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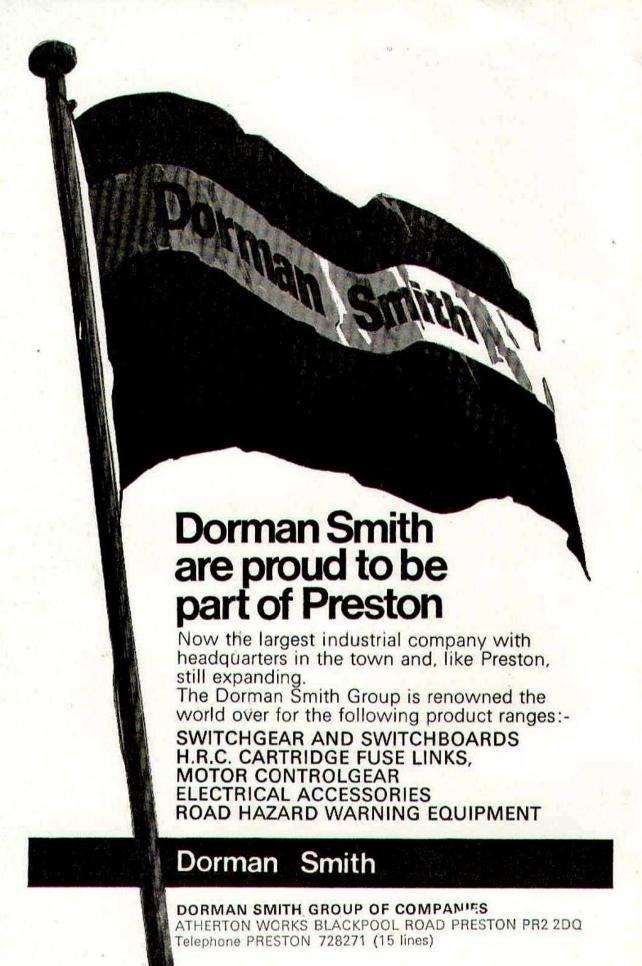


Monday, 1st May, 1972 - 7-30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE SWINDON TOWN



CLUB NOTES

THE CO-CONSPIRATOR in the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas put North End's present situation in a vocal nutshell with "Here's a state of things; here's a pretty mess; here's a how d'you do."

Who would have thought after Portsmouth had been fortunate enough to depart from Deepdale licking only four wounds that style, rhythm, confidence, effective-

ness would so quickly disappear?

Queen's Park Rangers, despite being a goal down rampaged through the second half. Annoying as it was to concede a point through a last minute equaliser they well earned that 1-1 draw.

Everyone had to agree there are some good teams in the Second Division. But could anyone whose affections centre on Deepdale have bargained for, much less

expected, the smarting aftermath?

Our composed, sure, well-knit defence was Alan Ball's pride. On the turn of the year his confidence was well-founded on a record of only 26 goals conceded in 23 matches which had yielded 26 points.

What was there to worry about there? Nothing on the face of it, but our 1972 record is P13, W1, D5, L7, Goals 14-22, Points 7. One hates to think in terms of relega-

tion but the warning signs are clear.

Be sure the problem will be tackled. We did not fight our way out of Division Three as third or fourth favourites who finished as Champions to go through the travail and heartache again.

Confidence, belief in ability often demonstrated, is so much a part of football. When it goes, through no logical reason, disintegration can seep into the struc-

ture like dry rot into wood.

We lost all our three Eastertide matches, and by four goals to 12. Incredible, but there is a ragged-edged saying that accounts for such unpredictable rueful somersaults. It is "That's football".

We were given credit for a valiant effort at Cardiff after being a goal down almost from the kick-off. The score was 1-1, 2-3 in favour of a desperate team. They

got two more in the last few minutes.

So often we have lost a goal at the start, battled hard, and been slapped down at the finish. Bristol City won the next match similarly by 4-1. The final crunch was Sunderland's 3-1 win at Deepdale.

This could have been a heavier defeat. We were outplayed in the second half and a coach with four horses could have romped through our flimsy defence. No one could argue about that. It was too obvious.

Looking back on the run of the play it could have been so different. Sunderland were wide open for two goals in the first 10 minutes. What a roar if they had been taken. Regrettably both were missed.

