggestions and we'll be ready to listen."

★ BEAUTIQUE: A full-time manageress of the club's official souvenir shop will be joining the staff and it is planned to open two more sites on the ground. At the moment, stocks are down while we await the design of a new club badge, which will be featured on all new items.



TICKET ARRANGEMENTS

F.A. CUP — FOURTH ROUND

Birmingham City v Ipswich Town SATURDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 1972

This is not an all ticket match.

Will Season Ticket Holders please apply immediately enclosing Form B together with correct remittance and S.A.E.

Prices are: Centre Stand—90p Wing and City Stand—70p Paddock Enclosure—50p

Ground Tickets are available to Holders of Ground Season Tickets:

Adults-30p, Juniors-15p.

All Season Ticket Holders must apply before January 31st.

As Ipswich Town have taken their full allocation, applications at the moment can only be accepted for reserved seating from Season Ticket Holders.

BLUES on view

Birmingham City 3, Port V

Roger Hynd had pleyed 74 senior games for Blues before the Third Round Cup-tie against Port Vale . . . and he hadn't achieved his ambition of getting on the score-sheet. But those of you who made up the near-33,000 crowd will have a clear recollection of Roger netting with a ninth-minute header.

Actually, it seems strange that Roger hadn't scored before. He has always been a dangerous part of our set-piece situations, but never had the luck to hit the target himself. This time, it was different when Gord in Taylor cracked in a







Birmingham City 3, Port Vale 0, January 15th, 1972

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corner kick and Roger appeared at the far post to head firmly

past Stuart Sharratt.

You can see from the main picture that Roger had escaped into a position clear of defensive cover. On the bottom left, goalkeeper Sharratt sums up Vale's dejection and, bottom right, Roger accepts the congratulations which had been stored up since his signing from Crystal Palace in 1970!

Pictures: Ray Harris.





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St Andrew's loyalist Johnny Watts made his final appearance in Blues' first-team in the Easter fixture against Everton in 1963. It was an unhappy farewell, for Johnny was injured in the first half and, with Blues reduced to ten men, the Goodison side earned a late victory. The match is recalled with information from the Birmingham Post Library.

UNHAPPY FAREWELL FOR JOHNNY WATTS

Blues, fighting for survival in the First Division, could not have wished a tougher Easter on themselves in 1963 had they tried. They kicked off with a trip to Nottingham and then came the real crunch, two battles with Championship-chasing Everton, first at Goodison and then back at St Andrew's.

On current form, City could not have been expected to gather much more than a couple of points from the three fixtures and that would not have been much of a help in their "anti-drop" campaign. As it happened, they were desperately unlucky not to get five out of a possible six points.

They shook Forest by romping to a 2-0 win at City Ground and, their confidence boosted, took on mighty Everton at Goodison and gave the Toffeemen—they went on to win the Championship—a real fright. Everton had not been beaten at home for 35 matches. Manager Harry Catterick, in only his second season with the Merseysiders, had built a formidable attacking team and spent lavishly to make Everton a truly top-flight outfit.

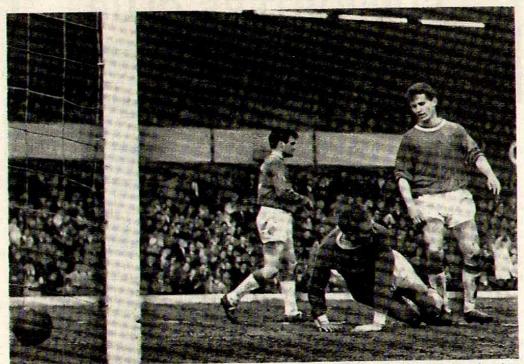
But, with ex-Evertonians Colin Green and Jimmy Harris in sparkling form against their former colleagues, Blues went into a 2-1 lead with goals from Jimmy Bloomfield and Ken Leek and were foiled of shattering the unbeaten home record by an equaliser just 13 minutes from the end!

So Blues had won three points from their first two holiday matches—a totally unexpected haul—and were bemoaning their luck at not having had a 100 per cent dividend. But the price had been high, for Trevor Smith, who had done so much to curb the twin-striking Alex Young and Roy Vernon, was injured at Goodison and was ruled out of the return.