Every away team relishes the shot-in-the-arm of a gift goal. Sunderland got one from a goalkeeper's clearance which created confusion. North End equalis-

ed but another mix-up put Sunderland ahead. Their third goal was by courtesy of an intended interception which fed the scorer with the ball and, to be fair, he took it superbly. Afterwards it was a matter of

keeping the score down.

North End, as we know, can do better than this. With respect to Swindon we hope they are on the receiving end.

Front cover picture - Neil Young foiled by two Sunderland defenders

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Topical Jottings

ALL THE Easter tumult and shouting are over, and one or two previously jubilant voices have become subdued and a little anxious instead through the rash assumption that so late in the season The League Championship had become a one (or two) horse race.

The former leaders, Manchester City, by losing both their matches, became one of only three First Division clubs to emerge from this annual test of skill and strength without a point. The other two, Wolves and doomed Nottingham Forest, each had only one Easter game.

Maximum points were gained by Liverpool (two games), Southampton (two games), and Chelsea (one). In their fight to avoid relegation "the Saints" won at Crystal Palace and floored Manchester City, already smarting from a home defeat by Stoke.

Liverpool, as Arsenal did last season, have come strongly into the running with an astonishing run of success, coming from behind almost by stealth to climb into third place only two points behind Derby County, who lead Leeds by one point.

Liverpool's 3-0 away triumph against Manchester United was their tenth win in a sequence of 12 games without defeat. Meanwhile Derby County were toppled at home by Newcastle United, temporarily to lose top place, and Leeds had come unstuck at Derby in the "Rams'" previous match.

So, as Bill Shankly says, the title contest is still wide open. The fixtures which bring other rivals up against each other before the seasons ends, might have been planned by someone able to foresee the future, as so often happens in League football.

Goals were at a premium in Division One: only 55 were scored in the 25 matches. The attendances, too, were not as high as had been anticipated, partly due no doubt to inclement weather. The highest total was 54,000 at the Manchester United v. Liverpool clash, but there were only five other "gates" above 40,000, with 46,148 at Leeds, for the local derby with Huddersfield, the next best.

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Second Division Scene

THE THIRTY-TWO Second Division matches played during the Easter period produced a few of the customary upsets of form, but the only outstanding positional variation were the rise of Hull from a perilous eighteenth to twelfth place and the descent of Preston and Charlton.

Both lost maximum points and Hull won all three games. Some surprisingly low attendances were a feature of the holiday crowd totals. Summary —

	-Po	sition —	Res	ults de	iring	Plyd.	Poi	nts		
	Mar. 28	Apl.	East	er pe	riod		gain	edlost	- Ga	ites —
Norwich City	1	1	2-0	0-0	2-2	3	4	2	35,076	
Millwall	2	2	1-0	0-1	3-3	3	3	3	21,919	
Birmingham City	2	2 3	1-0	0-0	2-1	3	5	1	41,181	
Queen's Park Rangers	5	4	2-0	1-0	0-0	3	5	1	12,042	25,257
Sunderland	4	5	0-1	4-3	3-1	3	4	2	17,621	14,034
Middlesbrough	6	6	0-0	1-3		2	1	3	11,720	
Bristol City	10	7	1-0	4-1	2-2	3	5	1	21,496	12,962
Blackpool	8	8	4-2	3-1	1-2	3	4	2	15,931	13,726
Carlisle United	7	8 9	0-2	3-3	Aug. Tel	2	1	2	10,692	1,000,000,000
Burnley	9	10	2-4	3-4	3-1	3	2	4	9,367	
Swindon Town	14	11	0-1	2-1	3-1	3	4	2	15,393	
Hull City	18	12	1-0	2-0	1-0	3	6	0	16,403	
Oxford United	12	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	6 2 3	4	18,740	6,385
Luton Town	17	14	0-0	3-1	0-1	3	3	3	9,121	9,763
Preston North End	11	15	2-5	1-4	1-3	3	0	6	13,450	0,.00
Portsmouth	13	16	0-1	1-2	2-2	3	1	5	12,157	7,909
	19	17	2-1	0-1	1-0	3	4	5 2 5 6	16,024	1,000
Orient	16	18	0-4	1-3	0-0	3	4	5	13,993	
Charles Athletic	15	19	1-2	0-2	1-3	3	0	6	12,375	12,567
Charlton Athletic			4-0	1-0	0-1	3			7,947	20,154
Fulham	20	20			1-3	333332332333333333333333333333333333333	3 2	3 4	13,294	23,692
Cardiff City	21	21	5-2	0-0		0	0	9		23,092
Watford	22	22	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	2	4	13,719	

Results of home games are shown in bold type.