The defence was re-drafted and Johnny Watts, ever-reliable, came in at centre half. It was to be a day of misery for both Blues and Watts, himself. For this game was to be the last time Johnny played in the Blues senior side and the injury he received was largely responsible for the curtailment of a dozen years of steadfast service.

Watts had joined Blues in 1951 and throughout his hundreds of games earned himself a reputation as a 100 per cent club man, a player who gave his all whether in his favourite right half spot or anywhere else in the defence. And, at the time of his injury, he had succeeded in subduing the powerful Everton front runners.





Dejection for Blues' defenders, Colin Green, Johnny Schofield and Malcolm Beard, when Everton snatched a late winner at St Andrew's in 1963—and two more points towards their Championship success.

When he injured his left ankle in a tackle on Young and was carried off by the Blues trainer, it was typical of him to make two plucky attempts to return to the field of play. Although in great pain, he hobbled on the wing and tried to make a contribution to the uphill struggle. But, eventually, after just one agonising kick at the ball in the first minute of the second half, he had to call it a day and leave his ten colleagues to withstand the battering as best they could.

In the first half—played at a leisurely pace compared to the white-hot exchanges of the first clash at Goodison—there had been only a couple of goalmouth incidents. Once Schofield was left stranded a long way from home and the Blues defenders desperately cleared the ball away as Everton swamped at them, trying to force it into the vacant net.

Then Stevens was floored from behind right in front of goal, but the referee's whistle did not sound. At the other end, West had no palpitations until Hellawell was left with only the 'keeper to beat and inexplicably poked the ball straight into his hands.

There had not been a great deal of aggression from the City attack and in the second half, with Terry Hennessey making an effective make-shift centre half, and Ken Leek operating at left half, there was even less to be seen from the home forward line.

So is became purely a question of whether Blues could hold on to their point. There were narrow escapes by the dozen. Rushton and Schofield bundled the ball out of danger on one occasion; on another, Young headed against the post; and Schofield saved in quick succession from Young and Vernon.

Then—when the worst seemed over—the Birmingham defence succombed to the least-likely danger. Everton grouped up on the left wing, there was a sudden pass from Kay to Vernon, and the Welsh International shot the ball past Schofield in the flamboyant style which was his trademark.

City had every right to feel dejected—none more than the hapless Watts, who had watched the brave but vain struggle from the trainers' bench.

HOW THEY LINED UP BIRMINGHAM CITY O, EVERTON 1 (Vernon) BIRMINGHAM CITY: Schofield; Rushton, Green; Hennessey, Watts, Beard; Hellswell; Bloomfield, Harris, Lock, Auld. EVERTON: West; Parker, Meagan; Gabriel, Healop, Kay; Scott, Stevens, Young, Vernon, Morrissey. ATTENDANCE: 29,668

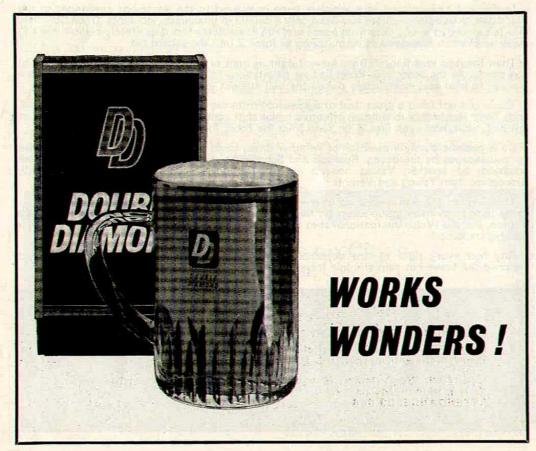
SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS DESK

Supporters Club Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due. The final date for renewal is February 29th next. Postal remittances should include a stamped addressed envelope, for reply. Fees are as follows; Supporters and Social Members, 75p, Ordinary Members 25p, and Juniors under 15 years, 12½p. Payment can of course be made to the Secretary, St Andrew's Club, Emmeline Street, during the evenings.