Matches played 32.

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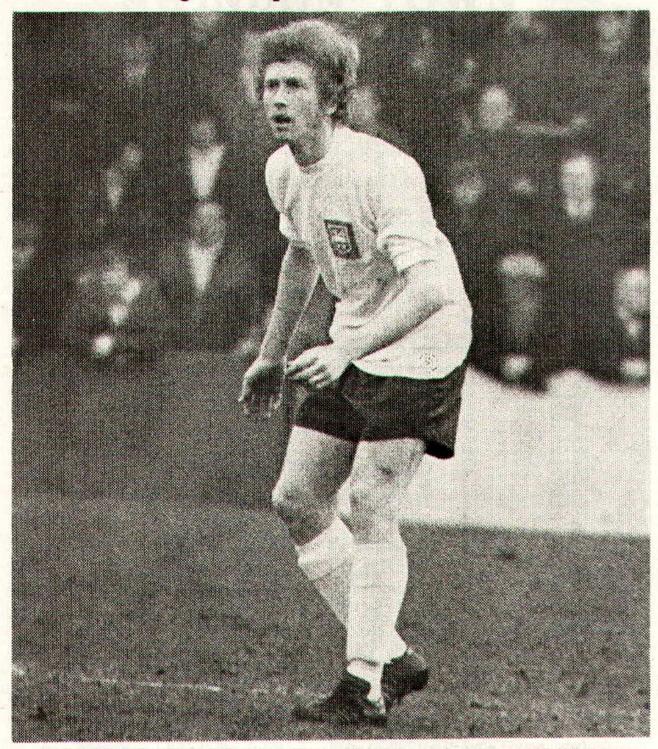
Preston score against Sunderland

Alan Tarbuck heads the ball across the face of the goal for Neil Young to score for North End





Catching the Eye-Alex Bruce



A NORTH END starlet quietly making his way towards a successful career is Alexander Robert Bruce, as Scottish as his name suggests. He was born at Dundee in December, 1952 and got married during the last close season.

and got married during the last close season.

One of our Scottish scout Jimmy Scott's proteges, he came to Deepdale from a youth team in April, 1969, signing as an apprentice professional, and proved himself a lively forward

of promise and skill who quickly became a crowd favourite.

On his 18th birthday he signed full professional forms. He has yet to make his League debut, but has sampled the atmosphere by travelling with the first team several times. He is leading scorer with the Reserves and this season has made 29 Central League appearances, mostly in his customary position, although recently he has picked up added experience by moving around a bit to test his versatility.

Swindon Town's League Record

SWINDON TOWN, the pride of Wiltshire throughout this century, have completed 44 seasons in the Football League from their election in 1920, five of them in the Second Division, finishing twelfth last season. Following is their season by season record —

1920-21						F.	A.		
and the sets of th	3	42	21	10	11	73	49	52	4
1921-22	35	42	16	13	13	72	60	45	6
1922-23	35	42	17	11	14	62	56	45	9
1923-24	35	42	17	13	12	58	44	47	6
1924-25	35	42	20	11	11	66	38	51	4
1925-26	35	42	20	6	16	69	64	46	6
1926-27	35	42	21	9	12	100	85	51	5
1927-28	35	42	19	9	14	90	69	47	6
1928-29	35	42	15	13	14	75	72	43	10
1929-30	35	42	13	12	17	.73	83	38	14
1930-31	35	42	18	6	18	89	94	42	12
1931-32	35	42	14	6	22	70	84	34	17
1932-33	35	42	9	11	22	60	105	29	22*
1933-34	35	42	17	11	14	64	68	45	8
1934-35	35	42	13	12	17	67	78	38	16
1935-36	35	42	14	8	20	64	73	36	19
1936-37	35	42	14	11	17	75	73	39	13
1937-38	35	42	17	10	15	49	49	44	8
1938-39	35	42	18	8	16	72	77	44	9
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1946-47	35	42	19	11	12	84	73	49	4
1947-48	35	42	10	16	16	41	46	36	16
1948-49	35	42	18	15	9	64	56	51	4
1949-50	35	42	15	11	16	59	62	41	14
1950-51	35	42	18	4	24	55	67	40	17
1951-52	35	46	14	14	18	51	68	42	16
1952-53	35	46	14	12	20	64	79	40	18
1953-54	35	46	15	10	21	67	70	40	19
1954-55	38	46	11	15	20	46	64	37	21
1955-56	35	46	8	14	24	34	78	30	24*
1956-57	35	46	15	6	25	66	96	36	23*
1957-58	35	46	21	15	10	79	50	57	4
1958-59	3	46	16	13	17	59	57	45	15
1959-60	3	46	19	8	19	69	. 78	46	16
1960-61	3	46	14	15	17	62	55	43	16
1961-62	3	46	17	15	14	78	71	49	9
1962-63	3	46 *	22	14	10	87	56	58	2
1983-64	2	42	14	10	18	57	69	38	14
1984-65	2	42	14	5	23	63	81	33	21
1965-66	3	46	19	13	14	74	48	51	7
1966-67	3	46	20	10	16	81	59	50	8 9 2 5
1967-68	3	46	16	17	13	74	51	49	9
1968-69	3	46	27	10	9	71	35	64	2
1969-70	2	42	17	16	9	57	47	50	5
1970-71	2	42	15	12	15	61	51	42	12

HONOURS — Football League: Division 3 runners-up 1962-63 and 1968-69.

F.A. Cup — Semi-finalists 1910, 1912, when in the Southern League.

League Cup — Winners 1968-69 (when also promoted to Division 3), beating Arsenal in the Final at Wembley.

Attendance Record — 28,898 v. Watford (Division 3 Champions when Swindon were last promoted), March 29th, 1969.

Individual Scoring Record — 47 (of 100) Division 3 South, 1926-27.

Most Capped Player — Harold Fleming, 11 England caps.

SWINDON TOWN

WELCOME to Swindon Town who returned to the Second Division in 1969 as runners-up to Watford, the Champions on goal average. Both got 64 points. This was Swindon's ninth season in Division Three, after 31 successive seasons in the old Southern Section. Swindon were among the many founder members of this Division in 1920 as a successful Southern League Club.

In a highly encouraging start they finished fourth, fifth or sixth in seven of the first eight seasons. Altogether the club occupied fourth place five times, but in three off-colour years, 1933, 1956 and 1957 had to seek re-election.

Swindon's most memorable period began in 1907-08 when the Club entered the F.A. Cup and reached the third round. They vanquished redoubtable Sheffield United by 3-2 on the First Division club's ground, after a goalless draw at home, won a home tie with Queen's Park Rangers, then lost 0-2 at Wolverhampton to the 1908 Cup winners.

Two years later Swindon earned greater fame as giant-killers by ousting Crystal Palace, Burnley, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City. These feats took the team to the semi-final. They were beaten 2-0 at Tottenham by Newcastle United, again the ultimate winners.

The Reverend W. Pitt certainly never dreamt such dizzy heights would be reached when, in 1881, he founded the Swindon club as an amateur organisation. Professionalism was accepted in 1894, with a weekly bill of £10 for the whole side!

It ensured founder-membership of the Southern League. Along with Millwall and South ampton, Swindon remained continuously in it to 1920 and were champions in 1911 and 1914.

Inspired by England inside forward Harold Fleming, Swindon again reached the F.A. Cup semi-final 1912, but were beaten in a replay by battling Barnsley, the Cup winners. The following season, after getting through two Cup rounds, they were knocked out at Sunderland by the eventual League Champions and defeated Cup Finalists.

Pen Pictures

(Last season's League appearances and goals are shown in brackets, e.g. 30-7)

Peter DOWNSBOROUGH (goalkeeper). Signed August, 1965, from Halifax, who discovered him in local football. Fearless and agile, he has strengthened Swindon's defence. Born at Halifax (31-0)

Rod THOMAS (right back). Born Glyncorrwg, he rose from Under-23 level to establish himself as a Welsh international. Signed from Gloucester City July, 1964. A giant of 6ft., 12st. 10lb. (42-0).