The search is now afoot, to find the young lady who will finally be elected to the title of "Miss Football" Birmingham City, for 1972. Entrants must be over the age of 16. This year's event is sponsored by Warners Holiday Camps Ltd., and the winner of the Birmingham City title, will go forward to the Midland Area Final, to be held at Corby in April next. There are many attractive girls

supporting the "Blues", so don't be shy, leave your name and address at the St Andrew's Club, right away. February 28th is the date when the Queen selection will be made, at a Grand Dance at the St Andrew's Club. It is hoped that Members of the playing staff will be present, to help judge the event. Tickets are now available at 30p each, from Committee Members at H.Q.

New members are always welcome at the Supporters Club, especially fans ready to assist the Football Club in the very important field of Fund Raising. This is a most essential part of the game today, especially when sights are trained on reaching Division One, with all the ensuing expense. Anyone interested in this field, can get information from the Secretary, at the Club, during the evening Licensing Hours.



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On the move

At one time, BURNLEY never had to be worried about the goalkeeping spot while they had the safe hands of England's Colin McDonald and, later, those of Scotland's Adam Blacklaw.

Yet, in the last 18 months, they seem to have had their troubles in filling the position. An injury interrupted the promising career of England Under-23 cap Peter Mellor and, in emergency, they tempted Liverpool coach Tony Waiters out of playing retirement to resume the duties he once held for Blackpool and England.

Now, Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson has entered the transfer market to pay a reported £50,000 for Chesterfield's muchadmired Alan Stevenson. In order to clinch the deal, Burnley allowed Mellor to switch to Chesterfield while the Derbyshire club searched for a permanent replacement.

With a run of over 100 consecutive games behind him, Stevenson attracted attention from a lot of big clubs, but Burnley made the first move and now hope that they have done as well as Leicester City some years ago. They also went to Chesterfield for a goalkeeper—and came away with Gordon Banks.

Incidentally, Burnley are now overloaded with goalkeepers. They still have Mellor plus Jeff Parton, the current choice for the Welsh Under-23 team, and Alan Aubrey, a 6ft 3½ in tall giant who is on trial from Bradford Park Avenue, now of the Northern Premier League.

PRESTON NORTH END have been in prolonged negotiations with Manchester City for "package" deal of around £80,000 to sign the First Division club's experienced players, David Connor and Neil Young. The "double-switch" was in the discussion stage for over a week, with no news of a decision from Connor, who had previously rejected moves to Everton and Tottenham.

Technicalities were also holding up the signature of Young, the scorer of City's winning goal against Leicester in the 1969 FA Cup Final.

Both eventually signed a fortnight ago.

One in, one out. That was the story of CARDIFF CITY'S deals with Mansfield Town. They took back goalkeeper John Williams after two months on loan to the Nottinghamshire club and then allowed George Gibbs, a member of last season's Youth Cup Final side, to leave for a trial with Mansfield.

BLACKPOOL manager Bob Stokoe also went out to buy a new goalkeeper, paying £7,000 to East Stirling for George Wood. He agreed to add another £3,000 if Wood makes 12 League appearances.



ALAN STEVENSON

PORTSMOUTH'S concern about slipping close to the relegation zone after their big defeat at St Andrew's caused manager Ron Tindall to agree terms of around £15,000 for Blackburn Rovers' experienced full back, Billy Wilson.

Before Wilson gave his decision, Mr. Tindall had covered the money by selling midfield player **Brian Bromley** to Brighton. Bromley had spent two spells on loan to

Division talking points

the Third Division club this season and played a big part in Brighton's rise into the promotion reckoning.

Portsmouth also took the first step in their plan to foster talent from Waterlooville, the Hampshire club now playing in the Southern League. Kim Manns, a teenager who is apprenticed as an electrician, signed professional forms for Waterlooville. Pompey have the rest of the season to decide whether to transfer him to the Fratton Park staff as a full League professional.

Jottings

Have Burnley found another star for the future? That question was posed when Ray Hankin, a 15-year-old discovery from Wallsend scored a debut goal in the Central League. The following week he did even better . . . slamming a hat-trick past Blackburn Reserves!