John TROLLOPE (left back). Native of Swindon who joined his town's club from school. From his League debut in 1960-61, aged only 16, made 368 consecutive first team appearances. A broken leg ended this amazing run in August, 1968 (39-1).

Ray BUNKELL (right half). Recruited from his native Tottenham, where he regularly played in the London Combination. England player at Youth level (—)

Frank BURROWS (centre half). A Scot born at Larkhall, he started with Raith Rovers. Swindon signed him after he had spent three seasons with Scunthorpe. 6ft. 1in.; 12st. 8lb. (37-1).

Joe BUTLER (left half). A "Geordie" who reached Newcastle United's first team via the juniors. Signed by Swindon August,

1965. Tenacity, speed and ability make up for his lack of height (42-0).

Terry HUBBARD (outside right). Newportborn apprentice professional when this season started. Promising youngster who signed as a pro., 1969. (—).

Roger SMART (inside right). A Swindonborn hard worker who joined the club from Swindon Schoolboys' team. At 17 regularly led the Reserves. Versatile inside forward or wing half (18-1).

Arthur HORSFIELD (centre forward). Fairly recent Swindon newcomer, he was a £20,000 signing from his native Newcastle. A Youth international, was formerly with Middlesbrough (34-11).

Peter NOBLE (inside left). Born Sunderland. Signed January, 1968, from Newcastle. Following season helped Swindon to gain promotion and win League Cup and also played in Anglo-Italian Cup-winning team. (41-13).

Don ROGERS (outside left). Born Paulton. Joined Swindon aged 15, Youth and Under-23 International. Contributed greatly to all Swindon's successes in recent seasons, twice as leading scorer (39-16).

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OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS

1946-7

NORTH END'S fifth round F.A. Cup-tie had dragged on so long that they were battling on at the quarter final stage only eight days later, and again away from home.

It was the third trip in four rounds and decidedly not an inviting one. The venue was The Valley, Charlton, that vast natural amphitheatre which swarmed with 75,000 spectators when the Villa played a Cup-tie there in 1938, but looked grim and off-putting with only 10,000 on.

North End had no particular reason to relish going. Only a year earlier, in the fifth round of that two-legged experimental tournament which was never repeated, Charlton had drawn at Deepdale. In the second meeting they romped to a 6-0 win—the heaviest Cup defeat ever inflicted on a Preston North End team.

Charlton, a dour efficient First Division team in those days, went on to reach the final, only to be thrashed by Derby County in extra time. Recollections of another visit were hardly encouraging. It was in 1923, when North End made their debut at The Valley as the previous season's defeated Cup Finalists.



Bill Brown

Newcomers to The League in 1921-22, Charlton added North End to their victims in a giant-killing act which also accounted for Manchester City and West Bromwich, two other First Division sides, and ended when Bolton Wanderers, ultimate trophy holders, beat them.

The 1947 visit was not one that Preston remembered with any pleasure. Willie McIntosh, who had scored in the three previous rounds, got another goal, but Charlton prevailed in a drab game on a hard ground by a disputed goal, and went on to win the Cup.

Billy Nuttall, who had made his League debut in a 5-2 home win against Brentford a week earlier was given another chance but did not impress as Andy Beattie's possible successor. The next player to come into that problem position was Bill Brown, shortly to make a start in the first team as deputy for injured Em. Williams: he did quite well in a run of six matches.

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The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the Lancashire Evening Post for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

APPEARANCES 1971-72

Football League Division II - P36, W11, D11, L14, Goals F48, A48-Pts. 33 Pos. 15

F.A. Cup					RH (4)	CH (5)	LH (6)	OR (7)	<i>IR</i> (8)	CF (9)	/L (10)	-	Tota
2	5	Alan KELLY 31	<u> </u>	_	_	-	_	_	-	-		_	31
-	1	John BROWN 5	· —	_	_	-		_		-	_	-	
-	1	George ROSS	- 1	-	10.(-)/.	1-1	-	_	_	-	-	-	1
2	4	John McMAHON	- 26	_	-			_	_	_	_	_	26
2	2	Jim McNAB	- 1	19	_	3	_	-	_	_	_	-	23
4	4	John RITCHIE (transferred	i) —	12	_		-	-	_	-	_	_	12
1	TV-	David CONNOR	- 5	5	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	10
2	6	John BIRD		_	35	1	_	-	_	pr—1	_	-	36
1	6	Graham HAWKINS		_	_	32	_	_	_		-	1	32
2	6	Alan SPAVIN		_	-	_	33	-	_	_	_	-	33
-	-	Alan LAMB			_	_	2	_	1	_	1		4
2	6	Richard HEPPOLETTE -	_	-	_	_	_	31	_	_	_	_	31
-	4	Bobby HAM (transferred)	_	_	_	_	_		13	-	_	-	13
-	-	Alan TARBUCK			_	_	_	_	5	4	_	6	15
2	6	Hugh McILMOYLE	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	30	L	11 30	30
1	2	Alec SPARK	- 3		1	_		4	1	_	5	1	15
2	6	George LYALL			_	-	1	_	_		30	W LI	31
1	6	Clive CLARK					_	-	11	_	_	8	19
-	-	David WILSON			-	-	-	_	_	_	_	2	2
2	3	Gerry INGRAM (transferre	d) —	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	18	18
-	-	Neil YOUNG	12 2		-	_	-	1	5	2	_	1	9
		Total 36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	396

League Division II scorers: Tarbuck 9, McIlmoyle 8 (2 pen). Ingram 8, Lyall 6 (1 pen), Clark 5, Ham 4, Young 3, Heppolette 2, Spark 1, Bird 1, Spavin 1,—Total 48

League Cup scorers: McIlmoyle 3, Spavin 2, Lyall 1, Ham 1, opponent 1 — Total 8 F.A. Cup scorers: Clark 2, Lyall 1, Ingram 1-Total 4

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Norwich City	37	18	14	5	55	33	50	Everton	38	22	8	8	71	38	52
Millwall	37	16	17	4	58	42	49	Derby County	34	21	7	6	62	34	49
Birmingham City	36	15	16	5	53	29	46	West Bromwich Albion	37	16	15	6	59	35	47
Queen's Park Rangers	36	16	12	8	47	27	44	Liverpool	37	19	8	10	66	40	46
Sunderland	36	15	14	7	58	51	44	Newcastle United	35	16	10	9	54	44	42
Middlesbrough	36	17	6	13	44	44	40	Manchester City	37	14	11	12	55	46	39
Bristol City	37	15	9	13	51	42	39	Coventry City	35	15	9	11	60	44	39
Blackpool	37	16	7	14	54	46	39	Stoke City	33	14	10	9	51	37	38
Carlisle United	37	15	9	13	54	48	39	Sheffield United	38	12	14	12	47	46	38
Burnley	37	15	6	16	61	54	36	Burnley	37	15	8	14	57	63	38
Swindon Town	36	13	10	13	39	40	36	Blackpool	36	13	11	12	46	54	37
Hull City	37	13	9	15	46	45	35	Manchester United	37	12	12	13	48	39	36
Oxford United	38	11	13	14	38	47	35	Bolton Wanderers	35	12	11	12	34	42	35
Luton Town	37	9	16	12	37	41	34	Huddersfield Town	38	12	10	16	43	59	34
Preston North End	36	11	11	14	48	48	33	Aston Villa	35	10	12	13	51	41	32
Portsmouth	37	11	11	15	53	59	33	Nottingham Forest	38	12	8	18	65	67	32
Orient	35	13	7	15	44	51	33	Leeds United	33	9	10	14	34	35	28
Sheffield Wednesday	36	10	12	14	44	52	32	Wolverhampton W	36	9	10	17	47	65	28
Charlton Athletic	36	12	7	17	51	63	31	Sheffield Wednesday	34	7	13	14	33	42	27
Fulham	37	12	6	19	42	63	30	Blackburn Rovers	35	9	13	13	37	75	27
Cardiff City	35	8	12	15	48	59	28	Bury	37	5	13	19	35	71	23
Watford	36	4	8	24	22	63	-16	Preston North End	33	8	5	20	33	71	21

Flashback

ALMOST a year ago (April 10th, 1971) — it was Easter Saturday — Tranmere Rovers averted defeat at Deepdale by equalising in the last minute. As a result North End were deposed as new leaders of Division Three a few days after gaining that distinction.

It was the second game in an anxiety-laden sequence of seven without a Preston win (five draws, two defeats). John Bird made his North End debut against Tranmere, who had

drawn 3-3 at home in the Boxing Day meeting.