CARDIFF CITY'S problems have been associated with their defence—though there didn't seem anything wrong when they tamed the free-scoring Sheffield United attack in a shock 3-1 Cup win. But manager Jimmy Scoular is still searching for a defensive wing half.

So far, he has had little luck. He was pipped at the post when trying for Stan Harland and, then, Tom Walley, who moved from Watford to Orient. Mr. Scoular's latest "blank"... Leeds told him they could not consider selling Welsh Under-23 captain Terry Yorath. Mr. Scoular said: "They told me they needed him because he is their only cover for Norman Hunter."

Still with Cardiff . . . they have drawn an away tie with Llanelli in the Welsh Cup quarter-final, but the Camarthenshire club were considering a switch to Ninian Park because they have no floodlights.

Although OXFORD UNITED'S 18,000 gate for the visit of Liverpool in the FA Cup was roughly 4,500 below the ground

record, the receipts of £9,000 were £3,000 in excess of the previous best for another Cup game against Preston in 1964.



PETER MELLOR

About Blues

Stoke Evening Sentinel reporter Chris Harper paid tribute to Trevor Francis's brilliant second goal in the Cup-tie against Port Vale. He wrote:

"Defeat for Vale seemed inevitable when Birmingham scored a third goal in the 56th minute—and what a splendid effort it was! When Taylor swung over a long, dipping centre from the left, the ball travelled to Francis, who was stationed behind Loska, and the Birmingham teenager beat Sharratt with a perfectly-placed header inside the far post."

Mr. Harper's final summary of the match said: "Vale were well beaten, but not disgraced in a hard-fought match, in which the defence stole the honours."

blues appearances 1971/72

MATCH DETAILS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st BRISTOL C 1, BIRMINGHAM CITY 0 Bristol C: Gibson; Wimshurst, Drysdale; Wilson, Bruton, Merrick; Tainton, Spring, Galley, Sweeney, Gow. Sub: Emanuel. Birmingham: Latchford (D); Carroll, Pendrey; Page, Hynd, Harland; Campbell, Francis, Latchford (R), Hatton, Summerill. Sub: Smith. Scorer: Galley. Att: 17,457.

B'HAM C RES 3, CARDIFF C RES 1 Birmingham: Cooper; Howitt, Martin; Jenkins, Robinson, Good, Fryer, Bowker, Burns, Phillips, Thwaites, Sub: Harrison. B'ham scorers: Burns (2), Phillips.

BIRMINGHAM CITY 4, WOLVES 2 (Midland Intermediate League)
Birmingham: Osborne; Smith (J), Whitehead; Calderwood, Callaghan, Carvell; Hall, Emmanuel, Allen, Needham, Fellows.
B'ham scorers: Allen (2), Smith, Needham.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th
BIRMINGHAM C 6, PORTSMOUTH 3
Birmingham: Cooper; Carroll, Pendrey;
Page, Hynd, Harland; Campbell, Francis,
Latchford (R), Hatton, Taylor. Sub:
Smith.
Portsmouth: Milkins; Smith, Collins;
Piper, Hand, Blant; Jennings, Trebilcock,
Hiron, Ley, McCann. Sub: Pointer.
Scorers—B'ham: Hatton (2), Latchford
(2), Campbell (pen), Francis.
Portsmouth: McCann, Ley, Hiron.

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Birmingham: Blackmore; Brazier,
Gallagher; Jenkins, Callaghan, Good;
Fryer, Connor, Allen, Phillips, Bryant.
Scorers: Allen, Bryant.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th
BIRMINGHAM CITY 3, PORT VALE 0
(FA Cup—Round III)
Birmingham: Cooper; Carroll, Pendrey;
Page, Hynd, Harland; Campbell, Francis.
Latchford (R), Hatton, Taylor, Sub:
Smith.
Port Vale: Sharratt; Brodie, Loska;
Summerscales, Cross, Flowers; Gough,
Lacey, McLaren, Morgan, Horton. Sub:
Morris.

Scorers: Hynd, Francis (2). Att: 32,937.

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