The crowd was 17,382 and another 18,694 attended on Easter Tuesday night, when Bradford City also forced a 1-1 draw. In between North End went down 0-1 at Reading — one more thin Easter to add to the many which have brought little joy in recent years, although one has to go back to 1958-59 for the previous time all three ended in defeat.

The North End team against Tranmere was: Kelly; Ross, McNab; Bird, Hawkins, Spavin;

Heppolette, Ham, Ingram, Lyall and Clark.

On Monday, April 13th, 1970, North End's last faint hope of escaping relegation was extinguished by the sad anti-climax of a 0-3 home defeat by Blackpool, which ensured their return to the First Division.

SWINDON TOWN QUIZ

- 1-WHAT long distance association has Swindon Town Football Club with the Church?
- 2—WHY were football followers well aware of Swindon years before the club came into the Football League?

3—WHEN did North End first play on Swindon's ground?

- 4-WHO was the devoted club man whose name is permanently linked with Swindon football?
- 5—WHAT noted Manchester City player was brought into prominence by Swindon and what are his Preston connections?

6—WHO was Swindon's leading scorer last season?

7—JOHN TROLLOPE'S partner in his first ever-present season shared with him a remarkable distinction. What was it?

Answers on page 15.

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TODAY'S PERSONALITIES

Man at the Helm

DAVE MacKAY

(SWINDON TOWN TEAM MANAGER)

HE IS really in charge of team selection, but it is an open secret that the one-time iron man of Tottenham Hotspur will have the title next season if, after his initiation, he feels like shouldering the cares of team management. Swindon's progress since he started with the club as player/team-selector may encourage him to take the plunge and take a chance.



A player who has stormed back after twice recovering from leg fractures ought not to fear his luck. This remarkable offshoot of the proud Mackay clan has made his name as well known as any in football by his courage and accomplishments. His 21 years' playing career bears comparison with the best, and Swindon folk must have felt thrilled when the club signed dour Dave last May.

This page could be filled with the colour and class he has put into the game. An inadequate summary of his achievements oddly omits the fact that he collected three Cupwinners' medals with Spurs and shared in their 1961 League Cup "double" triumph. Fittingly he earned the added accolade of a European Cup Winner's Cup Medal.

He nobly served Hearts (1951-53), 'Spurs (1953-67), and Derby County, inspiring them to gain promotion. Scotland capped him 26 times. He was in a Scottish League Cup-winners' team He was honoured by both the Scottish League and the Football League. Who would not be proud of such a record?



Man in the Middle

ROGER KIRKPATRICK

(LEICESTER)

MR. KIRKPATRICK has loved refereeing all his adult life, although this is only his sixth season on The League's list: he was promoted in 1966 after three years as a linesman.

He started in schoolboy football and in due time progressed to the Leicestershire senior League and Southern League. In 1970 he officiated in the International match between Finland and Denmark. He last officiated at Deepdale almost exactly a year ago — in the 1-1 draw v. Tranmere Rovers on April 10th, 1971.

A sales director, he is married and has sons aged 18 and 16. He earnestly believes in physical fitness. To keep up to standard he plays a lot of squash, golf and five-a-side football. Mr. Kirkpatrick would like all referees to give at least one Saturday of their season to officiating in schoolboy football.

SWINDON TOWN QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1—IT WAS founded as a means of providing recreation by a clergyman, the Reverend W. Pitt. 2—BECAUSE of their remarkable exploits in The F.A. Cup, described in "Our Visitors".
- 3-DURING North End's 1934-5 Cup run. We won a fourth round tie there by 2-0.
- 4-LONG-SERVING secretary and manager, Sam Allen.
- 5-MIKE SUMMERBEE. He was born at Preston, and his father was a North End player in the 1930's.
- 6-DON ROGERS, with 16 League goals in 39 appearances.
- 7-BOTH 16. They were the youngest pair of backs to play for one club in League football.

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NEXT HOME GAMES

Saturday, 15th April, 1972

CENTRAL LEAGUE GAME

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Preston North End Reserves v. Manchester United Reserves

Monday, 17th April, 1972

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.

FIRST TEAM GAME

PRESTON NORTH END v. MIDDLESBROUGH